

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

January 7, 2020

Officials present:

Mayor John Demarais

Councilpersons Ward I: David Rummel

William Hicks

Councilpersons Ward II: Bonnie Wiederrick

Clerk/Treasurer: Lorie Bond

Public Works Director: James Truelove

Others present: Janet Berg, Dina Sainato-Meneely

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Councilperson Rummel stated that he liked the new digital speed sign.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that Malta Opportunities Inc. was not keeping up with the cardboard collection as stated in the contract with the City of Malta. Mayor Demarais stated that he had spoken with Dina Sainato-Meneely, MOI's Executive Director about breaking the contract and she was good with it. Ms. Sainato-Meneely had checked with the MOI Board of Directors and they were in favor of breaking the contract. Mayor Demarais presented Council with his contract ending proposal. Mayor Demarais proposed the City of Malta pay the MOI December cardboard collection invoice for \$1,000.00, pay the \$890.00 repair bill on the MOI garbage truck and purchase the MOI garbage truck for \$500.00. Councilperson Wiederrick asked if the old MOI garbage truck would be adequate for collecting the cardboard. Mayor Demarais stated that minimal money would be put into the old truck until there was another option. Mayor Demarais informed Council that the City had accumulated \$2,500.00 in labor & equipment costs hauling cardboard when MOI got behind in December. Mayor Demarais asked Council to forgive these charges. Mayor Demarais informed Council that the City would have to hire an additional part-time/year around employee to help with the cardboard collection duties. Mayor Demarais stated the he and PWD Truelove would work out the details on how to best utilize men and equipment. Councilperson Rummel stated that he was good with the proposal. Mayor Demarais stated that the City was lucky to have someone who would take the City's cardboard because it would take up a massive amount of space in the landfill. Ms. Sainato-Meneely suggested that the City start charging for cardboard pickup. Mayor Demarais stated that it would be hard to charge individual business for cardboard pick up when City residents also place cardboard in the bins around town. Councilperson Rummel stated that the businesses should breakdown the boxes before placing them in the bins. PWD Truelove stated that he would talk to every business personally and ask them to breakdown the boxes. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to end the cardboard collection contract with MOI on January 13, 2020, pay the MOI December cardboard collection invoice for \$1,000.00, pay the \$890.00 repair bill on the MOI garbage truck and purchase the MOI garbage truck for \$500.00, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried. Mayor Demarais asked Clerk Bond to contact City Attorney Dan O'Brien and have him draw up an agreement to break the cardboard collection contract.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:24pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer