

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bird Island City Council**  
**June 13, 2016 at 7:30 PM**

Council members present: Erickson, Sander, Hansen, Engelmann

The 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 Greg Emmons (privacy fence), Theresa Lankenau (manufactured home), John Lingl (deck), and Paul McNamara (storage shed). Passed unanimously.

**Park Improvements** Park Playground Committee members Renae Saunders, Laura Posl and Chelsey Elfering were present to thank the Council for support of the new 2-5 playground equipment and to ask for continued support for improvements to playground equipment for 5-12 year olds. The tall slide is missing side railings and the platform is undersized. Pete Schmoll has been asked to see if he can weld on railing to the existing slide. The 12' swings are missing the center bracket and the location makes it unsafe for children crossing the area to the skate park. The red monkey bars have pipes that are open at the top with rough edges. The Committee would like to replace the monkey bars with an X wave 2 product, and to replace and move the swings from an unsafe traffic area. The possibility of relocating the "spider" climbing apparatus to another park was discussed. The Committee also asked that the oversized junipers and dead trees be moved, opening up space for new trees. Since replacement of the current "grandfathered in" 12' swing with a new 12' swing would require a use space of 48' x 44', it was suggested to try to add a center pole to the existing swing. A playground equipment supplier will be consulted. A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Sander to table discussion to collect more information, except to authorize removal of the red monkey bars, dead trees and overgrown junipers. Passed unanimously.

**Fire Department Personnel** Upon recommendation of the Fire Department, a motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Hansen to terminate the employment of Jeff Ackerson and to hire new firefighter Zach Chapman. Passed unanimously.

**Liquor/Beer Licenses** Contingent upon license fees being current and proof of liquor liability insurance, a motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Hansen to approve the following liquor/beer licenses:

- Sons of the American Legion – 1 Day Beer (Island Days)
- Danube Legion – 3 Day Beer (County Fair)
- Tricia's Pelican Pub – On & Off Sale & Sunday Liquor (annual)
- Rumors – On & Off Sale Liquor (annual)
- Maynard's Bottle Shop – Off Sale Liquor (annual)
- Athmann's Inn – On Sale Beer & Wine, Off Sale Beer (annual)
- Island Ballroom – On Sale Beer & Wine (annual)
- BOLD Baseball Association – On Sale Beer (annual)

Passed unanimously.

**Sidewalk Tree** The sidewalk tree in front of Tricia's Pelican Pub is too large, hiding her sign and rubbing up against the building. Woelfel suggested removing the tree and grate and filling the hole with black rock. On condition that Tricia wants the tree removed, a motion was

made by Erickson and seconded by Hansen to remove the tree and fill in the hole until a decision is made on all the sidewalk trees. Discussion ensued as to the need to have a plan in place before any sidewalk trees are moved. The motion failed. A motion was then made by Engelmann and seconded by Sander to table a decision to get expert recommendation on possibly replacing the tree with a smaller tree, and to develop a plan for dealing with all of the Main Street sidewalk trees. Passed unanimously.

- 13<sup>th</sup> Street Utilities An update was given on the 13<sup>th</sup> Street utility project. The materials have been ordered and work will start this week. The street lights are scheduled to be installed in September.
- Birch Avenue East Complaints have been received regarding the need for the City to clean up the brush and tree stumps at the end of Birch Avenue east in the 10' easement owned by the City. Staff was instructed to complete the work in July or August of this year.
- Pesticide Applicator Licensing Since Schulte retired in February, the City has no staff that holds a pesticide applicator license to spray for mosquitoes and weeds. Both Maintenance/Public Works positions require that a pesticide applicator license be obtained. Study books were purchased last October. Woelfel expressed concern with the mosquito spraying equipment. There was concern that the Main Street Park be sprayed for mosquitoes before Island Days activities; and if need be, the City of Olivia should be contacted to see if they would spray the park. A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Hansen to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2000 for mosquito control measures. Passed unanimously. The Council stressed the importance of staff obtaining their pesticide applicator license.
- Wellhead Protection A draft copy of the City's Part I Wellhead Protection Plan was submitted by the Department of Health. The Plan delineates the wellhead protection area and drinking water supply management area for the City, and describes technical details for the delineation of these areas and their vulnerability assessments. A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Sander to approve the plan as presented. Passed unanimously. For budget discussion, staff was encouraged to research the cost of any improvements needed to the water system.
- Cleaning Contract Two bids were received for cleaning the Municipal Building, Library and Maintenance office from 7-1-16 to 6-30-17. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Engelmann to accept the lower monthly rate of \$364 from Cherydon Cleaning Services, Inc. Passed unanimously.
- Policy for Selling Discussion continued on the possible adoption of a policy to guide the sale of available residential lots owned by the City. Suggestions were made on the sale price of the lots which included a flat rate per linear foot, a price that depreciated annually, or keeping the current policy of the special assessments paid on the lots. There was also discussion on the possibility of waiving building construction criteria and negotiating the sale price of a lot that has remained unsold for many years. No decision was made at this time to change the current policy.
- Island Days Councilor Sander offered use of her boat for the Mayor and any Council members to ride in during the Regatta parade. Staff was instructed to sweep Main Street between Hwy. 212 and Cherry Avenue on Friday prior to the Mini Rod Show.

Main Street Banners Rehab Wraps is ready to print the banners for Main Street but need more pictures of old buildings to put on the banners. Anyone who has pictures of old buildings in town, contact the City Office at 365-3371.

Meeting adjourned.

Deb Lingl, City Administrator