

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL

MALTA CITY HALL

May 10, 2022

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, Richard Dale, Scott & Gina Simanton and Pierre Bibbs from PCN.

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he, Deputy Clerk Barrett and Clerk Bond had attended the Municipal Institute last week.

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 claim warrants.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve claim checks 27632 to 27658 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Demarais closed the regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 5:02pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Demarais stated the reason for the public hearing was to receive public comment on Resolution 1312 – A Resolution Approving Property Tax Benefits for Building Reconstruction – SGS Properties, LLC - Reconstruction of The Old Edwards & McLellan Building located in the City of Malta – MALTA ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, S18, T30 N, R30 E, BLOCK 003, TRACT F OF PLAT 10A AND THAT PORTION OF TRACT G OF PLAT 10A SEE BK 68 PG 404.

Clerk Bond read the resolution out loud and Mayor Demarais asked Scott and Gina Simanton about all the work completed on the property. This was followed by much discussion of the improvement made to the property.

With no questions or comments, Mayor Demarais closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting at 5:10pm.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that there was a sewer line issue in Hillcrest that effected only one property. PWD Truelove informed Council that Lakeside would be in Malta this week filming the sewer line in question because the city's push camera wasn't up to the task.
2. PWD Truelove reported that there had been two digs since the last council meeting, one on 1st Avenue West and one on 4th Street West. Both were repairs on the water lines between the main and the homeowners curb stop.

3. PWD Truelove reported he hadn't finished compiling a yard clean up list.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the basketball backboards had been sandblasted and powder coated and were ready to be picked up in Billings. After some discussion, Councilperson Wiederrick volunteered to pick them up and bring them back to Malta because she would be in Billings the following day.
5. PWD Truelove reported that the park bathrooms and the rest area would be opened by next week.
6. PWD Truelove reported that he had made all the required corrections requested by DEQ after the wastewater lagoon inspection.
7. Mayor Demarais asked if the pivot was working at the lagoon. PWD Truelove replied yes it was operational and it was off at this time.
8. PWD Truelove reported that updates were needed on the UV Building at the lagoon.
9. PWD Truelove asked Council if he should put out the grass cans. Council agreed that they should be put out.
10. Councilperson Wiederrick asked Council if they were okay with the removal of the shrubs by the entrance of the Malta Event Center. Council agreed that they could be removed.
11. PWD Truelove reported that work was continuing on the pool and he hoped to have water in it by June 1st.
12. Councilperson Hicks asked PWD Truelove if security cameras would be installed at the rest area because of the vandalism that took place last year. PWD Truelove reported that he was still working on it.
13. Councilperson Hicks asked if a date had been set for cleanup day. PWD Truelove stated that the date had not been set at this time.
14. Clerk Bond presented Council with the April financials, current check register, current shut off list, April payroll overtime, vacation, sick leave reports and the expenditure and revenue actual vs budget reports.
15. Clerk Bond thanked Council for letting Deputy Clerk Barrett and herself attend the Municipal Institute in Bozeman last week.
16. Clerk Bond presented Council with information about the Municipal Summits taking place on June 6th in Havre and June 7th in Glasgow. Clerk Bond asked Council to let her know what location they wanted to attend the training at so she could sign them up.
17. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had received a zoning request for a variance and he would be calling for a planning board meeting in the near future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Janet Berg informed Council that she had witnessed the garbage truck going too fast in residential areas. Mayor Demarais stated that he would talk to the garbage truck driver about it.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Resolution 1312. A Resolution Approving Property Tax Benefits for Building Reconstruction – SGS Properties, LLC - Reconstruction of The Old Edwards & McLellan Building located in the City of Malta – MALTA ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, S18, T30 N, R30 E, BLOCK 003, TRACT F OF PLAT 10A AND THAT PORTION OF TRACT G OF PLAT 10A SEE BK 68 PG 404. Councilperson Sintler moved to adopt Resolution 1312, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson 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 Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer