

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

May 11, 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, Bob Church from Great West Engineering and Mark Foss from PCN

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. None

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

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

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Sintler presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve claim checks 26922 to 26960, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve April 2021 payroll, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that the City Crew had completed two separate digs last week. On the first dig they had repaired a service line and on the second dig they repaired a storm drain that was damaged during the water project.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the City Crew had started painting on the outside of the pool house this week and he hoped to have the inside of the pool painted next week.
3. PWD Truelove reported that it looked like R&G Feeds had disked, seeded and fertilized the city property formerly leased by Bishop Construction.
4. PWD Truelove reported that he planned on filling the pool with water on May 27th and the pool would open for the season on June 7th.
5. PWD Truelove reported that the new furnace was being installed in the Women's Club House.
6. PWD Truelove reported that he had a new toilet on order for the Trafton Park Bathroom and he hoped to have water to the bathrooms next week.
7. Councilperson Sintler asked if the speed sign had been put out yet. PWD Truelove stated that he hoped to have it out sometime this month.
8. Councilperson Wiederrick asked if the barbed wire fence bordering city property by the new armory belonged to the city. Mayor Demarais stated he would have to look into it.

9. Clerk Bond presented Council with the April financials, the current check register, the current shut off list, the April payroll overtime, vacation, sick leave reports and the revenue and expenditure actual vs budget reports.
10. Clerk Bond presented Council with information about a Town Hall Zoom Meeting that would take place on May 21st at 9:00am about the American Recovery Plan.
11. Clerk Bond reported that Kayla Howard had asked her to ask Council if they would let her use the dance room in City Hall. Kayla wanted to use the dance room to get ready for her wedding because of the large mirrors in the room. After some discussion, Council person Rummel moved to let Kayla Howard use the dance room, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais present Council with the MBID DEQ/Local Government Joint Application Form submitted by PhillCo. Clerk Bond reported City Attorney Dan O'Brien had looked over the application and had no issues with it. Councilperson Wiederrick moved that Mayor Demarais should sign the form on behalf of the City, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais present Council the letter regarding Malta's ability and willingness to serve the MBID subdivision with water and sewer and accepting the low fire flows submitted by PhillCo and a copy of the letter after it was edited by City Attorney Dan O'Brien. Councilperson Hicks moved to have Mayor Demarais sign the letter containing the edits by the City Attorney, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais called on Bob Church from Great West Engineering. Mr. Church informed Council that the Trafton Lift Station was seventy years old, could fail at any moment and was a safety hazard. Mr. Church proposed the City replace it with a Triplex Submersible Lift Station which would cost the City \$1,140,000. Mr. Church reported that the City could use the City's American Recovery Plan Funds and apply for an American Recovery Plan grant to cover the remaining cost of the new lift station. Mr. Church stated that if the City did not receive a grant to cover the remaining cost of the lift station, the City could use the City's allotted ARP Funds for a different sewer or water project. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he thought Mr. Church's presentation was a win for the City and he would bring a video of the Trafton Lift Station to the next Council Meeting and Mayor Demarais asked Clerk Bond to place it on the next agenda.
Mayor Demarais informed Council that he wanted to revisit having Great West complete a CIP for the City of Malta again. He read the definition of what a CIP was to Council. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had placed the issue on the Mayor's List Serve and one Mayor couldn't fathom how the City of Malta completed their budget without a CIP and how the City could be reactive, instead of proactive. Mayor Demarais informed Council that the cost of the CIP would be spread out over multiple funds and Great West Engineering would inspect all of the City's infrastructure. Councilperson Wiederrick stated that there are items on the 2002 CIP

that have not been done yet. Mayor Demarais stated that it was the past Council's fault that everything wasn't completed. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he thought it was important and asked Clerk Bond to place it on the next agenda.

2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the request from PhillCo for a letter requesting an engineer to do the water/sewer construction inspection and 'as built' for the MBID property. Clerk Bond reported that City Attorney Dan O'Brien had not looked at the requested letter yet. Councilperson Hicks moved to table the item until the next Council meeting, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had been paying attention to the legalized marijuana updates and he will keep Council informed.
2. Mark Foss asked when the City would be having its city wide cleanup. PWD Truelove stated that it would take place the second week of June.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer