

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bird Island City Council
September 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

Council members present: Sander, Leach, Schneider, Prokosch

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sander.

A motion was made by Schneider and seconded by Leach to approve the claims and minutes from the last regular meeting with one correction to change 2023 Preliminary Budget to 2024 Preliminary Budget. Passed unanimously.

- Resolution 2-23 A motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Schneider to approve Resolution 2-23 Declaring A Vacancy on the Council. Passed unanimously.
- Resolution 3-23 A motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Leach to approve Resolution 3-23 Appointing Deb Lingl to the vacant Council seat. Passed unanimously.
- Oath of Office The official Oath of Office was recited by Council Member Lingl.
- Resolution 4-23 A motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Leach to approve Resolution 4-23 Ordering the razing of hazardous building located at 1060 Highway Avenue per recommendation from the Building Inspector. Passed unanimously.
- Blight Properties Deputy Andrew Hussman was present to update the Council on the blight properties list. Second letters have been sent to property owners with a majority of the letters being acted upon. Deputy Hussman will be following up with the owners of the hazardous buildings.
- DNR Outdoor A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to accept the DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant of \$350,000 to construct Splash Island Adventure Park. Passed unanimously. All volunteer hours will be logged for in-kind match purposes. Some ground work and tree removal has started at the site.
- Ordinance 225 Following review by the City Attorney and Sheriff's Office, a motion was made by Schneider and seconded by Lingl to adopt Ordinance 225 regulating the use of portable storage/shipping containers within the City of Bird Island. Passed unanimously.
- Public Works Woelfel was present to review his public works report with the Council. Televising sanitary sewer lines to stay in compliance with LMCIT was discussed. Maintenance has been busy with splash pad prep work and street sweeping.
- Resolution 5-23 Discussion continued on the proposed 2024 Budget and Levy. The Proposed Budget is \$1,956,983 with a total levy of \$651,743; a 6.67% increase from 2023. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to approve Resolution 5-23 adopting the Proposed 2024 Budget and Levy. Passed Unanimously
- Mayor Appointments The following changes were made to the 2023 Mayor Appointments: Prokosch will replace Engelmann to be the Assistant Mayor and Deposit Signatures for the accounts at Fransden Bank and Trust. Lingl will replace Engelmann on Foundation and take Prokosch's position on the Parks & Recreation board. A copy is on file at the Administrator's Office. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Schneider to approve the amended 2023 Mayor Appointments. Passed unanimously.
- Steel Siding Bids The Council reviewed two bids received to reside the white block and brown brick maintenance storage buildings located by the water tower. Because of the current prices of steal and the likelihood of them getting sided yet this year being very slim, it was decided to hold off on taking action to reside the current buildings with steel at this time.

Meeting adjourned.

Tracey Ahl, City Administrator