

Regular Meeting of the Bird Island City Council
April 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Council members present: Prokosch, Leach, Lingl, Schneider

The regular meeting was called to order by Assistant Mayor Prokosch.

A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Schneider to authorize payment of the claims presented and to approve the minutes from the last regular meeting. Passed unanimously. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to approve a land use for Tim Ebbers (fence). Passed unanimously.

- Law Enforcement** The Council reviewed the updated blight property list. Notifications will be sent to those in violation with 30 days to be in compliance. Letters will be sent to commercial properties along with a flyer of the Spring clean-up and electronic recycling.
- Resolution 7-24** A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Schneider to adopt Resolution 7-24, approving ordering advertisement for bids (2024-2025 Street & Utility Improvements) with the dates as such contingent upon approval from the PFA and MN Dept of Health. Passed unanimously.
- Public Works** Lynch presented the latest Public Works/Maintenance report. The Council reviewed lawn mower replacement and backhoe extended warranty quotes. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to spend up to \$15,000 to replace the two current mowers with the equivalent 2024 John Deere Z930M gas engine mowers. Passed unanimously. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Schneider to purchase the extended warranty for the backhoe at \$6054. Passed unanimously.
- Learning Funhouse** Replacement of additional windows was brought to the council since they are all original, with the exception of the window replaced in November, and are becoming very drafty. A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Schneider to transfer \$20,000 out of the General Fund to the USDA Building O&M Fund and get a second estimate to replace all the windows (minus the window recently replaced), approving the lowest Bid for The Learning Funhouse building. Passed unanimously.
- Resolution 8-24** A motion was made by Schneider and seconded by Leach to approve Resolution 8-24, supporting retention of city zoning authority. Passed unanimously.
- Donations** A motion was made by Lingl and seconded by Leach to approve a donation in the amount of \$38,166.59 from Splash Island Adventure Park for work at the splash pad. Passed unanimously. A motion was made by Schneider and seconded by Leach to approve a donation of \$16,778.31 from the Bird Island Fire Relief Association for the purchase of turn-out gear. Passed unanimously. A motion was made by Schneider and seconded by Leach to approve a donation of \$5,000 from the Bird Island Lions Club for the purchase of Christmas decorations. Passed unanimously.
- Public Safety Funds** The Council discussed different options to use the Public Safety funds received from the State of Minnesota. It was agreed to look into buying radar speed limit signs to be placed on the east and west ends of Highway 212 and north and south ends of CSAH 5. Controlled intersections within the city will be discussed at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Tracey Ahl, City Administrator