

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL ONLINE VIA ZOOM

April 14, 2020

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 via Zoom: Jim Carver

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:17pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais stated that this was a unique situation and he had recently lost a dear friend due to COVID-19.

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

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

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Sintler presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve claim checks 26025 to 26128, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve March 2020 payroll, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that the he had the city crew working split shifts because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. PWD Truelove reported that Keystone had started taking water from the bulk water station.
3. PWD Truelove reported that work had started on the lagoon effluent outfall line.
4. Clerk Bond presented Council with the March financials, the current check register, the current shut off list, the March payroll overtime, vacation, sick leave report and the revenue and expenditure actual vs budget reports.
5. Clerk Bond reported that there would be no late charges on utility accounts this month and no water shut offs due to the Governor's directive.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the American Legal Publishing Ordinance Codification Proposal for \$6,000.00. Clerk Bond reported that American Legal Publishing's legal team would go through the City's Ordinances and make suggestions to what ordinances needed to be omitted or edited. Afterwards Council would have to go through ordinances and decide what changes needed to be made. The process could take over a year to complete. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to

approve the proposal, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried

2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Bryon Benton's 2020 lawn service contract. Mayor Demarais stated that it was for a total of \$12,920.00 the same as last year. Clerk Bond reported that he may charge the City an extra \$650.00 if he does an October cleanup, depending on the weather. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve the contract, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Rummel Aye, Hick abstained. Motion Carried.
3. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Big Sky Turfworx's 2020 herbicide/fertilizer contract for \$7,800.00. After much discussion about the spray schedule Councilperson Sintler moved to table the contract until the next Council Meeting, 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 stated that it was time to decide to participate or not in the 2021 City Park Rest Area Program. Clerk Bond explained that the program reimburses the City for the electric bills, janitor supplies, janitor wages and any approved extra improvements to the rest area. Clerk Bond asked Council to let her know of any improvements they wanted done to the rest area. Councilperson Hicks moved to participate in the program, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Hick Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had received multiple complains about the City property occupied by Bishop Inc. Mayor Demarais stated that Bishop Inc. had not removed anything from the property. Mayor Demarais asked Council President Wiederrick if she would contact City Attorney Dan O'Brien about what legal action could be taken.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:44pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer