

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

## MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

January 14, 2020

Officials present:

Councilpersons Ward I: David Rummel

William Hicks

Councilpersons Ward II: James Sintler

Clerk/Treasurer: Lorie Bond

Public Works Director: James Truelove

Others present: Ward VanWichen, Betty Hasler, Mary Oxarart, Jennifer Anderson, Sheriff Jerry Lytle and Mark Hebert from PCN

Councilperson Rummel opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. None

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

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilpersons Sintler and Rummel presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Hicks moved to approve claim checks 25930 to 25972, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve December 2019 payroll, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that a new part-time permanent employee had been hired to help with the cardboard baling/collection. Since the City took over the cardboard collection duties and purchased the old garbage truck from MOI, the additional help was needed.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the city crew would be out sanding and clearing snow as needed.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the contractor was ready to start work on the swimming pool bath house. The building permit for the project still had to be signed off on by the state building inspector before anything can be done.
4. PWD Truelove reported that he would not be putting out the speed sign because of the extreme cold weather. He had been placing the sign randomly around town to get the GPS locations set on his tablet.
5. PWD Truelove reported that he had received fifty, ninety-gallon garbage cans and would be receiving three hundred-gallon garbage cans by the end of the month.
6. Councilperson Rummel asked PWD if he planned on blading the streets. PWD Truelove stated that he tries to keep a layer of ice on the streets for insulation. He would blade the streets when needed.
7. Clerk Bond presented Council with the December financials, 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.
8. Clerk Bond asked Council for permission to attend the Association of Montana Floodplain Managers conference in Kalispell March 11 – 13, 2020. Councilperson Sintler

moved to allow Clerk Bond to attend the AMFM Conference, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Motion Carried.

9. Sheriff Lytle presented Council with the Phillips County Sheriff's Office's monthly statistics for 2019 and went over them. Sheriff Lytle informed Council that the Sheriff's Office had started doing emergency medical dispatching. Sheriff Lytle stated that he liked the speed sign and would get together with PWD Truelove to get more information about it.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Jennifer Anderson and Mary Oxarart from Hiline Future Foundation presented the City of Malta with a check for \$40,000.00 to pay for the upgrades to the swimming pool bathhouse. Councilperson Rummel thanked the Foundation for the funds.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Councilperson Rummel presented Council with the request from Phillips County Transit to hook up to City water and sewer services. Phillips County Hospital CEO Ward VanWichen stated that the lot where the bus barn would be built had been surveyed. PWD Truelove asked if there were plans for the new building. Mr. VanWichen stated that there were no plans at this time. Mr. VanWichen stated that PC Transit had received a grant to help fund the project. Councilperson Sintler moved to allow Phillips County Transit to connect the new bus barn to City water and sewer services, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Councilperson Rummel called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried. Clerk Bond stated that she would get the waiver of annexation paperwork ready.
2. Councilperson Rummel presented Council with the 2020 committee appointments. Councilperson Rummel informed Council that Greg Zeigler was still a member of the volunteer fire department but he was no longer a co-assistant fire chief so his appointment would have to be omitted. Councilperson Sintler moved to approve all of the appointments omitting the appointment of Greg Zeigler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Councilperson Rummel called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Rummel 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

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

Greg Boos

~~Co-Assistant Fire Chiefs~~

Danny Paul Shores & ~~Greg Zeigler~~

City Judge

Gayle Stahl

#### **OTHER COMMENTS**

1. None

With no other business, Councilperson Hicks moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:33pm.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer