

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL

MALTA CITY HALL

May 9, 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: Melody Wilkes, Sherry Salveson, Matt Mudd, Gina Lamb, Michael Muñoz and Kari Hould from PCN.

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. None

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

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

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Sintler presented claims.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve claim checks 28326 to 28349 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Demarais closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing at 5:02pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Demarais stated the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comments concerning Resolution 1328, a resolution adopting a Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Malta. Mayor Demarais asked if there was any public comment three times.

With no public comment, Mayor Demarais closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting at 5:03pm.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that rest area and all the park bathrooms were open for the season.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the City Crew had gone through five pallets of patch and there was another pallet on the way. PWD Truelove reported that there are many places around town that would take more than just patch to fix the potholes.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the sweeper had been out last week and once the new gutter brushes arrived it would be out again.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the mosquito sprayer had been recertified and he had ordered two pallets of Bio Mist.
5. PWD Truelove reported that there was a dig today to repair a water leak and there would be a dig tomorrow to install a meter pit.
6. PWD Truelove reported that Family Matters had a contractor digging and making repairs to their sewer line today.
7. PWD Truelove reported the he was getting the pool ready for the season.
8. PWD Truelove reported that the blading was completed on the north side and he would have the grader operator continue blading all the alleys throughout the town.

9. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register, current shut off list, the budget vs actual report and the payroll overtime, vacation and sick leave report.
10. Clerk Bond thanked Council for letting herself and Deputy Clerk Barrett attend the Municipal Institute last week.
11. Clerk Bond presented Council with the Todd's Technology, Malta City Hall security camera bid of \$4,150. Clerk Bond reported that the bid included eight cameras, monitor, camera system installation and one year warranty. Mayor Demarais asked Clerk Bond to add this to the next Council Agenda.
12. Compliance Officer Muños reported that he had met with community pastors and performed community outreach.
13. Compliance Officer Muños informed Council that that the program used to look up vehicle license numbers doesn't always give him the current owner of the vehicle's name and he would not tag a vehicle without knowing the current owner's name.
14. Compliance Officer Muños reported that he has created a six point procedure for tagging and towing vehicles.
15. Compliance Officer Muños informed Council that he no longer wanted to do dog calls because he has a family and cannot take calls after hours.
16. Compliance Officer Muños informed Council that he was turning back the 1995 Chevy pickup truck that the City had provided for him to use for his job. The truck provided was old, the radio and the air conditioner does not work and it could not be driven during the winter because it was only two wheel drive. Compliance Officer Muños informed Council that he would be using his own truck for his Compliance Officer duties.
17. Compliance Officer Muños informed Council that he was an outsider trying to start a program and these are your people, your town and if anyone wants to see him they can stop by his office between 10:00am & 2:00pm.
18. Mayor Demarais stated that the Compliance Program is going great and Compliance Officer Muños is doing an amazing job.
19. PWD Truelove stated that he needed to talk with Compliance Officer Muños to set a city clean up date. Compliance Officer Muños told him to stop by his office between 10:00am and 2:00pm and they could discuss it.
20. Councilperson Hicks asked about semi-trucks parked on city streets. Councilperson Wiederrick responded that this had been covered before and it was decided that Malta is a rural community and it should be allowed. Councilperson Hicks stated that he was thinking about the safety aspect of the semi's blocking the view of the intersection and why they can't park at Westside.
21. Mayor Demarais reported that the landfill was now open on Saturdays.
22. Matt Mudd from Great West Engineering reported that the spray on liner was currently being put on the Trafton Lift Station wet well and the lift station was on bypass during the procedure.
23. Mr. Mudd reported that he would be working on a punch list for the Trafton Lift Station project.
24. Mr. Mudd reported that Lakeside was at the wastewater lagoon working on phase 2 of the outfall in replacement project.
25. Mr. Mudd reported that Great West Engineering was still working on the floodplain permitting for the new lift station.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Compliance Officer Muños reported that he had received calls about dead deer in town and people need to call dispatch and dispatch can call the state about removing the dead deer.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Resolution 1328, a resolution adopting a Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Malta. After some discussion, Councilperson Rummel moved to adopt Resolution 1328, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called

for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.

2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with a sprinkler loan application from Ruby & Wanda Bushman for \$4,600.00. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve the sprinkler loan, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
3. Mayor Demarais called on Gina Lamb representing the EMCMHC & PC Coalition for Healthy Choices. Ms. Lamb stated that they wanted to use the Event Center for a father, daughter dance on June 16, 2023 and asked Council to waive the Event Center Fees. Councilperson Hicks moved to waive the fees, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
4. Mayor Demarais called on Melody Wilkes from Malta Opportunities Inc. Ms. Wilkes stated that MOI wanted to use the Event Center on May 26, 2023 from 11:00am to 2:00pm for a dance for their clients and asked Council if they would waive the user fees for the event. Ms. Wilkes stated that they had a dance there last fall and it was a huge success with the clients and that they had people from Glasgow and Havre in attendance. Councilperson Sintler moved to waive the fees, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. None

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:49pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer