

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bird Island City Council**  
**Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

Council members present: Schneider, 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 Lingl and seconded by Leach to approve a land use permit for Chad Christenson (fence). Passed unanimously. A motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Leach to approve a land use permit for Dave Woelfel (deck). Passed unanimously. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Schneider to approve a land use permit for Joseph Turley (fence). Passed unanimously.

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| Open Forum           | Vesta Kelly was present to share her concerns about public safety.   |
| Water Loop Project   | Matt Miller, Bolton & Menk, was present to update the Council on the progress on the infrastructure project. The water looping portion of the project on Birch and 11 <sup>th</sup> Street has been started. Structures have been ordered for the Ranchwood portion of the project. Ranchwood construction will start once structures are received, likely at the start of next month.   |
| Law Enforcement      | Deputy Ben Demlow gave the Council the quarterly update. Service hours were reviewed and blight properties are making progress.  |
| BOLD School building | Parking lot plans on the vacated portion of 9 <sup>th</sup> Street between Hwy 212 and Ash Avenue were reviewed by the Council. Council agreed that they would not like a 40' opening to the parking lot off of Ash Ave where 9 <sup>th</sup> Street has been vacated. If possible, we would prefer that they did not open up Ash Ave for a water connection since other options are available.  |
| Fire Department      | Chief John Thompson and Joe Trebesch updated the Council on the search for a replacement fire truck. Because the truck discussed at a previous meeting is no longer available, the department is requesting a larger financial commitment from the City to purchase a 2018 International 7500, Spartan Pumper for \$298,000. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Schneider to approve using the Insurance check and remaining public safety funds for a down payment and finance the remaining. Passed unanimously. |
| Public Works         | Woelfel reviewed his monthly report with the Council. He would like to clarify the Ranchwood work being done will only take place between the park to the intersection of Ranchwood and 4 <sup>th</sup> Street. A neighborhood meeting will be planned to discuss a timeline and access issues. Dave announced his retirement is being planned for 2025. The City will be budgeting for his replacement's training period.   |
| Engineering Services | A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Prokosch to enter into a contract with Bollig and Interstate, as a collaboration, to be the City's engineer beginning January 1, 2025 and remain with Bolton & Menk until the end of the current year and to finish current projects. All voted in favor except Schneider who was opposed. Motion passed.   |
| Resolution 14-24     | A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Prokosch to adopt Resolution 14-24, Providing for the Issuance and Sale of a \$600,000 Taxable General Obligation Tax abatement Bond, Series 2024A. Passed unanimously.   |
| Fire Relief Donation | A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Prokosch to accept a donation of \$1109.01 from the Bird Island Fire Relief Association to purchase tools. Passed unanimously.  |

- 750 Ash Avenue            The owner of 750 Ash Avenue reached out about donating the property to the City. The Council may be interested in the future but no decision was made at this time.
- 2025 Preliminary Budget            The Council reviewed the 2025 Preliminary Budget. Some items were discussed and updates will be made for the September meeting.
- November Meeting Date Change            A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to change the November meeting date to Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> due to Veteran's Day being on the regular meeting night. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.  
Tracey Ahl, City Administrator