

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bird Island City Council
Monday, August 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Members present: Sander, Lingl, Leach, Prokosch, Schneider

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sander.

A motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Leach to approve payment of the claims and to approve the minutes from the last regular meeting. Passed unanimously. A motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Leach to approve a land use permit for Mike Ryan/Cole Sander (garage). Passed unanimously. A motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Leach to approve a land use permit for Deb Weis (storage shed) contingent upon an updated property map is submitted. Passed unanimously.

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| Open Forum | Kory Eiler was present to ask the Council to consider installing surveillance cameras at the Splash Pad. |
| Water Loop Pay Request #4 | A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to approve 2024 Water Looping & Infrastructure Pay Request #4 in the amount of \$92,477.75 to Schmidt Construction. Passed unanimously. |
| Cherry Ave. Final Pay Request | A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Prokosch to approve the Final Pay Request to Schmidt Construction in the amount of \$17,142.54. Passed unanimously. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to approve the transfer of \$39,027.15 for the pavement portion of the payment from the Sanitary Sewer Fund into the Storm Sewer Fund. Passed unanimously. |
| Lead Service Line Update | Barbra Marks, Bollig Engineering, informed the Council about the upcoming lead service inventory deadline with the MN Dept. of Health. Bollig will be helping the City complete inspections that have yet to be done as part of a grant that has been received to complete the State's service line inventory. A link to MDH's service line inventory map can be found on the City's website. |
| Renville County Ditch 66 | Renville County is currently in the process of completing a redetermination of benefits on Renville County Ditch 66. The current proposal to the County board by the Viewers is to take away the City's outlet fee we have been paying since 2011 and assess them based on a specific percentage calculated by the viewers like everyone else in the county ditch system. Paul Setzepfandt, Woelfel and Ahl attended the Aug 5 th County Commissioner's meeting and were able to delay the county making a decision on the new benefits until their November 25 th meeting. |
| Public Works | The Water Plant is up and running with all pumps working now. The High Service Pump #1 was repaired Service Pump 2 will need work in the future. The Mag meter at the lift station was affected by the power surge on July 21 st . Thompson is working with insurance and the meter company to find a solution. Asphalt work, tree trimming and removal, splash pad, and storm drain cleaning was also reviewed. Replacement of the blue Ford truck was discussed. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to allow the Administrator and Public Works Supervisor to determine a price for bidding on the County's Surplus auction for the old county truck 61 as the replacement truck. Passed unanimously. Anyone wishing to hunt the storm ponds will be directed to talk to Public Works Supervisor Thompson. |

- Splash Pad The Council reviewed the latest expense summary on the splash pad project. As long as the state does not deny any of our expenditures, we have met the full grant amount. The DNR completed their onsite inspection. We have 2 small items to be corrected. We are waiting to hear feedback on our reimbursement and will submit the final reimbursement once the first one has been approved. Winterizing of the splash pad and building with all of the automatic features was discussed. Eiler was asked to contact the company to get an estimate on what it costs to hire the plumbers to winterize and unwinterized it seasonally and the City will take it over from there.
- Temporary Street Closure A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Schneider to approve a request from Sharon Mohs for a temporary street closure on 8th Street between Fir and Grove Avenue on Saturday, September 20th for a family reunion. Passed unanimously.
- 1-Day Temporary On-Sale License A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to approve a 1-Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Spurs Corporation on September 20, 2025 for the Hispanic Heritage Festival on Dogwood Avenue between 6th and Main Streets. Passed unanimously.
- 2026 Preliminary Budget The Council reviewed the Preliminary 2026 Budget and Levy. A committee was formed to include the Administrator, Sander, and Lingl to determine wage increases and benefits and will have a recommendation will be brought back to the council.

Meeting adjourned.
Tracey Ahl, City Administrator