

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL

MALTA CITY HALL

March 14, 2023

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: David Schaldack, Kasen Boardman, Emmett Harms, Gabe Oshio, Ben Schiffbauer, Jackie Harms, Jay Boardman, Karl Harms, Oakley Carnahan, Mark Knudsen and Kari Hould from PCN.

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that there was a lot of snow and the City Crew and all of the hired contractors had done an outstanding job.

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 Wiederrick and Sintler presented claims.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve claim checks 28220 to 28253 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve February 2023 payroll, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

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1. None

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