

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

## **MALTA CITY COUNCIL**

### **MALTA CITY HALL**

April 27, 2021

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: Janet Berg and Mark Foss from PCN

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that Councilperson Wiederrick would have to sign the payroll checks on Thursday because he would be unavailable.
2. Mayor Demarais reported that he would be attending the Montana Rural Water Conference in Great Falls, May 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.
3. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had filed to run for Mayor again.

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 Hicks asked about the claim to Wes Brown. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had Wes Brown order the metal for the roof of the Girl Scout House because the price was going to increase substantially.

Councilperson Hicks asked what the check to Advanced Pump & Equipment. PWD Truelove reported that it was for the new blower at the lagoon.

Councilperson Wiederrick asked about the check to Big Sky Pool. PWD Truelove stated that it was for new pool covers.

Councilperson Hicks asked about the check to the Malta Fire Relief Association. Clerk Bond reported that annually the City received money from the State for the MFRA and after receiving the funds the City writes a check to MFRA.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve claim checks 26897 to 26921, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. PWD Truelove reported that the pool house is looking good and still needs a some minor painting touch ups inside and next week he hopes to have the outside painted.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the outfall line on the east side of highway was completed last week.
3. PWD Truelove reported that R&G Feeds would be disking, seeding and fertilizing the city property formerly leased by Bishop Construction.
4. PWD Truelove reported that he had ordered the new furnace for the Women's Club House.

5. PWD Truelove reported that Shop Foreman Eric Witmer would be taking the mosquito sprayer to Glasgow so it can be calibrated.
6. Councilperson Hicks asked when the city wide clean up would be this year. Mayor Demarais stated he would like it to take place in May.
7. Councilperson Sintler commented about how full the large cardboard bin across from City Hall was and asked if it had ever been completely emptied. PWD Truelove reported that he hoped to have it emptied sometime next week.
8. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register, the current shut off list and the revenue and expenditure actual vs budget reports.
9. Clerk Bond reported that Jane Ereaux had called and informed her that the City's Stagecoach would be back in town on May 12<sup>th</sup> and she invited the Mayor and Council to attend the ceremony.
10. Clerk Bond reported that there were two groups of kids without adult supervision in the gym after the last Council Meeting. Clerk Bond asked the kids to leave and told them the key fobs they used would be disabled and the person holding the membership would have to stop by the Clerk's Office to have their fob reactivated.
11. Clerk Bond reported that she had found a cooler containing adult beverages on the stage in the gym that had been left after Swishfest. Clerk Bond stated that the owners had been contacted and had not come to pick up it up. Clerk Bond reported that the cooler was being stored in the Council Room.
12. Mayor Demarais asked PWD Truelove to make sure there were street signs on all the streets and avenues around town.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. None.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Demarais present Council with the proposal to have Great West Engineering complete a Capital Improvement Plan for the City. At the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting Bob Church had reported that the CIP would cost about \$30,000 and half of it could be paid using grant money. Mayor Demarais informed Council that the CIP would tell what shape the City was in and the last one was done in 2002. Councilperson Sintler stated that Council already knew what needed to be done. Mayor Demarais stated that Great West Engineering would go through the whole system and supply a report and rank everything that needs to get done. Councilperson Wiederrick stated that the City couldn't afford it at this time and Councilperson Hicks stated that the \$15,000 could be used for street repairs. After more discussion, Councilperson Rummel moved to have Great West Engineering complete a CIP for the City of Malta, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Rummel Nay, Wiederrick Nay, Hicks Nay, Sintler Aye. Motion Failed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with First State Bank's Street Closure Application. First State Bank requested the closure of 1<sup>st</sup> Street East from Veterans Park to the alley east of Liquor Haven and left on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to the closet from 8:00am to 2:00pm on June 5, 2021. Councilperson Sintler moved to approve the street closure, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais stated that it was time to decide to participate or not in the 2022 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 Wiederrick moved to participate in the program, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Mayor Demarais presented Council with an out of City garbage pickup request from Christy Scoggins who lives at 311 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street West. Councilperson Rummel moved to grant the request, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
4. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the PhillCo MBIDD DEQ Application that they asked the City to sign. After much discussion it was decided that City Attorney Dan O'Brien should look over the document before a decision could be made. Councilperson Rummel moved to table the item until the next council meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
5. Mayor Demarais presented Council with a request from PhillCo, that the City sign a letter complied by PhillCo stating the City would provide water services to the MBIDD property. Councilperson Hicks moved to table the request until the next council meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.

#### **OTHER COMMENTS**

1. Council asked Clerk Bond to publish a summary of the Animal Control Ordinance in the newspaper.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:48pm.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer