

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

January 28, 2020

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 present: Janet Berg, David Schaldack, Benjamin Schiffbauer, Eion Estill, Dre Oshio, Sean Estill, Steve Schumacher, Mark Knudsen, Greg Boos, Greg Kirkwood and Mark Hebert from PCN

Members of Malta Boy Scout Troop 1429 and Cub Scout Pack 4432 presented the colors.

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais welcomed members of Malta Boy Scout Troop 1429 and Cub Scout Pack 4432 to the Council Meeting.
2. Mayor Demarais thanked Councilperson Rummel for running the previous Council Meeting.

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

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

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Hicks presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve claim checks 25973 to 25984, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove thanked Council for allowing him to attend pool operator training in Great Fall last week.
2. PWD Truelove reported that he was still setting up the speed control sign in different locations around the city. PWD Truelove stated that he was letting law enforcement know when and where it was being placed. PWD Truelove reported that he would bring a printout of the data collected to the next Council Meeting. Mayor Demarais asked PWD Truelove to place some of the data sheets on the city website.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the Sims Composting Business would no longer take any of the City's cardboard. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he would be working with Landfill Engineer Barry Damschen to come up with a plan on what to do with the City's cardboard.
4. PWD Truelove reported that he would be doing additional covering at the landfill and shoring up the shoulders of the road to the new cell.
5. PWD Truelove reported that the wastewater levels at the lagoon are getting high and he would be forced to discharge this winter. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he and PWD Truelove were working on resolving the issue.

6. PWD Truelove reported that the sander has been out when needed and the freeze/thaw weather has been making it tricky.
7. Mayor Demarais asked what the story was on the garbage truck. PWD Truelove stated that he had had trouble getting information from Mr. Johnson with I-State Truck Center. Clerk Bond reported that she had received the paperwork for the InterCap Loan and the notice of the public hearing to accept the terms of the InterCap loan would be published in the next two issues of the Phillips County News. The City would have a public hearing and pass a resolution to accept the terms of the InterCap Loan at the February 11, 2020 Council Meeting. InterCap would wire the money to the City on February 21, 2020. Mayor Demarais asked Clerk Bond why she hadn't started the process earlier. Clerk Bond replied that she had to follow the rules set up by InterCap. To proceed InterCap required the year/make/model of the truck, a copy of the invoice for the truck and the truck's VIN. Once the information was received and forwarded to InterCap, they could complete the loan paperwork. Clerk Bond again stated that the City has to follow the rules as set by InterCap.
8. PWD Truelove reported that he had received the 300-gallon garbage cans.
9. PWD Truelove asked Council's permission to send Shop Foreman Eric Witmer to the Floodplain Conference taking place in Kalispell on March 10 – 13, 2020. Councilperson Hicks moved to send Shop Foreman Witmer to the Floodplain Conference, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
10. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register, the current shut off list expenditure actual vs budget reports.
11. Fire Chief Greg Boos informed Council that City Fire Truck #2 was inoperable at present time. The transmission control module was not communicating with the key pad. Mark Newby had taken the module to Billings to have it tested and it tested okay, but when it was reinstalled it still did not work. Fire Chief Boos informed Council that it would need to be replaced and a new control module would cost around \$600.00. Fire Chief Boos stated that department still has enough trucks between the City and the County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mayor Demarais called on Greg Kirkwood. Mr. Kirkwood stated that David Adams and he had submitted grant/loan applications to PhillCo to redo the Villa Theater marquee and paint the building and they were turned down. Mr. Kirkwood stated that PhillCo doesn't promote economic development in Phillips County. After much discussion Mayor Demarais stated that he would have to attend their annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with a proclamation declaring February 1 – 9, 2020 Scouting Anniversary Week. Councilperson Sintler moved to have Mayor Demarais sign the proclamation, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried. Mayor Demarais presented the proclamation to members Malta Boy Scout Troop 1429 and Cub Scout Pack 4432.
2. Mayor Demarais informed Council that every year the City has to decide whether to continue with the MMIA Employee Benefit Program. Councilperson Rummel moved to continue with MMIA, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.
3. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the Highway 2 Association's Dues request. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to pay the \$100.00, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler.

Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.

4. Mayor Demarais informed Council that Planning Board Member Sheila O'Brien had resigned here position. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the two year appointment of Don Voegel to the Planning Board. Councilperson Rummel moved to approve the appointment, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. Councilperson Hicks asked about Deputy Clerk Hanson's position. Clerk Bond stated that thirteen application had been received so far. Mayor Demarais asked for volunteers to help with the job interviews. Councilpersons Wiederrick and Sintler volunteered.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:47pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer