

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

## MALTA CITY COUNCIL

### MALTA CITY HALL

February 22, 2022

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: Park & Recreation Director Sally Wright, Assistant Park & Recreation Director Kristina Benner and Mark Foss from PCN.

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he would be attending the Executive Forum in Chateau March 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

Councilpersons Rummel and Hicks presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve claim checks 27503 to 27523, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that a new controller had been installed in the Robinson Lift Station to correct the issue with the low level alarm going off.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the dirt work at the new Trafton Lift Station site was completed. PWD Truelove stated that settlement readings would be taken at the end of March.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the city currently picks up cardboard from thirty locations around town and he hoped to have the large cardboard bin across from City Hall three fourths empty by the end of the week. Mayor Demarais asked PWD what he thought should be done with the cardboard bin. PWD Truelove stated that it would continue to be a problem and Council should consider removing it. After much discussion, Mayor Demarais stated that the city should ask the businesses to start breaking down their boxes and PWD Truelove should contact other public works directors and see what other cities/towns do. Mayor Demarais asked Clerk Bond to put cardboard collection on the next agenda.
4. Clerk Bond presented Council the current check register and the expenditure and revenue actual vs budget reports.
5. Clerk Bond reported that the City had received the following correspondence:
  - a) A letter from Bear Paw Development stating, they had approved the City's request that they help the Great Plains Dinosaur Museum with planning, grant writing, project management and the potential development of a Preliminary Architectural Report.

- b) A letter from DEQ informing Family Dollar that their project could not be approved and the letter included a list of deficiencies on their Malta water and sewer project application.
6. PRD Wright updated council on their past, present and future activities.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with PhillCo's \$2,500, 2022 Contribution request. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to pay \$1,250 now and the remaining \$1,250 in six months, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with a letter of engagement form Dorsey & Whitney, they would be the Bond Council during the refinancing of the sewer lagoon loan. Councilperson Rummel moved to have Mayor Demarais sign the Acknowledgement of Receipt of the Engagement Letter, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 PWD Truelove how many vehicles he had tagged. PWD Truelove stated that all of the vehicles he had tagged had been moved. Councilperson Hicks asked if the City Employee had moved his vehicles yet. PWD Truelove stated he would talk to him tomorrow.
2. Councilperson Sintler asked if the City Attorney had sent the letter requesting an individual to remove his property he has stored on city property yet. Clerk Bond stated that she would contact the City Attorney and find out the status of the letter.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:42pm.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer