

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL

MALTA CITY HALL

January 25, 2022

Officials present

Mayor John Demarais

Councilpersons Ward I: William Hicks

David Rummel

Councilpersons Ward II: James Sintler

Clerk/Treasurer: Lorie Bond

Public Works Director: James Truelove

Others attended: None

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. None

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

Councilperson Hicks moved to approve the agenda, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilpersons Rummel and Hicks presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve claim checks 27461 to 27472, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. 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 front offices.
2. PWD Truelove reported that he was still waiting on a part to fix the sander. PWD Truelove informed Council that the County had sanded the City streets after the freezing rain last week. PWD Truelove stated how thankful he was to the County for helping out.
3. Clerk Bond presented Council the current check register, the current shut off list and the expenditure and revenue actual vs budget reports.
4. Clerk Bond asked Council's permission for Deputy Clerk Barrett and herself to attend the Municipal Institute in Bozeman on May 2 – 6, 2022. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he needed to attend the training also. Councilperson Rummel moved to send Mayor Demarais, Deputy Clerk Barrett and Clerk Bond to the Municipal Institute, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
5. Clerk Bond reported that a quick quote for \$13,000 was received for what it would cost the City to purchase a glass/railing system for the balcony in the gymnasium. Clerk Bond stated that quote was much higher than she expected. After inspecting the current railing and much discussion, Mayor Demarais stated that he and PWD Truelove could make the needed improvements.
6. Clerk Bond presented Council with a copy of the email she had received with updates on the Trafton Lift Station Project.
7. Clerk Bond reported that insuring the Malta Event Center for the replacement value would cost the City an additional \$3,906 annually and insuring the Event Center at the purchase cost (stated value) would cost \$1,735 annually. Clerk Bond asked Council what option they liked best. After much discussion, Councilperson Rummel moved to insure

the Event Center for replacement cost, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with copies of an email containing information about participating in the Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Councilperson Hicks moved to participate in the Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called or a roll call vote. Councilpersons Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye, Sintler Nay. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that every year the City has to decide whether to continue with the MMIA Employee Benefit Program. Councilperson Sintler moved to continue with the MMIA Employee Benefit Program, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a toll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Daniel Dahl's proposal for the City to purchase his +/- 6221 square foot lot located by the Trafton Park Arena (legal description S18, T30 N, R 30 E, Lot A1 of Tucker's) for \$3,000. After much discussion about the price and what the City would do with the lot, Councilperson Sintler moved to table the decision until the next Council Meeting, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. Councilperson Hicks informed Council that he had been contacted about vehicles being parked on the streets that hadn't been moved in a long time. PWD Truelove stated that he would check on the vehicles. This was followed much discussion about the cars parked around the Central Avenue Pit Crew and what could be done about it.

With no other business, Councilperson Hicks moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:09pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer