

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

March 12, 2019

Officials present:

Mayor John Demarais

Councilmen Ward I: David Rummel

William Hicks

Councilpersons Ward II: Bonnie Wiederrick

James Sintler

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Deanna Hanson

Public Works Director: James Truelove

Others present: Janet Berg, Barry Damschen, Jason Bednarczyk, and Mark Hebert from PCN.

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. None

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve minutes of last regular meeting and the special meeting, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Sintler presented claim warrants. Councilperson Rummel moved to approve claim checks 25284 to 25315, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve February 2019 payroll, 2nd by Councilman Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

1. Public Works Director James Truelove reported they are working on removing snow on the streets until it thaws or they get caught up. They are also working on removing the big piles of snow.
2. Director Truelove stated they had to thaw a sewer line with the steamer and that, unfortunately, there is nothing that they can do to thaw out the water service lines. Mayor Demarais stated that Red Lodge currently had over 40 frozen lines.
3. Director Truelove informed council that new hire Justin Anderson had started.

4. Director Truelove informed council that MOI was picking up cardboard and cardboard was being baled again. The city had hired Tanner Thompson temporarily to help get caught up on the cardboard and they had gotten 8 small bales done that day. Kevin Stevens would be starting on March 13th to help also. Director Truelove stated that they were still working on getting the big baler up and running.
5. Public Works Director Truelove stated that Swim Pool season is almost here and he would be prepping the filter room in the next few weeks.
6. Public Works Director Truelove stated that Ag Day is Friday and they will get the cones out to close the street.
7. Deputy Clerk Deanna Hanson presented February financial reports, February Vacation/Sick Leave/Overtime report, current month's water shut off list and the current check register.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jason Bednarczyk asked council to get rid of the empty lot charge on his west lot as that lot does not physically have a curb stop on it. The east lot has two curb stops, one that connected to his house and one that was connected to a yard hydrant. When the water meters were put in, the two lines were y-connected so that the yard hydrant could remain. Mayor Demarais stated he had measured where the curb stops were in correlation to the property lot lines and found them to be within a few feet of each other. Mayor Demarais said the original intent was that one curb stop would be for one property and the other for the second property. After much discussion about other empty lots with curb stops and having a loan to pay, Mayor Demarais asked for a motion three times. No action taken
2. Barry Damschen informed council he had spent the afternoon with Doug French at the landfill. He explained the landfill operations and answered several questions Doug had. Mr. Damschen stated things look good and Doug was doing a good job. Mr. Damschen informed council that at the end of March, the cell we are using now would be done and on April 1st, the new cell would be moved into. Mr. Damschen stated he would be back in a month or two to see how things were going. Mr. Damschen informed council that the Landfill Operator did not need to be certified and that SWANA was very expensive. There a classes offered about 4 times a year that Landfill Operator French could take that are free. When notice of the classes are received, the City can get a hold of Mr. Damschen to see if that particular class would be beneficial or not. There was discussion with Mr. Damschen about the cardboard recycling and costs/savings. Mr. Damschen then presented his new contract for council approval. Mr. Damschen stated the price had raised \$200 for the year. Councilperson Sintler moved to approve the contract, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Sintler aye, Wiederrick aye, Rummel aye, Hicks aye. Motion carried.

3. Mayor Demarais informed council that there was a conference call that afternoon with the funding agencies for the water project. They are going to help the City try to get the issues resolved. Mayor Demarais will have more information at the next meeting.

OTHER COMMENTS:

1. Mayor Demarais informed council that he had received an email from Willy at NewFields stating there was an issue with one chemical in the exposure area. There will need to be an amendment to the covenant stating that instead of 100 days of recreational use, the max will only be 40 days or we would have to start all over. The amendment will need to be filed with the county and the state.

With no other business, Councilperson Rummel moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer