

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

February 11, 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, Vincent Schmoeckel, Charlie Stevens, Bill Rock, Jane Ereaux, Kay Hould and Mark Hebert from PCN

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that the Bear Paw Development Annual Meeting would be taking place on February 20, 2020 and Council could attend the meeting if they wanted to.

Councilperson Rummel 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 Rummel moved to approve claim checks 25985 to 26024, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Demarais closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing at 5:05pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Demarais stated the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comments concerning Resolution 1281 – A Resolution authorizing the participation in the Board of Investments of the State of Montana annual adjustable rate tender option municipal finance consolidation act bonds (InterCap Revolving Program), approving the form and terms of the loan agreement and authorizing the execution and delivery of documents related thereto. Relating to an InterCap Loan for a new garbage truck. The loan to purchase the 2020 Freightliner garbage truck would be for \$221,081.00. Mayor Demarais asked for public comments three times.

With no comments, Mayor Demarais closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting at 5:07pm.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that he was discharging from the east cell at the lagoon and he would keep discharging until it was at a safe level. PWD Truelove stated that he hoped to be done discharging next week and he had sent out samples of the effluent to be tested as required by DEQ.

2. PWD Truelove reported that he had been contacted by a representative from the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline and they expected to start hauling water around mid-April. PWD Truelove reported that the prepaid cards for the bulk water station should be activated and ready to go by then.
3. PWD Truelove reported that work had not started on the pool bathhouse yet. The state building inspector had requested a few changes be made to the plans before he would sign off on the building permit. PWD Truelove assured Council that the pool bathhouse renovations would be done well before the summer season.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the City Crew continues to work on the changing out meter heads and jetting sewer lines.
5. PWD Truelove reported that that he had sixty bales of cardboard at this time. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he would ask Barry Damschen about what to do with the cardboard.
6. PWD Truelove asked Council's permission to attend the Rural Water Conference, March 24 – 26. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to allow PWD Truelove attend the conference, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
7. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he would also be attending the Rural Water Conference and would have to miss the March 24, 2020 Council meeting. Mayor Demarais asked Council's permission to attend the conference and miss the March 24th Council meeting. Councilperson Sintler moved to approve Mayor Demarais' request, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
8. Clerk Bond presented Council with the January financials, the current check register, the current shut off list, the January payroll overtime, vacation, sick leave report and the revenue and expenditure actual vs budget reports.
9. Clerk Bond reported that the auditors would be here the week of February 24th.
10. Clerk Bond reported that Deputy Clerk/Treasurer (Hanson) Henderson's last day of work would be February 28, 2020 and Laurie Barrett was hired to fill the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer position.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mayor Demarais called on Charlie Stevens with the Sons of the American Legion. Mr. Steven's reported that the Legion would be placing the final monument to be installed in Veteran's Memorial Park by Memorial Day weekend. The final monument would be for the War on Terror.
2. Mayor Demarais called on Jane Ereaux of the Phillips County Historical Society. Ms. Ereaux handed out copies of the financials related to the refurbishment of the City owned stagecoach/mud wagon. Ms. Ereaux reported that they may not have to use all of the \$13,000 tourism grant funds for the project. Ms. Ereaux reported that after removing multiple layers of paint it revealed that the coach was originally painted red and yellow. Ms. Ereaux asked if anyone had any old pictures to verify the stagecoach/mud wagon's original color. Mayor Demarais thanked Ms. Ereaux for her update.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council Resolution 1281 – A Resolution authorizing the participation in the Board of Investments of the State of Montana annual adjustable rate tender option municipal finance consolidation act bonds (InterCap Revolving Program), approving the form and terms of the loan agreement and authorizing the execution and delivery of documents related thereto. Councilperson Wiederrick

- moved to adopt Resolution 1281 and accept the terms of the InterCap Loan, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants on Real Property – The City of Malta seeking approval from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the Voluntary Cleanup Plan (VCP) of the MBIDD Property (Old Airport Property) Councilperson Wiederrick ask if this was the final step in the Old Airport cleanup and Mayor Demarais stated yes. Councilperson Hicks moved to have Mayor Demarais sign the declaration, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
 3. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the Bear Paw Development request for the first half of the City’s share funding for FY2020. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to pay the first half of the City’s share funding for FY2020 to BPD, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
 4. Mayor Demarais informed Council that the City only had one dump truck and has the chance to purchase a 1996 International 5-yard dump truck with a grade A snowplow for \$10,000.00. Councilperson. Councilperson Rummel moved to purchase the dump truck, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. Councilperson Sintler reported that Greg Kirkwood would be picking up the final monument to be installed in Veteran’s Memorial Park which would save on shipping costs. Councilperson Sintler stated that the City may be asked to make a donation towards the purchase of the new monument.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:48pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer