

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL

MALTA CITY HALL

January 11, 2022

Officials present

Mayor John Demarais

Councilpersons Ward I: William Hicks

Councilpersons Ward II: Bonnie Wiederrick

James Sintler

Clerk/Treasurer: Lorie Bond

Public Works Director: James Truelove

Others attended: Park & Recreation Director Sally Wright, Assistant Park & Recreation Director Kristina Benner and Mark Foss from PCN

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais thanked Council President Wiederrick for running the last meeting in his absence.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Sintler presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Hicks moved to approve claim checks 27425 to 27460, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve December 2021 payroll, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that the painting at the Event Center was near completion. All that remained to be painted was the class room and the entry.
2. PWD Truelove reported that he had tried to fill the ice skating rink last week but it was too cold. PWD Truelove stated that he hoped to start filling it later in the week.
3. PWD Truelove asked Council's permission to send Shop Foreman Eric Witmer to the floodplain conference in March. Clerk/Floodplain Manager Bond reported that the Association of Montana Floodplain Managers Conference would take place March 8th – 11th in Butte and asked Council's for permission to attend the conference also. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to allow Shop Foreman Witmer and Clerk Bond to attend the AMFM conference, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
4. PWD Truelove asked Council's permission to attend the Montana Rural Water Conference that would take place March 23rd – 25th in Great Falls. Councilperson Sintler moved to allow PWD Truelove to attend the conference, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye. Motion Carried.
5. Clerk Bond presented Council the December financials, current check register, current shut off list, December payroll overtime, vacation, sick leave reports and the expenditure and revenue actual vs budget reports.

6. Clerk Bond presented Council with a draft of the Event Center rental agreement. Clerk Bond asked Council to look over the agreement and write any suggested changes on the form and return it to the Clerk's Office.
7. Clerk Bond reported she had been contacted by Daniel Dahl about property he had acquired by Trafton Park. Mr. Dahl had asked if the City would be interested in purchasing the small lot. After much discussion, Mayor Demarais asked Clerk Bond to place it on the next agenda.
8. Clerk Bond reported that she was in the process of obtaining a city credit card through Independence Bank and when everything was completed she would put it on the agenda.
9. Clerk Bond presented Council with copies of a letter received from Larry & Susan Matthews requesting the City forgive the past due water charges on one of their properties. Council agreed that Mayor Demarais should make the decision to forgive the penalties or not. Mayor Demarais denied the request.
10. PRD Wright updated council on their past, present and future activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. PWD Truelove reported that Mr. Barr could not make it to the meeting.
2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with copies of an email containing information about participating in the Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. After much discussion, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to table the topic until the next meeting, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
3. Mayor Demarais informed Council that it was time to elect a Council President. Councilperson Hicks moved to elect Councilperson Wiederrick as the Council President, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. With no further discussion, Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye. Motion Carried.
4. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the 2022 committee appointments. Councilperson Sintler moved to approve all of the appointments, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.

1 Year Appointments:

Zoning Administrator

John Demarais

Bear Paw Development Board

John Demarais

Judith River Foundation Board

David Rummel

Law Enforcement Board

William Hicks

Phillips County Transit Board

James Sintler & David Rummel

PhillCo Board

Bonnie Wiederrick

Trafton Park Arena Committee

Kelly Orahood, Guy Simanton, Ken Salveson,

Tom Niebur, Thane Mackey, Travis Rhoads,

Jerry McEwen, Janni Wiese

Planning Board/Board of Adjustments

Alice Hofer, Bob Johnson, Dale Enerson

Phillips County Conservation Board

Gary Knudsen

Fire Chief

Joshua Newman

Assistant Fire Chief

Sean Estill

City Judge

Gayle Stahl

OTHER COMMENTS

1. None

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:36pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer