

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bird Island City Council
Monday, December 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Members present: Sander, Prokosch, Lingl, Leach

The Budget/Levy Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Sander.

The 2025 Proposed Budget is \$1,990,482 (utilities included), with a total levy of \$685,234; a 5.14% increase from 2024.

As there were no questions from the Council or Public, the hearing was closed.

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Sander.

A motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Leach to authorize 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 Lingl to table the land use permit submitted by Big Iron until confirmation from the owner of the property has been received and approval from the Building Inspector. Passed unanimously

Resolution 20-24 A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Prokosch to approve Resolution 20-24 adopting the \$1,990,482 Budget and \$685,234 Final Levy. Passed unanimously.

Phone System Jon Hawkinson and Brian Weis, West Central Technology was present to answer questions the Council had regarding a new phone system for the City Departments. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to approve updating the phone system from the West Central Technology proposal. Passed unanimously.

Public Works The Council reviewed the Public Works monthly report as submitted. Woelfel's retirement timeline was discussed. The Council would like to get a final retirement date from Woelfel and work backwards from that date for hiring his replacement.

Fire Department A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to approve the hiring Trenton Ziesmer for the fire department. Passed unanimously.

Fire Relief Donation A motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Leach to approve a donation of \$258.85 from the Fire Relief Association for equipment. Passed unanimously

Lion's Liquor License A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to approve a 1-day On Sale Liquor License for the Bird Island Lions's Club for Sunday, December 22nd at Tricia's Pelican Pub. Passed unanimously.

City Office Holiday Hours The Council approved closing the City Office all day on December 24 and 31 provided employees use vacation time for the half day hours the office would be open on those days.

Bollig Engineering The Council reviewed the Task Order Agreement and Task Order #1, Needs Assessment submitted by Bollig, Inc. Consensus of the group was to table approval until the City's Attorney can review both documents.

Meeting adjourned.

Tracey Ahl, City Administrator

Minutes of the Special Email Votes

VFD Drive Friday, November 22, 2024, an email was sent to the council with updated information regarding to the possible repair or replacement of the VFD high-service pump used to send water to town that had failed. A motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Schneider to approve the purchase of a new VFD for \$5,800 which includes programming and installation, the purchase to be through WZ Electric. Passed unanimously.

Tracey Ahl, City Administrator