

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

May 25, 2021

Officials present:

Mayor John Demarais via telephone
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, Barry Damschen, Park & Recreation Director Sally Wright, Assistant Park & Recreation Director Kristina Benner and Mark Foss from PCN

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had attended the Montana Rural Water Conference and he was re-elected Vice President of Rural Water and PWD Truelove had received the Public Works Director of the Year Award.

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 Rummel moved to approve claim checks 26961 to 26976, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that the City Crew had two digs in the past week to repair double curb stops and there would be a dig to replace a fire hydrant next week.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the pool house remodel had been completed and he invited Council to stop by and check it out.
3. PWD Truelove reported that he would start filling the pool on June 1st.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the city wide clean up would be taking place the week of June 14th.
5. PWD Truelove reported that all of the park bathrooms were open except for the bathroom at Trafton Park because the toilet in the men's side was being replaced.
6. PWD Truelove reported Levi Tatafu had placed poison in the gopher holes and backfilled the gopher holes on the Trafton Park baseball fields and the ball fields at Trafton Park needed to be aerated and thatched.
7. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register and the revenue and expenditure actual vs budget reports.
8. Clerk Bond reported that Pool Manager Kelly Cederberg wanted to know if it would be okay to give out a free family pool pass as a door prize during the swim lesson sign up event. Council agreed that it would be okay to give out a family pool pass.
9. Clerk Bond reported that she attended the Zoom Town Hall Meeting about the distribution of the ARPA funds. Clerk Bond stated that her take away was that they are still trying to figure out what steps need to be taken to receive the funds.

10. Clerk Bond reported that Traci Sears and Nadene Wadsworth from the DNRC would be in Malta tomorrow to assist her with the Floodplain Permit Applications she had received and update herself and PWD Truelove about the status of the levee recertification.
11. Clerk Bond reported that it was open registration time for the MMIA Health Insurance. Clerk Bond asked Council to notify her if they needed to make any changes. Clerk Bond reported that the insurance waivers needed to be completed online this year and if anyone needed help to stop by the office.
12. P&R Director Wright gave Council an update of the past, current and future P&R activities.
13. P&R Director Wright reported that they would be cleaning up the tennis courts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 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's' for the MBID property. Clerk Bond reported that City Attorney Dan O'Brien had looked over the letter and could not see a reason the Mayor shouldn't sign it. Councilperson Hicks moved to have Mayor Demarais sign the letter, 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 Barry Damschen. Mr. Damschen reported that the landfill looked good, Doug's getting the hang of everything that needs to be done. Mr. Damschen informed Council that PWD Truelove asked him about capping landfill cell number one. Mr. Damschen stated that there was no time limit on capping the cell however, an interim cover must be put on it. The rules do require that it be capped with the same material which is on the bottom of the cell. Mr. Damschen reported that a clay cap would cost around \$100,000 but he would recommend using a transpiration liner which would be a third of the cost. A variance request would have to be submitted to use the transpiration liner. If the variance for the transpiration liner is approved it would be approved for all of the cells. The approval process would cost \$10,000 - \$25,000 and the testing process and the report completion would take six months and it would take six months for it to get approved by DEQ. Mr. Damschen stated that it doesn't have to be done right now but the sooner the better because the variance requirements may change.
Mr. Damschen reported that one of the three ground water test sites at the landfill had shown traces of Chloride and Selenium. DEQ has proposed that an additional test well be added. Mr. Damschen has been trying to arrange a face to face meeting with DEQ personnel because he thinks a new test well is not needed because Chloride and Selenium occur naturally and are not man made. Mr. Damschen stated that an additional test well would cost the City \$15,000 - \$20,000.
Mr. Damschen stated that he had gone over the landfill fee schedule and made a few suggestions on how it could be improved.
2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the proposal to have Great West Engineering complete a Capital Improvement Plan for the City. Councilperson Rummel moved to have Great West Engineering complete a CIP for the City of Malta and pursue grant funding to help pay for the CIP, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler.

Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Nay, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Mayor Demarais present Council with the proposal that Great West Engineering pursue ARPA completeive grant funding to pay for the Trafton Park Lift Station project. Councilperson Wiederrick moved have Great West Engineering pursue ARPA completeive grant funding to pay for the Trafton Park Lift Station project, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Rummel 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 6:00pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer