

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bird Island City Council
January 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM**

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sander.

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

- Liquor License Tricia’s Pelican Pub is requesting a 1-day license to be open and sell liquor on Super Bowl Sunday. Staff is consulting with State Liquor Control on the appropriate licensure for the event. A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Seidl to approve the request. Passed unanimously.
- Old Dump Site Jim Schneider submitted a bid to purchase the 4-acre “old dump site” land owned by the City. The bid was lower than the proposal submitted by Al Tersteeg; therefore, the City will proceed with the steps necessary to sell the land to Tersteeg.
- 2020 Mayor Appointments A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Prokosch to approve the 2020 Mayor Appointments; the same as 2019, except Schneider will replace Engelmann on the EDA Board. Passed unanimously.
- 2020 Seal Coat The Council discussed the 2020 seal coat project and whether or not to use the regular chip seal coat products on all streets, or to use the “RePlay” product again on 8th and 9th Street, and possibly Sunrise and 13th Street. It was suggested to bid the project both ways. Bolton & Menk, Inc. submitted an itemized proposal for engineering services related to the project. It was felt that much of the design work was completed in the Preliminary Engineering report dated 10-17, and that engineering services should be utilized for providing specifications, advertisement for bids and bidding documents. It was felt that staff could oversee the construction phase, provided the project would be completed in a week’s time. Staff will discuss possible needed engineering services with David Palm, Bolton & Menk, Inc. The plan would be to have specifications prepared to authorize bidding of the project at the February meeting.
- Sewer Jetter Trailer The City of Harmony has a sewer jetter trailer for sale at a suggested price of \$6000. The jetter trailer has low hours and is not being used, as Harmony now outsources the cleaning of sewer lines. The City’s jetter truck is old and in need of major repairs. A motion was made by Seidl and seconded by Engelmann to authorize staff to travel to Harmony to check out the equipment; and if in good shape, to offer to purchase at a price not-to-exceed \$6000. Passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 219 The Council reviewed a draft ordinance which makes it unlawful to park “trucks” on City Streets, with a few exceptions noted. It was felt that even though Elm Avenue is a truck route, truck parking should not be allowed. Staff will look into purchasing “no truck parking allowed” signs to be installed on Elm Avenue sign posts. A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Seidl to adopt Ordinance 219, regulating truck parking on City Streets. Passed unanimously. Regarding enforcement, it was suggested to add verbiage to citations that state, if fine not paid, the citation will become a state ticket, and then subject to state penalties.

- Ordinance 220 The Council reviewed a draft ordinance regulating winter parking on City Streets, which prohibits on-street parking any time three or more inches of snow have accumulated. This varies from the current ordinance which allows people to move their vehicles from east/west streets to north/south streets. A motion was made by Seidl and seconded by Prokosch to adopt Ordinance 220, regulating winter parking on City Streets. Passed unanimously. Staff will attempt to contact those people who are currently moving their vehicles to inform them of the new ordinance.
- 860 Highway Demolition Xcel Energy has now shut off the power to the house at 860 Highway Avenue and a second bid has been received to raze the building, which includes removal of all garbage/items in and around the house. Staff will contact Island Construction to see if their bid includes removal of all garbage, and what their timeline would be to raze the building. The City will also need to hire an asbestos abatement company to inspect the house prior to demolition. A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Schneider to authorize up to \$13,940 to have the building razed, with staff working out the details with the contractor. Passed unanimously.
- Resolution 1-2020 The Fire Chiefs of Bird Island, Olivia and Danube have met to see if there are ways the three Fire Departments can work together to achieve desired goals. The City of Olivia has applied for a Public Safety Fire Services Study grant to hire a consultant who could help identify realistic goals related to department collaboration and cooperation. A motion was made by Engelmann and seconded by Seidl to adopt Resolution 1-2020 supporting the application for a Fire Services Study Grant. Passed unanimously.
- The Broaster A motion was made by Seidl and seconded by Schneider to approve a Consumption and Display Permit for The Broaster. Passed unanimously.
- Lake Lillian Woelfel has been asked to assist the City of Lake Lillian with their wastewater system operations for five hours per week until someone from Lake Lillian gets the appropriate operator licensure. Woelfel will still be working 40 hours per week for Bird Island, with hours being tracked.
- Meeting adjourned.
Deb Lingl, City Administrator