

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

## MALTA CITY COUNCIL

### MALTA CITY HALL

May 23, 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: Kari Hould from PCN.

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had started a conversation on Facebook about the grass cans and it resulted in a lively discussion. This was followed by much discussion about the use and need for grass cans.

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

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

Councilpersons Rummel and Hicks presented claims.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve claim checks 28350 to 28369 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that he would like to hold the annual city clean up the week of June 12<sup>th</sup> and Council agreed.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the City Crew had two digs since the last Council Meeting and they would be digging in front of the Villa Theater to replace a broken curb stop.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the pool was being patched and some of the tiles were being replaced today and would be painted on Thursday, weather permitting.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the swimming pool was reaching the end of its life. This past winter was hard on the pool with the constant expansion and contractions and the heaving of the expansion joints.
5. PWD Truelove reported that he was going to get an estimate on how much it would cost to install a liner in the pool vs filling in the pool and building a splash pad. This was followed by much discussion about keeping the pool and building a splash pad.
6. PWD Truelove reported that the lagoon outfall line project was done.
7. Mayor Demarais informed PWD Truelove that he had made a list of potholes that need to be filled.
8. PWD Truelove reported that the sweeper would be sweeping in the Hillcrest area tomorrow.
9. PWD Truelove reported that the hole in the water tank had been repaired. A diver had placed an epoxy pad on the inside and a patch was placed on the outside of the tank also.
10. Mayor Demarais informed Council that the mosquito sprayer was ready for the season.
11. Mayor Demarais informed Council that there was an exchange on Facebook about fireworks in the city.
12. Clerk Bond presented Council with the April financials, the current check register, current shut off list, the budget vs actual report.
13. Clerk Bond reported that Phillips County would be hosting a "Board Leadership Training" on May 30<sup>th</sup> and asked if anyone wanted to attend the training. It was decided

that Councilpersons Wiederrick, Hicks, Rummel, Sintler and Clerk Bond would attend the training.

14. Clerk Bond reminded Council about the Municipal Summit taking place on June 5<sup>th</sup> in Chinook.
15. Clerk Bond reported that the Riverview Park bathroom had been vandalized on May 12<sup>th</sup> & May 15<sup>th</sup> and Hillcrest Park bathroom was vandalized on May 19<sup>th</sup>. This was followed by much discussion about the increased vandalism and the need for security cameras.
16. Mayor Demarais informed Council that City Crew Member David Jaynes and Compliance Officer Muños had put in their two week notices and both would be done at the end of the month and he had advertised the open positions.
17. Mayor Demarais informed Council that Fire Chief Newman was contacted by the Edgewater Inn about burning brush by the motel, which is not allowed in city limits. Mayor Demarais stated that it would be the Fire Chief's call because it is not his duty to enforce City Ordinances. This was followed by much discussion, about burning brush/trash/leaves in city limits.
18. Mayor Demarais reported that the Planning Board had approved the variance for the Senior Center's awing.
19. PW Truelove reported that the Trafton Park Lift Station Project was in the home stretch and they were working on the punch list.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with a Street Closure Application from the VFW Post #4067. VFW Post #4067 requested to close off Front Street in front of Veteran's Park from 1pm to 3pm on May 29, 2023 for their Memorial Day Ceremony. Councilperson Hicks moved to approve the street closure, 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.
2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the Todd's Technology, Malta City Hall security camera bid of \$4,150. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve the purchase, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
3. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Trafton Lift Station ARPA Draw #11 for \$128,598.03. Councilperson Rummel moved to approve the ARPA Draw #11, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.

#### **OTHER COMMENTS**

1. PWD Truelove inquired if there was a limit of how many days an individual could camp in Trafton Park. This was followed by much discussion about limits and people residing in camp trailers in town.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer