

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

## MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

June 14, 2022

Officials present:

Mayor John Demarais

Councilpersons Ward I: David Rummel

William Hicks

Councilpersons Ward II: Bonnie Wiederrick

Clerk/Treasurer: Lorie Bond

Public Works Director: James Truelove

Others attended: Janet Berg, Marilyn Taylor and Mark Foss from PCN.

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais had received an email from Meg Cirullo the Director of Shakespeare in the Parks asking him to present a plaque to Anna LaBrie the City of Malta's Local Tour Coordinator before their presentation and he was honored to be asked. The performance will be taking place in Trafton Park at 6:30pm on June 29, 2022.
2. Mayor Demarais informed PWD Truelove that he had received a request from a City resident that the potholes in front of their house be filled.

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

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

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Rummel presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Hicks moved to approve claim checks 27682 to 27722 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve May 2022 payroll, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that the pool was open for the season.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the sprinkler boxes had been replaced on the automatic sprinkler systems in the parks and are now working as intended.
3. PWD Truelove reported that gravel had been applied to the parking lot across from City Hall.
4. PWD Truelove reported that security cameras had been installed at the rest area.
5. PWD Truelove reported that City Crew Member David Wilkes and Mayor Demarais were using smoke bombs to decrease the gopher population in the City's Parks.
6. PWD Truelove reported that the UV system at the sewer lagoon had been serviced.
7. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register, May financials, current shut off list, revenue & expenditure report and current CD renewal report.
8. Clerk Bond reported that City Attorney Dan O'Brien was appointed the County Attorney on June 6<sup>th</sup> and would have to step down as the City Attorney. He suggested that the City appoint Attorney Lee Pekovitch as his replacement. Mayor Demarais requested it be placed on the next agenda and asked Clerk Bond to invite Lee Pekovitch to the next Council Meeting so Council could meet her.
9. Councilperson Wiederrick asked PWD Truelove how the businesses were doing at breaking down the cardboard boxes. PWD Truelove stated that it was hit or miss and people were filling garbage cans full of cardboard.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the SRF Loan Application for \$200,000 for the Trafton Sewage Lift Station Replacement Project. Mayor Demarais informed Council that the project would cost \$200,000 more than the original estimate. Councilperson Rummel moved to have Mayor Demarais sign the SRF Application, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with a NorthWestern Energy Customer Agreement which requires a \$13,056.67 pre-payment for the electrical upgrades needed for the new Trafton Sewage Lift Station. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve the NWE Customer Agreement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
3. Mayor Demarais presented council with Great West Engineering's Task Order No. 3 Amendment 1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that Great West's engineering service had increased from the original \$90,000 to \$164,000. After some discussion, Councilpersons Rummel moved to approve Great West Engineering's Task Order No. 3 Amendment 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
4. The sign plat never arrived for Council's approval. No Action Taken.

## OTHER COMMENTS

1. Mayor Demarais present Council with a pump purchase agreement with Russell Industries Inc. to purchase pumps for the Trafton Lift Station Project. Councilperson Hicks moved to have Mayor Demarais sign the purchase agreement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais explained the contents of the packet containing other cities/towns weed and junk vehicle ordinances. Mayor Demarais informed Council that a work meeting would be needed to go over all the information. Councilperson Hicks reported that he had talked with the Glasgow's Compliance Office at the training last week and thought the City should consider creating a Compliance Officer position. Mayor Demarais stated that the City could hire him as the Compliance Officer but it wouldn't be cheap. This was followed by discussion of the Mayor's duty as stated in the City Ordinance. Councilperson Wiederrick stated that the weed and junk ordinances need to be rewritten and some teeth needed to be added to the new ordinance. After the completion of the new ordinance Council could work on the Compliance Officer Job Description. Council decided to have a work meeting at 10:00am on June 21, 2022 to work on updating the City's weed and junk vehicle ordinances.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:57pm.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer