

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

## MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

March 10, 2020

Officials present:

Mayor John Demarais

Councilpersons Ward I: David Rummel

William Hicks

Councilpersons Ward II: Bonnie Wiederrick

James Sintler

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer: Laurie Barrett

Public Works Director: James Truelove

Others present: Janet Berg, Brandon Millican, Marty Jensen, Laura Pankratz, Mary Lundstrom, Julie McFadden, Ann Remely and Mark Herbert from PCN.

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. None

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

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

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Sintler presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Hicks moved to approve claim checks 26037 to 26073, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve February 2020 payroll, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that the crew had been working removing walls at the City Pool Bath House and would be starting to hammer out concrete for plumbing.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the Lagoon Pump had been picked up February 26, 2020. The Lagoon level is low enough to last through the summer.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the crew will be out patching streets as weather permits.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the new sweeper is out, will have Front Street & 2<sup>nd</sup> Street done by the end of the week.
5. PWD Truelove reported the new garbage truck is still parked and Kois is coming to check and fix issues with the alarms going off.
6. Deputy Clerk Barrett presented Council with the current check register, the current shut off list and the revenue and expenditure actual vs budget reports.
7. Mayor Demarais informed Council that the landfill is very muddy and Doug French had been turning people away. The crew will not pull people out if they get stuck.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mayor Demarais called on Marty Jensen. Mr. Jensen asked the Council why the public is still being charged \$80 monthly if water service is shut off. Mayor Demarais and council explained that because the service is available it must be billed. If the service is hooked to the house it is charged full rate on or off and an empty lot is charged \$30. This was decided with the suggestion of Rural Water.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Demarais presented Malta Ready Mix – Lease with Option to Purchase Proposal. Councilperson Rummel asked Mr. Millican what he has in mind for development. Mr. Millican stated that he needs to know what is going to be forced on him as far as development (streets, gutters, curb, lights) before he will decide how to develop. Mr. Millican stated he will not spend another dime on plans until he knows Council will approve the deal as he did this all once before and was told no. After some discussion Mayor Demarais stated that first the mess on the property needs to be cleaned up and subdivision plans and plats need to be researched at which time they will come back together with Mr. Millican to discuss further, approximately 30-45 days. Mayor Demarais called for Motion 3 times, No Motion, Died for lack of Motion.
2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with PhillCo Contribution 2020. Mayor Demarais called for Motion 3 times, No Motion, Died for lack of Motion.
3. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Barry Damschen – Landfill Contract. Councilperson Rummel moved to accept the contract, 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.
4. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the Great West Engineering Contract – Malta Lagoon Effluent Outfall Line. Councilperson Sintler moved to accept the contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
5. Mayor Demarais called on Laura Pankratz to discuss Spring Cleanup of the Trails. Ms. Pankratz discussed how the weeds were uncontrollable last year and maybe it would be possible this year to try torching the weeds instead of spraying as this would kill the seeds. Ms. Pankratz presented Mayor Demarais, Council and PWD Truelove with a written Trail Maintenance Plan 2020 as well as a couple options of torches that could be purchased. PWD Truelove stated he would try to burn the trail by the shop later this week weather permitting. There was some discussion of volunteers doing the torching, Mayor Demarais stated that any spraying and/or torching would be done by the City.
6. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the Revised Legg Lift Station SRF Loan Draw 2. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to accept SRF Loan Draw 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.

## **OTHER COMMENTS**

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that there are 4 interviews for City Engineer that need to be conducted possibly next week and he needs 2 Councilpersons to attend the interviews as well as himself and City Clerk, Lorie Bond. Councilpersons Rummel and Sintler will attend.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer