

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bird Island City Council  
October 10, 2016 at 7:30 PM**

Council members present: Erickson, Hansen, Engelmann, Sander

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Erickson.

A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Hansen to authorize payment of the claims and to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting and land use permits for Jeff Ackerson (garage addition) and Allen Stevens (deck). Passed unanimously.

- Open Forum                      Barb Rouse was present to request that the City install at least one more street light on 13<sup>th</sup> Street from the amount being planned. The City will look at the plans and consider the possibility of installation of an additional light.  
Andrew Falk, candidate for the Minnesota House of Representatives, was present to introduce himself, and to state his position on issues important to cities.
- Law Enforcement              No one from the Sheriff's Department was able to attend the third quarter meeting with the Council. Contract hours and activities were emailed to the Council. The issue regarding "scary" Contract                      clowns roaming the area was discussed.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Street Time                Due to excessive rainfall, Duininck Inc. is requesting a time extension to October 31, 2016 from Extension                      the original substantial completion date of October 14, 2016. A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Sander to approve the requested time extension. Passed unanimously. The Contractor plans to pour concrete on October 11<sup>th</sup> for the curb & gutter.
- MDH Water System            The Council reviewed the annual MDH Sanitary Survey Report for Bird Island's water system. No Report                              deficiencies were noted, only recommendations for normal operations and maintenance of the system. Woelfel discussed ongoing problems with the chlorine scales and will research costs to repair/replace.
- Other Public Works            Regarding possible cross connections, MRWA has been contacted to help the City continue smoke testing.  
Problem street areas have not been cut out and filled with gravel/millings, and Vogt has not yet completed the curb work that was previously approved.  
In 2017, the City will solicit bids for water tower maintenance.
- Water Rates                      The Council reviewed a water rate spreadsheet that states the need to raise the base rate approximately \$8 per month in order to pay for current debt service and normal operations and maintenance of the water system. Following much discussion, a motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Engelmann to raise the base rate \$24 per year for the next four years. Passed unanimously.
- Temporary Street              To accommodate safe activities for Fire Prevention Family Fun night on October 18<sup>th</sup>, a motion Closure                              was made by Engelmann and seconded by Sander to allow closure of Birch Avenue from Main Street east to the alley, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Deb Lingl, City Administrator