

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

## MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

June 9, 2020

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: Fire Chief Greg Boos and Mark Herbert from PCN.

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that the pool meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> was a long meeting and he should have taken a break to gather his thoughts before he spoke at times.

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

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

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Sintler presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve claim checks 26241 to 26281, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve May 2020 payroll, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Wiederrick. Motion carried unanimously.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that the pivot sprinkler that applies effluent from the sewage lagoon to Lundman's field was turned on last week.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the city crew had been cutting and spraying weeds around town, changing out meter heads, patching pot holes.
3. PWD Truelove reported that plumbers should be done in the pool house tomorrow. Then the floor could be completed and Zane could start working on the walls on Monday. PWD Truelove informed Council that he would have to install a new 1 ½ inch water service line to the pool because the current service line is too small.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the water Consumer Confidence report was done. Clerk Bond reported that it would be published in the next PCN and she had emailed a copy to DEQ.
5. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register, the current shut off list, the May payroll, overtime, vacation & sick leave reports and the revenue and expenditure actual vs budget reports.
6. Clerk Bond reported that there would be a resolution to amend the sewer budget on the next agenda.
7. Clerk Bond presented council a copy of a proposed resolution amending the fees at the city swimming pool. Clerk Bond went over the Park & Rec Departments proposed fee increases and asked if it was okay with Council to place the resolution with the fee

changes onto the next agenda and they could make changes or not pass it all together. Council agreed that it would be okay to put the resolution on the next agenda.

8. Fire Chief Greg Boos reported that firetruck 2 had water leaking into its gear box and the gear box needed to be repaired. Chief Boos informed Council that the serviceperson from Northwest Fire Service recommended repairing the gear box because it was a great truck and it would be more cost effective than buying a new truck with all of the electronic bells and whistles. It would cost about \$15,000 to rebuild the gear box and \$5,000 to pull the gear box and send it out to be repaired. At first they were considering driving the truck to Big Fork, however what if a bearing goes out on the truck etc... so they decided it would be best to have the truck hauled to Big Fork. Chief Boos reported the he found someone to haul the truck to Big Fork on Monday. Chief Boos informed Council that the truck should be back in Malta sometime in August and while the truck is in the shop Northwest Fire Service will go through the truck and make sure everything is okay. After much discussion, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to send firetruck 2 to Big Fork to have the gear box repaired, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that Rachel Liff had dropped off a paper for him to sign so she could receive grant money to re-shingle the roof of the old Carnegie Library. Mayor Demarais asked Council if it was okay for him to sign it. No one objected to him signing it.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with resolution 1283. A resolution requesting distribution of bridge, road safety & accountability program funds. Councilperson Hicks moved to adopt resolution 1283, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council person Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the request to sponsor the Fourth of July fireworks. Councilperson Sintler moved to sponsor the Fourth of July fireworks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Aye, Rummel Aye, Councilperson Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.

#### **OTHER COMMENTS**

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had received multiple complaints about messy un-mowed yards. Clerk Bond asked for permission to start sending out lawn letters because she was told to wait until mid-June to start sending them out. Mayor Demarais gave the clerk's office permission to start sending out lawn letters.
2. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he was working on the chicken ordinance. He would write it down and have Council look at it and finally he would send it over to City Attorney Dan O'Brien.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:52pm.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer