

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL

MALTA CITY HALL

February 23, 2021

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: Mark Foss from PCN

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. The engineer was here to inspect the Milk River Bridge by Trafton Park and would be giving Malta Trails an estimate.

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 Rummel and Hicks presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve claim checks 26765 to 26809, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve January 2021 payroll, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that the city crew had installed dip signs on South 1st Street East in front of Stretch's Pizza because of asphalt sink age from the water project. Repairs will have to be made in the spring.
2. PWD Truelove reported that he would have the new speed signs installed on 2nd Street East when the ground thaws.
3. PWD Truelove reported that due to the extreme cold a few pit meters had frozen and had to be thawed.
4. PWD Truelove reported that he and Mayor Demarais had attended a conference call about the HWY 191 road project south of Malta. The highway improvements would be made between the Wagner turn off and South 9th Street East. Mayor Demarais informed Council that the road was built in 1942 and the road would change quite a bit.
5. PWD Truelove reported that there had been issues with the lagoon blowers and he had requested estimates to replace the existing blowers.
6. Clerk Bond presented Council with the January financials, current CD maturity report, the current check register, the current shut off list and the revenue and expenditure actual vs budget reports.
7. Clerk Bond reported that the new phone system had been installed in City Hall and the auditors were on site,
8. Clerk Bond presented Council with an estimate of \$9773.43 for a SCBA fill station for the Volunteer Fire Department. Clerk Bond reported that it had been budgeted for. Clerk

Bond stated that Fire Chief Josh Newman wanted to present it to Council himself but he had to travel to Texas for work.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the Highway 2 Association's Dues request. Councilperson Rummel moved to pay the \$100.00, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais informed Council that it was time to choose what MMIA employee benefit plan the city wanted to participate in for the 2021/22 fiscal year. Councilperson Hicks moved to stay with the Madison benefit plan, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.
3. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the Great West Engineering Contract to do a technical memorandum on the Trafton Lift Station and SRF application. Mayor Demarais stated that there had been issues with the lift station and a major rehab would be needed down the road. PWD Truelove stated that he had the parts needed to repair the lift station and a major rehab was not needed at this time. Mayor Demarais stated that if it started failing the lift station would need to be evaluated. Councilperson Rummel asked how big the project would be. Mayor Demarais stated that it would be much larger than the Legg Lift Station refurbishment. After much discussion, no action was taken.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he and PWD Truelove had worked out a plan to deal with code enforcement and he would present the plan at a later date.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer