

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

## MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

March 26, 2019

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, Clair Waters, Kathy Waters, Bryon Benton, Assistant Park & Recreation Director Sally Wright and Pierre Bibbs from PCN

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. None

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

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

Councilpersons Rummel and Hicks presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve claim checks 25317 to 25335, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. Assistant Park & Recreation Director Wright reported that youth kickball, adult dodgeball and little cheer camp would be starting soon.
2. Assistant P&R Director Wright asked Mayor Demarais if he could set up a time for himself and a Councilperson to meet with the pool committee.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the 621 Loader (1996) was in Billings being repaired. PWD Truelove stated that it was having power issues and he thought it had to do with the fuel system. PWD Truelove reported that he had rented a loader to have on hand until 621 was back in service. PWD stated that a new loader would cost \$175,000.00 so it was cost effective to make repairs to the 621.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the city crew had been dealing with frozen water and sewer lines. PWD Truelove stated that a sewer line on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue West would have to be dug up and insulated because it was too shallow. PWD Truelove reported that he would put this project in the 2019/20 budget.
5. PWD Truelove reported that he had found another sewer line that was damaged during the water project. PWD Truelove stated that the City would have to make the repair.
6. PWD Truelove reported that the City Crew would continue working on thawing storm drains.
7. PWD Truelove reported that the sewer line to the Pavilion was froze up again. Mayor Demarais stated that the county should camera the line, dig it and fix it.

8. PWD Truelove reported that 20 300-gallon garbage cans were delivered yesterday.
9. PWD Truelove reported that the two temporary employees hired to bale cardboard were doing a great job. A truck from Sims Composting had hauled away 80 bales last week.
10. PWD Truelove reported that he had started preparing the filter room at the pool for the installation of the new filter and Big Sky Pools would be in town tomorrow.
11. PWD Truelove reported that he would have the street sweeper out sweeping the streets next week.
12. Councilperson Sintler asked why the sewer line on 7<sup>th</sup> Street West was not installed deep enough. Mayor Demarais stated that it was before his time. Mayor Demarais stated that the manhole also needs to be dug out and the bottom needs to be cemented.
13. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register, the current shut off list and the expenditures & revenues budget vs actual reports.
14. Clerk Bond presented Council with a copy of the Municipal Election Calendar.
15. Clerk Bond asked Council if anyone planned to attend the Elected Officials training in Bozeman. No one from Council wanted to attend the training.
16. Mayor John Demarais reported that there had been a conference call on March 12, 2019 about the water project. The DNRC gave the City 60 days to get everything resolved or risk losing the SRF Funding for the project. Mayor Demarais stated that City Attorney Dan O'Brien had sent a letter to HSG giving them the same deadline to get everything settled with their sub-contractor and provide the City with the needed information to close out the water project.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Demarais called on Clair and Kathy Waters from Clearwater Holdings LLC. Kathy Waters presented Council with the Amend Plat of the lots between their new NAPA Store and the Malta City Hall. (W17' Lot 42, Lot 43, Lot 44, Block 1, Trafton's 1<sup>st</sup> Addition to Malta, Montana) The amended plat will be the final step needed for the City to purchase the forty-seven foot section. No action taken.
2. Mayor Demarais called on Bryan Benton. Mr. Benton presented Council with his 2019 lawn care bid for \$12,920.00. Councilperson Rummel moved to accept Bryan Benton's \$12,920.00 2019-lawn care bid, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye. Councilperson Hick abstained from the vote. Motion carried.
3. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the Great West consultation agreement for professional services to determine the maximum amount of water the City of Malta can safely sell on a daily basis to Trans Canada. Councilperson Rummel moved to enter into the contract with Great West, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye. Motion Carried.

#### **OTHER COMMENTS**

1. Mayor Demarais asked Council about meeting with the pool committee. It was decided that Mayor Demarais would set up the meeting and let Councilperson Wiederrick know when the meeting would be taking place.

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

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer