

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

## **MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL**

April 25, 2023

Officials present:

Mayor John Demarais

Councilpersons Ward I: David Rummel

William Hicks

Councilpersons Ward II: James Sintler

Clerk/Treasurer: Lorie Bond

Shop Foreman: Eric Witmer

Others attended: Dustin Squires, Calvin Squires, Beckett Squires, Fire Chief Joshua Newman and Pierre Bibbs from PCN.

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

Mayor Demarais called on Dustin Squires from the AAU Wrestling Club. Mr. Squires thanked City Council for letting the wrestlers use the Event Center. This season they had 95 wrestlers and they couldn't have accommodated that many wrestlers without the use of the Event Center. After much discussion about the success of the wrestling club, Mayor Demarais and Council thanked Dustin, Calvin and Beckett Squires for attending the meeting.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

1. None

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

Councilperson Sintler pointed out an error on his draft of the minutes. Clerk Bond reported that the error had been corrected and thanked Councilperson Sintler for bringing it to her attention.

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

Councilpersons Rummel and Hicks presented claims.

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve claim checks 28307 to 28325 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED**

1. Shop Foreman Witmer reported that the new Trafton Park sign had been installed.
2. Shop Foreman Witmer reported that they were busy blading the alleys and gravel roads in town.
3. Shop Foreman Witmer reported that the sweeper would be out next week and he would be putting out the grass cans tomorrow.
4. Shop Foreman Witmer reported that a window was installed in the office at the Event Center.
5. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register, current shut off list and the budget vs actual report.
6. Clerk Bond reported that there would be a Planning Board Meeting/Public Hearing at 5:30pm on May 10, 2023. The meeting was for the variance application submitted by the Senior Citizen's Center.
7. Clerk Bond ask Council's permission to close the City Clerk's office from 11:00am to 12:00pm on April 27<sup>th</sup> so she could take Deputy Clerk Barrett and Utility Clerk Knudsen to the PEO Luncheon for Administration Assistant Day. Council okayed the closure.
8. Clerk Bond presented Council of a list of the Municipal Summit trainings that would be taking place this spring and asked Council to let her know what session they wanted to attend so she could sign them up. Clerk Bond reported that the nearest Municipal Summit would be in Chinook.

9. Mayor Demarais reported that the Compliance Officer was doing an amazing job working with Sheriff Lytle and going door to door and talking with residents about cleaning up their property.
10. Fire Chief Newman update Council on the training the Malta Volunteer Fire Department Members had attended in the past month and reported that the next training would be extrication training.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with a letter from Phillips Conservation District Administrator, Conni French asking City Council to waive the rental fees for the use of the Event Center. The Phillips Conservation District wanted to use the Event Center to sort and distribute their yearly tree order. Councilperson Rummel moved to waive the rental fees, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion carried.
2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with a Street Closure Application from the Malta Chamber of Commerce. The Malta Chamber of Commerce requested to close off Front Street from First State Bank to Julia's Junque and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East from Julia's Junque to Spare Change from 7am to 4pm on July 8, 2023 for Crazy Days. Councilperson Sintler moved to approve the street closure, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
3. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the out of city garbage service request from Debbie Hammond. Councilperson Rummel moved to approve the out of city garbage service request, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
4. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Great West Engineering task order 3, amendment 4 for \$16,500. Floodplain Manager Bond reported that she had issued an emergency floodplain permit so the Trafton Lift Station Project could proceed but now it was time to prepare a floodplain permit for the project. After meetings with the DNRC and FEMA the city's request to use the new floodplain data for the Milk River that shows the Lift Station out of the floodway was denied. This means the city has to use the old modeling data and this will be a much more laborious, costly process. Councilperson Hicks moved to approve amendment 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
5. Mayor Demarais presented Council with a Street Closure Application from First State Bank. The First State Bank requested to close off Front Street from First State Bank to Julia's Junque and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East from Julia's Junque to Spare Change from 8am to 2pm on June 3, 2023 for the Car Show. Councilperson Rummel moved to approve the street closure, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.
6. Mayor Demarais presented Council with a Street Closure Application from First State Bank. The First State Bank requested to close off Front Street from First State Bank to Julia's Junque from 5pm to 10pm on July 7, 2023 for their 120 year Celebration. Councilperson Sintler moved to approve the street closure, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.

#### **OTHER COMMENTS**

1. None

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

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer