

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL

MALTA CITY HALL

January 12, 2021

Officials present:

Mayor John Demarais

Councilpersons Ward I: David Rummel

William Hicks

Councilpersons Ward II: Bonnie Wiederrick

James Sintler

Clerk/Treasurer: Lorie Bond

Public Works Director: James Truelove

Others attended: Marcus Knudsen, Glenda Knudsen, Mark Knudsen, Doug Ost and Krista Fahlgren from PCN

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he would start attending Bear Paw Development meetings via zoom.
2. Mayor Demarais informed Council that Montana Rural Water started charging for online training. Mayor Demarais asked Council if the City could pay for a portion of the training because he is the backup water/wastewater operator for the City. Councilperson Rummel moved that the City of Malta pay a portion of Mayor Demarais' water/wastewater training, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Clerk Bond reported that there was one change to the agenda. She was informed on Monday that Sean Estill would be taking the place of Danny Paul Shores as Assistant Fire Chief. Clerk Bond stated that she had struck out Danny Paul Shores' name on the agendas and replaced it with Sean Estill.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve the agenda with the one correction, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Sintler presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Hicks moved to approve claim checks 26690 to 26749, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve December 2020 payroll, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that the city crew had been jetting and flushing the sewer lines around town and would continue as long as the weather holds out.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the City is using a new ice melt product and it was working really well.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the pool house project was $\frac{3}{4}$ complete and he would have pictures at the next meeting.
4. PWD Truelove reported that security cameras had been installed in the City Hall gymnasium.

5. PWD Truelove reported that Shop Foreman Eric Witmer had taken his wastewater certification test last week.
6. PWD Truelove reported that work was being done on the 2002 Volvo garbage truck to get it up and running so it could be used to collect cardboard.
7. PWD Truelove reported that he had located gypsum at a third of the price that the city had been paying. It would cost \$60,000 for 1,000 tons and the city would have to rent a truck to apply the gypsum. PWD Truelove stated that he would have an estimate for the truck rental at the next council meeting. PWD Truelove reported that gypsum would have to be applied again this spring and no sulfur would be needed. PWD Truelove reported that Council could get a copy of the full soil report from the Clerk's Office.
8. Clerk Bond presented Council with the December financials, current CD maturity report, the current check register, the current shut off list, the December payroll overtime, vacation, sick leave report and the revenue and expenditure actual vs budget reports.
9. Clerk Bond reported that Rheiland Tharp from the Phillips County Ambulance Service had asked if City would like to have an AED for City Hall. The ambulance service had received grant money to purchase the AEDs. Clerk Bond told Mr. Tharp that the Mayor had been looking into getting an AED for City Hall and she thought it would be great but she would have to clear it through the Mayor and City Council first. The City would have to purchase a case so it could be mounted on the wall. Mr. Tharp said that it would be okay to relocate the AED to the swimming pool during the summer and the ambulance service would provide the training on how to use the AED. Council and the Mayor agreed that the City should accept the PC Ambulance Services offer of an AED.
10. Councilperson Rummel asked about the siren. Clerk Bond stated that the siren would go off once after the timer was set, it was not consistent at first. PWD Truelove reported that now that a new timer had been ordered the siren was going off on time every night.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mayor Demarais called on Doug Ost. Mr. Ost stated that he was looking into connecting the old Promises building lot to city water & sewer services. Mr. Mayor Demarais stated that he would have to sign a waiver of annexation form since the property was not located within the city limits, present Council with an engineer's report about the feasibility of connecting to city services and get Council's approval. After much discussion about what would be needed Mayor Demarais requested the Clerk Bond put the issue on the next agenda.
2. Mayor Demarais called on Scout Master Mark Knudsen. Mark Knudsen thanked the Council and Mayor for supporting Marcus Knudsen, Malta's newest Eagle Scout. Marcus Knudsen also thanked Council and the Mayor. Marcus Knudsen reported that because of a generous anonymous donor the City only had to pay for the roofing tin on the shelter that was built in Riverview Park for his Eagle Scout Project. Mayor Demarais asked if he had his board of review yet. Marcus Knudsen stated that it had taken place and he was officially an Eagle Scout. Mayor Demarais congratulated Marcus Knudsen on becoming an Eagle Scout and thanked Mark Knudsen for his years of service to the Boy Scouts as a Scout Master.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais read the list of appointments to Council. Councilperson Hicks moved to approve all of the appointments, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. Councilperson Rummel asked PWD Truelove to set up the speed sign on 2nd Street East by the BLM Building. PWD Truelove stated he would, weather permitting.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer