

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bird Island City Council
September 12, 2016 beginning at 7:00 PM**

Council members present: Erickson, Hansen, Engelmann, Sander

At 7:00 PM, a Public Information Meeting was held to discuss issues and concerns with Part 1 of Bird Island's Wellhead Protection Plan. Mark Koenig and Terrylea Ness, representing Renville County Soil & Water Conservation District, were present, along with Karen Voz, Planner with the Minnesota Department of Health. Karen led the discussion which involved delineation of the wellhead protection area, the drinking water supply management area boundary and vulnerability assessment. There is a low risk of contamination in Bird Island's management area, with very low vulnerability, and source water being well-protected. Possible concerns might be wells in the area that are the same depth as the City's wells and unused wells that have not been properly sealed. The State does have grant funds available to seal unused wells. The next step in the process is the complete Part II, the Action Plan, which is due to the MDH by November 1, 2018. Part II will include educational items, working with property owners and MDH to help seal unused wells and drafting a spill response plan.

At 7:30 PM, the regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Erickson.

A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Sander to authorize payment of the claims and to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting and land use permits for Dave Friesen (fence), Mike Neubauer (addition) and Don Tersteeg Jr. (deck), provided the Tersteeg setback is verified. Passed unanimously.

Garbage/Recycling Trucks Don Williamson, West Central Sanitation, and Jon Mitchell, Redwood-Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, were present to answer any questions regarding the possibility of garbage/recycling trucks causing damage to some city streets, specifically those that were not seal-coated in 2014. It was suggested that environmental factors, especially the presence of water below the bituminous surfacing, are generally responsible for the majority of pavement wear and deterioration; and that the road need to be properly maintained. There was discussion as to the weight per axle of both the garbage and recycling trucks when they enter and leave Bird Island. Weighs are recorded and Jon has documentation available. Drivers have been asked to slow down on streets of concern. Until a plan is formulated to either patch or reconstruct the identified street locations, it was suggested that trucks haul on those streets first, and possibly have carts set 3-4' from the curb. Woelfel will work together with Williamson on a plan.

Paur Agency Drainage Problem John Domeier, representing Paur Agency, was present to discuss the continued storm water drainage problem at 351 E. Hwy. 212. With the 5.5" rainfall of August 10/11, the Paur building had 13" high storm water to the south of the building, putting pressure on the south wall. In 2010 when the subject was previously addressed, staff diverted some water from the area. The City's Engineer identified the relevant storm water watershed (private properties and City R.O.W.) and made some recommendations. The recommendation to construct a new 18" storm pipe from the existing east CB on 4th Street to 2nd Street was revisited. The cost estimate in 2010 was \$27,000, and all parties in the watershed area would be assessed a percentage of the cost. An easement would be needed from the Palmer Bus property. MnDOT should also be asked to add another CB at the SW quadrant of 212/4th Street and to allow more water to be added to the 2nd Street system. A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Sander to consult with the Engineer to provide the City with an updated estimate for the new 18" storm pipe option, including a cost share analysis for assessment purposes, and to implement the project. Passed unanimously.

Mosquito Spraying The City Office has been questioned regarding the City's mosquito spraying schedule. The City contracted with Clarke to spray for mosquitoes once in July and once right before the County Fair. Since obtaining his license, Lynch has sprayed for mosquitoes on August 25th and 29th. Provided the weather stays warm and no rain is scheduled, the City will spray again in September.

- 13th Street Project & Other Street Improvements According to the City's Engineer, the Contractor plans to begin work on 13th Street the week of September 26th. Construction is to be completed by October 14th except the final wear course. Regarding other street improvements, the Committee has yet to meet and prepare recommendations as to patching or reconstruction. Woelfel stated that a skin patch would not work on Sunrise Avenue because there is no base. Until a more permanent fix is recommended by the Committee, a motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Hansen to cut out the problem areas and fill back in with gravel or millings. Passed unanimously. Curb replacement in three areas of town was discussed. Randy Vogt will be asked for a quote.
- August Rain/Sump Pump Ordinance Following the 5.5" rainfall event of August 10/11, City Staff and Engineer assessed the storm/sanitary systems as the event resulted in backups into some basements. No cross connections were found on 11th, 12th, or 13th Streets; however, 1.2 million gallons of influent entered the wastewater system on the 11th, indicating a cross connection somewhere. Influent numbers remained higher than usual for several days which is a sign that some sump pumps are draining into the sanitary sewer, which is illegal. Sump Pump Ordinance 197 states that "In no case shall any connection to the sanitary sewer be maintained from March 15th to October 15th." The fine for violation is \$100 per month. With the help of the newly installed storm water pump, the system caught up in 24 hours. Staff was directed to diligently continue to search for any possible cross connections, and if necessary, enlist the help of MRWA to continue smoke testing.
- Resolution 3-16 A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Sander to approve Resolution 3-16, adopting the proposed 2017 Budget (\$1,673,155) and Levy (\$456,375). The Levy is a 2.1% increase from 2016. Passed unanimously.
- Resolution 4-16 A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Hansen to approve Resolution 4-16, supporting the County's application for funding through the State of Minnesota Broadband Development Boarder to Boarder Infrastructure Grant Program for a fiber backbone project. Passed unanimously.
- Emergency Vehicle Although the Council supports the use of emergency vehicles including fire trucks, for providing escorts for various events/people, there was concern raised regarding the distance of travel and non-emergency persons present in the vehicles, following a recent escort. It was stated that vehicles used in escorts are called out of service and mutual aid is requested, should there be an emergency. The Mayor will discuss the issue with the Fire Chief.
- Off Sale License With the impending sale of Maynard's Food Center and Bottle Shop, the new owners, Bird Island Enterprises, LLC, will need to obtain an Off Sale Liquor License. A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Sander to approve the license contingent upon approval from State Liquor Control. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.
Deb Lingl, City Administrator