

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bird Island City Council**  
**Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

Members present: Sander, Lingl, Leach, Prokosch

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sander.

A motion was made by Lingl 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 Leach to approve a land use permit for Bill Rodel (prefab house). Passed unanimously. A motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Leach to table the BOLD Baseball Association land use permit until more information can be gathered. Passed unanimously.

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| Open Forum                  | Cody Mankowski addressed the Council about a zoning violation letter he received. Mayor Sander will contact Cody to set up a time to discuss this matter further.  |
| Zoning Ordinance Violations | Kathy Ludowese was present to speak in favor of enforcing the Zoning Ordinance for the Central Business District B-1. The Administrator will contact the City Attorney to see what options the Council has for enforcement.  |
| Bollig Engineering          | Barbra Marks and Scott Kuhlman, Bollig Engineering, were present to discuss the Congressionally Directed Spending Request (CDSR) and Task Orders 2, 3, & 4. The CDSR application for a new fire hall was submitted. Task Order 2 is the Cherry Avenue Stormwater Improvements Project between 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> Street. Task Order 3 is the 5 <sup>th</sup> Street Watermain Improvement Project between US 212 and Ash Avenue. Task Order 4 is Prepare Drinking Water Revolving Fund Project Priority List (PPL) and Intended Use Plan (IUP) submissions for 5th St. Watermain, Cast Iron Watermain Replacement, and Lead Service Line Replacement Phase 1 Projects, including Preliminary Engineering Report (PER). A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Prokosch to approve Task Order 2, 3, & 4, contingent upon the Auditor approving the use wastewater funds for Task Order 3. Passed unanimously. |
| Splash Pad                  | Kory Eiler gave the Council an update on Splash Island Adventure Park. The Council discussed the proposed playground equipment along with a poured-in-place playground surface. A decision will be made at the May meeting when pricing for the playground has been finalized.   |
| Eagle Scout Presentation    | Kole Uhlenkamp gave a presentation on constructing a batting cage on the southeast corner of the BOLD School District's property in the ballfield/splash pad complex for his Eagle Scout project. The council also discussed taking over the ownership of the JV field property from the school for the project to be completed. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the BOLD School District for the City to take over ownership of the JV Field property from the school after the splash pad grant has been completed. Passed unanimously.   |
| Fire/MRU Wages              | Fire Chief John Thompson asked the Council to consider increasing the wages for calls, meetings, and trainings. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to increase the wages for the Fire Department and MRU to \$20/hour for calls and \$10/hour for meetings and trainings effective January 1, 2026. Passed unanimously.  |
| Ordinance 227               | A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to approve Ordinance 227,   |

amending Nuisance Ordinance 217, Section 4A, Public Nuisance Parking and Storage.  
Passed unanimously.

Public Works      Woelfel reviewed his monthly report with the Council. Some highlights discussed were: tree removal, truck repairs, pothole repairs, street sweeping, and lead/copper water service line identification inspections.

Personnel          The Council reviewed a wage compensation comparison and began discussion on updates to the current personnel policy. The Administrator will continue to work both items with hopes of implementing changes on January 1, 2026.

Meeting adjourned.  
Tracey Ahl, City Administrator