

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bird Island City Council
January 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

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

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Sander.

The Official Oath of Office was recited by Council Person Schneider.

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

- Ryan Land** Scott Refsland, Renville County Director of Environmental Services, was present to discuss the zoning problem related to the 9.5 acre Ryan land (B.I. Township 04-00602-00) that is partially in City limits (around 6 acres), and the rest in B.I. Township (about 3.5 acres). This has created issues with attempts to sell the property; and has potential to create further problems with building/zoning code issues and possible splits of the property. Three possible solutions to the issue were discussed: Annexation of the 3.5 acres into the City limits; detaching the north 6.5 acres from the City limits; or splitting the parcel. The Council discussed the possible benefits/costs to the City if the full parcel is taxed as City land. For years the Township has been receiving the tax benefit of the 6 acres that are in the City limits. With annexation, the tax dollars would go to the City. The property already has City water services and the City sewer main is in close proximity to the property. Staff will research the possible sewer main construction costs and legal fees associated with annexation, for discussion at a future meeting.
- Mayor Appointments** A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Prokosch to approve the 2019 Mayor Appointments (copy on file at the Administrator's Office), as presented by Mayor Sander. Passed unanimously.
- R&R Excavating Final Payment** The City has yet to receive the signed final pay estimate from R&R Excavating for the 2018 watermain looping project. Staff is holding the final check until the document is received. The Contractor continues to believe that they should receive full compensation for Bid Item 17 – Permanent & Temporary Seeding, even though no temporary seeding was completed. The Council does not feel obligated to pay the Contractor for work that was not completed. This message will be relayed to the Contractor/City Engineer.
- Pick Up Truck** Bids were received for a 4 wheel drive pickup truck with an 8' box. Ford is the only company that has an Extended Cab option with an 8' box. Staff is requesting an extended cab to protect equipment from the elements, and to provide a bigger cab area for daily use. Midway Ford (state bid) had the lowest bid for a 2019 F150 at \$23,894.92 plus tax, license and registration. Staff would also like to add the following options: amber strobe light (\$621), safety step (\$355), trailer hitch (\$88) and towing option (\$800). A motion was made Engelmann and seconded by Prokosch to authorize purchase of the F150 from Midway Ford, with the four options requested, at a total price not to exceed \$30,000. Passed unanimously. The two older pickups will be sold in August.
- MRU Staff** A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Schneider to add Abbey Elfering and Chelsey Elfering to Bird Island's Medical Response Unit (MRU) staff. Passed unanimously.

Snow Plow Truck Seidl reported that Renville County has a 2002 Sterling snow plow truck for sale; however, there is a problem with the engine. The truck is currently located at the Sacred Heart shop. Woelfel will enlist the help of PT Mac staff to go take a look at the truck, and report back to the City.

LMC Training Council was made aware of the dates/locations of the LMC Newly Elected and Experienced Officials Leadership Conferences. Council members interested in attending one of the conferences should contact the City Administrator.

Zimmerman Property There has been no response to letters sent to Steve Zimmerman regarding the transfer of the property, along 13th Street, to the City. Woelfel will contact Steve regarding his intentions.

Meeting adjourned.
Deb Lingl, City Administrator