**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MALTA CITY COUNCIL**

**MALTA CITY HALL**

February 28, 2023

Officials present:

Mayor John Deparais

Councilpersons Ward I: David Rummel

William Hicks

Councilpersons Ward II: Bonnie Wiederrick

James Sintler

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer: Laurie Barrett

Shop Foreman: Eric Witmer

Others attended: Kari Hould from PCN.

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

1. Mayor Demarais informed the Council that he attended the Bear Paw Development Annual Meeting and that they have several interesting things happening.

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 Rummel and Hicks presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve claim checks 28206 to 28219 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED**

1. Shop Foreman Witmer reported that the crew has been busy plowing the last couple of weeks.
2. Shop Foreman Witmer reported that there were two water breaks to the service line, one at West Side Café and the other at 6th Street & 4th Avenue W.
3. Shop Foreman Witmer reported that they would be working the rest of the week on snow removal.
4. Deputy Clerk Barrett presented Council with the current check register and the current shut off list.
5. Mayor Demarais reported that the Phillips County Sheriff’s office can no longer give the City license plate information per state law so the Sheriff’s office will take care of contacting owners and tagging vehicles from here on out.
6. Compliance Officer Muñoz reported that he has been out driving around and is getting started in small steps to enforce Ordinance #456 (Community Decay). He and Mayor Demarais have visited with the City Attorney, Lee Pekovitch, about the legal steps needed to be taken.
7. Compliance Officer Muñoz reported that he had spoken to Mr. Carnahan about towing vehicles and Mr. Carnahan advised that he will not tow any vehicle without legal documentation.
8. Mayor Demarais reported that the Sheriff’s office will be taking care of vehicles on the streets and the City will take care of everything else pertaining to the Ordinance. The City will no longer take verbal complaints, they must be in writing if action is to be taken.
9. Compliance Officer Muñoz informed council that there would be a vaccination clinic Saturday, March 4, 2023 at Anne Johnson’s Veterinary Clinic which opened a discussion about the City setting up a table to provide the pet owners with an opportunity to license their pets at the same time. Everyone thought is would be a great idea.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the request from Mary Shores & Malta Gardeners Croup to hold a Plant & Seed Share Event in Veteran’s Park on May 20, 2023. Councilperson Sintler moved to approve the request, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.

**OTHER COMMENTS**

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deputy Clerk/Treasurer