

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bird Island City Council
Monday, July 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

Council members present: Schneider, Sander, Lingl, Leach

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sander.

A motion was made by Schneider and seconded by Leach to authorize payment of the claims and to approve the minutes from the last regular meeting. Passed unanimously.

- Resident Concerns Vesta Kelly was present to share her concerns including public safety and blight properties on Main Street.
- Hazardous Buildings A date of July 15th has been set for the demolition of the house located at 1060 Highway Avenue per the contractor hired. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Schneider to approve the asbestos removal estimate of \$2525.00 from Jerome H. Meidl for the property located at 750 Ash Avenue. Passed unanimously.
- Fire Relief Association Ty Erickson, Treasurer of the Bird Island Fire Relief Association, was present to ask the Council's permission to proceed with a cost analysis which is a first step in investigating the possibility of changing the retirement plan for Bird Island Fire Fighters. A motion was made by Schneider and seconded by Leach to approve signing and submitting the Request for a Cost Analysis to Join the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter (SVF) Plan: Lump-Sum Division. Passed unanimously.
- Fire Department A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to approve the resignation of Jason Berg from the Bird Island Fire Department. Passed unanimously. The Council thanked Jason for his years of service.
- Water Looping Project Matt Miller from Bolton & Menk gave an update on the water looping project. Notification received from PFA that the city is not grant eligible for this project. The City will receive a 20 year PFA loan with an interest rate likely between 1-2%. The first phase will start soon with completion in 2025.
- SWMHP County Regional Development Grant The Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership (SWMHP) plans to submit a regional grant application to the Minnesota Housing Impact Fund to build 6-10 homes in Renville County (plus additional homes in our region) and are asking for Renville County/Cities to be a partner in the application. Possible lots were discussed but no action was taken.
- Public Works Woelfel reported the sanitary ponds are full, residents are encouraged to comply with Ordinance 197 and move their sump pump discharge hoses to the street. Do not use the sanitary sewer in your house for discharging. Maintenance department has been busy mowing, noxious weed management, and spraying for mosquitos when weather allows.
- Engineering Service A motion was made by Schneider and seconded by Lingl to table a decision until the next meeting a full council is in attendance. Passed unanimously
- Beer License A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Schneider to approve 1-day On Sale Beer License for the American Legion Post 186 for August 15, 2024 at the Fairgrounds for Ducks Unlimited banquet. Passed unanimously.
- Dust Control Reimbursement A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to reimburse Greg Dallenbach for dust control on 1st Street between Dogwood and Cherry Avenues and add this section to next year's budget. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Tracey Ahl, City Administrator