

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

February 25, 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, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Laurie Barrett, Matt Mudd from Great West Engineering, Troy Blunt, Jessica Zeiger, Dennis Broadbrooks, Barry Damschen, Mike Sjostrom, Jim Truelove, Brandon Millican, Melissa Moog and Mark Hebert from PCN

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais had Clerk Bond introduce the new Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Laurie Barrett.
2. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had attended the Bear Paw Development Annual Meeting.
3. Mayor Demarais informed Council that Malta Opportunities would be holding their Grand Opening on March 11, 2020.
4. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had received a note from Vince Schmoeckel and Charlie Stevens thanking Council for their support of the monument installation in Veterans Memorial Park.

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

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

Councilpersons Rummel and Hicks presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve claim checks 26025 to 26035, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. 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 annexing the unrecorded platted property located in the NE ¼ SW ¼ of Section 17, Township 30 North, Range 30 East. Mayor Demarais asked for public comment. PWD Truelove asked if there was a timeline for the construction of the new Phillips County Transit bus barn. Mayor Demarais stated that there was nothing at this time. Dennis Broadbrooks asked if the utilities could be easily accessed for the new bus barn. Mayor Demarais stated yes. Mayor Demarais asked for public comments three times.

With no comments, Mayor Demarais closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting at 5:09pm.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that there was a dig on 4th Street West to correct a faulty service line connection that took place during the water project.
2. PWD Truelove reported that they were done discharging from the sewer lagoon.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the storm water pump at the canal had failed and needed to be replaced.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the new garbage truck would be delivered on Thursday.
5. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register, the current shut off list and the revenue and expenditure actual vs budget reports.
6. Landfill Engineer Barry Damschen reported that he had completed the landfill quarterly inspection.
7. Mr. Damschen recommended that the City quit baling the cardboard, continue to pick it up using the old garbage truck and dump it in the landfill. Mr. Damschen reported that putting the cardboard in the landfill would decrease the life of the landfill by five percent.
8. Mr. Damschen reported that the city may get some of the millings and dirt from the road project happening this summer.
9. Mr. Damschen reported that DEQ wanted to add a new test well at the landfill and he would be meeting with them and he would try to talk them out of it.
10. Assistant Park & Recreation Director Zeiger reported that fifty seven kids participated in dodgeball. Boot camp would end on February 27th, adult basketball would end on February 26th and thirty nine kids had signed up for dance class so far.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mayor Demarais called on Matt Mudd from Great West Engineering. Mr. Mudd updated Council on the sewage lagoon outfall line project. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he would like to do the project in two phases. He would like to complete the section from the lagoon to the highway first and from the highway to the Milk River second.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the petition for annexation filed by the Phillips County Hospital Association. Councilperson Rummel moved to accept the petition of annexation, 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 presented Council with Resolution 1282 – Annexing the unrecorded platted property located in the NE ¼ SW ¼ of Section 17, Township 30 North, Range 30 East. Councilperson Hicks moved to adopt Resolution 1282, 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 informed Council that it was time to choose what MMIA employee benefit plan the city wanted to participate in for the 2020/21 fiscal year. Councilperson Rummel moved to stay with the Madison benefit plan, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.
4. Mayor Demarais present Council with the Legg Lift Station SRF Loan Draw 2. Draw A2 for \$7,500.00 to reimburse the City for a prior payment made to Dorsey & Whitney. Draw B2 for \$11312.00 which contained \$5500.00 to reimburse the City for a prior payment made to Dorsey & Whitney and Great West Engineering invoice 20782 for \$5811.82. Councilperson Rummel moved to approve SRF Loan Draw 2, 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. None

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:07pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer