

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

March 9, 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: Bonnie Ost, Doug Ost and Mark Foss from PCN

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:06pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. None

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

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

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Sintler presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Hicks moved to approve claim checks 26810 to 26840, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that he had ordered a new blower for the wastewater lagoon and it should be delivered next week. Advanced Pump will install it and MEC will do the wiring.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the city crew had trimmed and cut down hazard trees in Trafton Park.
3. PWD Truelove reported that he would have an estimate of how much it would cost to rebuild the old bathroom at Trafton Park at the next council meeting.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the electricians were done at the pool house and the plumbers were in there now. PWD Truelove stated that he would like to take Council on a tour of pool house once all of the updates were completed.
5. PWD Truelove asked Council for permission to bring back the groundskeeper and hire a landfill gatekeeper. He hoped to have a gatekeeper hired and working by April 1st. Councilperson Sintler moved to have PWD Truelove bring back the groundskeeper and hire a landfill gatekeeper, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
6. Clerk Bond presented Council with the February financials, current CD maturity report, the current check register, the current shut off list, the January & February payroll overtime, vacation, sick leave reports and the revenue and expenditure actual vs budget reports.

7. Clerk Bond reported that she had ordered a new mat for the gymnasium entrance and she hoped to have a new drinking fountain for City Hall ordered by the end of the week.
8. Clerk Bond reported that the new treadmill for the weight room had been delivered.
9. Clerk Bond asked Council if they wanted to continue holding meetings in the gymnasium or return to having meetings in the Council Room. After some discussion, Councilperson Hicks moved to go back to meeting in the Council Room, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Councilperson Wiederrick reported that the Phillips County Sheriff's in the Phillips County News was now listing how many calls for service received from the different locations.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais called on Mr. Doug Ost. Mr. Ost reported that to speed up the approval from the State he needed a letter stating that the City would allow him to hook up to City water and sewer once he had met all the requirements. Mr. Ost stated that he wanted to complete the project in three phases and went over all that he still needed to complete. After much discussion, Councilperson Rummel moved to have City Attorney Dan O'Brien write a letter of support stating that Mr. Ost could hook up to the City's water and sewer after meeting the requirements, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais called on Clerk Bond. Clerk Bond presented Council with the Wipfli Change Order #1. Clerk Bond stated that the auditors had to stay over in Malta an extra day which increased the cost of the audit by \$3,000. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve the Change Order, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye, Sintler. Motion Carried.
3. Mayor Demarais called on Clerk Bond. Clerk Bond reported that the last payment to Visa was sent five days before the due date and it did not arrive in time and there were late fees and interest charges on this month's statement. Clerk Bond stated that this could be avoided if Council would allow her to make a claim for the Visa Statement once it arrived, notify Council that the claim was complete, Council could come in, examine the claim and a check could be generated and mailed out. Clerk Bond stated that she hated late fees and Council agreed. Councilperson Sintler moved that the process stated above be used when paying the Visa Statement, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
4. Mayor Demarais presented Council with resolution 1295. A resolution requesting distribution of bridge, road safety & accountability program funds. Clerk Bond stated that the City would receive \$51,872.90 in funds. Councilperson Hicks moved to adopt resolution 1295, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
5. Mayor Demarais called on Clerk Bond. Clerk Bond asked Council if the City could sign on to online banking. The City Clerk's Office would use the online banking to view all deposits on the last day of the month. This would help keep deposits posted to the correct months. Councilperson Rummel moved to sign up for online banking, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote.

Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.

6. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Barry Damschen – Landfill Contract. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to accept the contract, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
7. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the Legg Lift Station SRF Loan Compliance Certificate. Councilperson Sintler moved to have Mayor Demarais sign the Certificate, 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

1. None

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:01pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer