

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bird Island City Council
February 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM**

Council members present: Sander, Seidl, Prokosch, Wolff, Engelmann

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Sander.

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

- Steering Committee Mayor Sander reported on the joint meeting with the School Board on January 23rd. A Steering Committee is being formed to discuss the future of the BOLD School District and its facilities. The Committee is to include 6-7 people from each community.
- 4th Street/212
Flooding Discussion continued regarding the flooding problem at 4th Street and Highway 212. It appears that MnDOT will allow an additional catch basin at 212 & 4th Street, but will not participate in the cost. They will not, however, allow additional storm water to enter the existing storm sewer system. It was felt that the construction of the two catch basins at Ash & 4th would help alleviate some of the problem. A meeting with MnDOT representatives will be scheduled to discuss possible solutions to the flooding and the roles of all parties involved in the process.
- Street
Improvements The Street Committee met and are recommending reconstruction of Sunrise Avenue and Ash Avenue from 8th to 6th Street, replacing the water main and adding storm sewer from Main to 6th Street. It was discussed that other street improvements, including some utilities underneath, should be considered to sell bonds for one large project instead of several smaller projects. Other priorities on the Capital Improvement map will be considered, along with any new concerns. Improvements to the parking lot south of The Broaster will be taken off the map as the property belongs to the State of Minnesota. A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Seidl to remove Prokosch from the Mayor-appointed Street Committee. Passed unanimously. There was again discussion on the installation of two catch basins at Ash/4th Street and whether City staff or a hired contractor should complete the work. A decision will depend upon the time commitment needed and availability of staff. The City will advertise for summer help as soon as possible.
- Storm Water
Infiltration There were no updates on staff's progress to locate possible inflow of storm water into the sanitary sewer system.
- 1060 Hwy Avenue/
Unlicensed Vehicles There was no response from the residents at 1060 Hwy. Ave. to comply with a request to abate nuisances; therefore, a motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Wolff to serve, on the residents, an Order to abate the nuisances. Passed unanimously. The Order gives the residents 30 days to comply and if they do not do so, a Motion for Summary Enforcement will be made to the District Court. The issue regarding unlicensed vehicles on private property was also discussed. The Sheriff's Department will be asked to survey the town for vehicles in violation.
- Mosquito Spraying Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management Inc. submitted quotes ranging from \$1520 to \$10,500 to provide mosquito control treatment for the City. Lynch has received his licensure for mosquito spraying; however, the City's equipment is outdated and

ineffective. Quotes received last year for equipment ranged from \$5915 to \$10,409. Woelfel will research current prices on equipment and submit to the Council.

- Splash Pad The Council discussed the possibility of applying for a DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant to help fund the splash pad project. A grant could pay for 50% of the total eligible cost, with a maximum award of \$150,000. The applicant must be the current or intended owner & manager of the property. The land in question (1.5 acres) is owned by the School; therefore, a Purchase Agreement would be necessary, and an appraisal report is required. For a successful grant application, community involvement is necessary. A public hearing will be scheduled for later in the year to gauge interest and support for the project. Since the draft DNR grant application is due by March 3rd, it was felt that the City should wait until the next grant cycle to apply.
- Christmas Decorations The City budgeted \$5000 this year to purchase 14 banner enhancers for the 212 cobra lights. A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Prokosch to spend up to \$5000 to purchase the enhancers from the lowest bidder, Northern Lights Display. Passed unanimously. It was suggested to purchase seven enhancers with shooting stars and seven with snow bursts. Woelfel expressed his concern with lack of adequate storage space for the decorations.
- Credit Card The City was approved for a VISA credit card to be utilized by staff when other modes of payment are not available; thereby, eliminating the need for staff to use their personal credit cards. A motion was made by Wolff and seconded by Engelmann to approve use of the credit card for City business only. Passed unanimously.
- Ball Park Contract A motion was made by Prokosch and seconded by Engelmann to approve the 2017 Ball Park Complex Contract with the School and the BOLD Baseball Association. Passed unanimously.
- 2016 Financial Statement A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Wolff to approve the 2016 Financial Statement as presented contingent upon Auditor approval. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.
Deb Lingl, City Administrator