

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bird Island City Council
Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Members present: Sander, Schneider, Leach

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

Lion's Club AED Donation Carmen Kienholz, President of the Bird Island Lion's Club, was present to discuss donating 4 automated external defibrillator (AED) units to be placed in various locations around town. The Lions will take care of the installation and upkeep of the machines, asking the city to pay for the electricity to the machines. A motion was made by Schneider and seconded by Leach to accept the donation of 4 AED devices to be placed at the Lion's Memorial Park, Bird Island Public Library, Main Street Park, and Lion's Park way side rest on 212 with the city covering the electricity expense after installation. Passed unanimously.

Public Works Thompson reviewed his monthly report with the Council. Items discussed included: water treatment plant, lift station, ice rink, sump pump issues at BOLD school, and machinery maintenance.

Lead Service Lines Bird Island has been allocated \$200,000 from Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (MPFA) to assist the 12 known homeowners with lead/galvanized service lines on their sides with replacement. Currently there are 10 properties that have not been inspected despite numerous attempts to contact the owners. The Council will need to pass an ordinance allowing public work on private property. Homeowners choosing not to participate in this program will be responsible for their own replacement and the costs associated with it. A motion was made by Leach and seconded by Schneider to approve Bollig's Task Order #5 for engineering services for design, bidding/procurement, and construction for replacement of the lead service lines using MN Dept of Health Lead Service Line Replacement Funding. Passed unanimously. The required ordinance will be sent to the attorney for review.

Island Days Minn-e-Rods Alternative Location Terry Hines, President of the Bird Island Civic & Commerce, was present to ask the Council's opinion of an alternative location to hold the Minn-e-Rods event during Island Days due to the possibility of CSAH 5 being used as the detour for State Hwy 71. The Council decided Elm Avenue, between Main Street and 4th Street, would be the best location in the event Main Street is unavailable.

Lion's Raffle A motion was made by Leach and seconded by Schneider to approve a raffle license for the Bird Island Lion's Club on March 1st in conjunction with their Sausage and Beef Dinner to be held at St. Mary's Church in Bird Island. Passed unanimously.

Fire Relief Donation A motion was made by Leach and seconded by Schneider to accept a donation of \$706.52 from the Bird Island Fire Relief Association for the purchase of a pump connector. Passed unanimously.

2025 Financial Statement A motion was made by Schneider and seconded by Leach to approve the 2025 Financial Statement contingent upon the Auditor's approval. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.
Tracey Ahl, City Administrator