

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL

MALTA CITY HALL

May 25, 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: Eion Estill, Mark Knudsen and Mark Foss 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 Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilpersons Rummel and Hicks presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve claim checks 27659 to 27681 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve April 2022 payroll, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that the inside of the pool had been painted and now needs to sit a week before it can be filled with water.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the grass cans had been put out.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the downtown area would be swept and the all the flags would be replaced by the end of the week.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the sprinkler systems at the Catholic & Robinson Well Houses were having sprinkler box issues and the sprinkler system at the Skate Park was being operated manually.
5. PWD Truelove reported that he had been called out on multiple dog bite reports. One took place when a kid jumped a fence into the dog's yard to retrieve a ball and was bitten. Another took place when a kid put his/her arm through a fence to pet the dog and was bitten. No action was taken on these incidences because the dogs were in their own yards. The last call was centered on two dogs with a history of vicious behavior. One of the dogs was shot by the person it was viciously charging. Working with Judge Stahl and the City of Malta, a dog rescue group relocated the two dogs to a dog foster caretaker in the Kalispell area.
6. PWD Truelove reported that Malta Clean up Week would take place June 13 – 17, 2022.
7. Mayor Demarais asked PWD Truelove to have all the alleys bladed and to add extra water under the trees in Veteran's Park.
8. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register and the current shut off list.
9. Clerk Bond presented Council with information about the Municipal Summits taking place on June 6th in Havre and June 7th in Glasgow. So far, she had signed up herself, Deputy Clerk Barret, Councilpersons Hicks and Sintler to attend the training in Glasgow. Clerk Bond asked Mayor Demarais and Council to let her know what location they wanted to attend the training at so she could sign them up.

10. Clerk Bond reported that Bruco would be in Malta on June 28th and 29th to finish the gym and dance room floors.
11. Clerk Bond reported that Shay Garfield was hired for the Pool Manager Position and Izabell Siegle for the Assistant Pool Manager Position and they would be attending WSI training in Plentywood on June 2nd – 5th. Clerk Bond informed Council that Deputy Clerk Barrett had been doing a great job overseeing the hiring process and supervising the management of the pool. Clerk Bond reported that lifeguards interviews had taken place and jobs would be offered pending the Mayor's approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mayor Demarais called on Mark Knudsen and Eion Estill. Eagle Scout Eion Estill presented PWD Truelove a Mentor Pin for his guidance and help in the completion of his Eagle Scout Project.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the Rental Agreement for the Malta Event Center. After some discussion, Councilperson Sintler moved to approve the Malta Event Center Rental Agreement, 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. Council had a discussion about junk vehicles and yard cleanup letters. After much discussion Clerk Bond proposed that she bring all of the City Ordinances pertaining to the subject to the next Council Meeting so Council is aware of what is enforceable. Council agreed to this plan.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:54pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer