

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

June 28, 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: Janet Berg, Marilyn Taylor 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 Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilpersons Rummel and Hicks presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve claim checks 27723 to 27751 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that there had been two water digs, one to install a meter pit and one to replace an inoperable curb stop by Albertson's.
2. PWD Truelove reported that he had ordered more patch but it is hard to come by these days.
3. Mayor Demarais asked PWD Truelove to address the sink hole on 2nd Avenue West.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the city clean-up would extend through June 30th.
5. PWD Truelove reported that City Crew Member Nick Cilz was doing an excellent job trimming trees in Trafton Park.
6. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register and the current shut off list.
7. Clerk Bond reported that the City had received the second tranche of ARPA funds (\$238,401.17) that will be used for the new Trafton Lift Station.
8. Clerk Bond reported that she had not completed the update of the community decay/junk vehicle ordinance and the first reading would have to be pushed back to the July 26, 2022 Council Meeting.
9. Pool Manager Shayen Garfield presented Council with the monthly pool report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that this would be the last meeting Mark Foss from the Phillips County New would be attending because he was moving to be closer to family. Mayor Demarais thanked Mr. Foss for his coverage of the City Council Meetings and presented him with a City of Malta 100 year anniversary key chain.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that the local Youth Dynamics Organization had approached the City about purchasing a pass for the pool. The City of Glasgow had let them purchase a pass for the price of three family passes and if the City of Malta did the same the pass would cost Youth Dynamics \$270.00. Councilperson Rummel moved to approve the sale of pool passes to Youth Dynamics, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor

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

2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the appointment of Lee Pekovitch as City Attorney. Wiederrick moved to approve to appoint Lee Pekovitch as the City Attorney, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.
3. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Resolution 1314 – Authorizing the transfer of funds (\$20,000) to the capital fire truck fund. Councilpersons Hicks moved to adopt Resolution 1314, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
4. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Resolution 1315 – Affirming active participation in the Bear Paw Economic Development District. Councilperson Rummel moved to adopt Resolution 1315, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
5. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the request to sponsor the Fourth of July fireworks. Councilperson Sintler moved to sponsor the Fourth of July fireworks, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
6. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the Notice of Award for the Trafton Park Lift Station to Award the Contract to Lakeside Excavation, Inc. Councilperson Rummel moved to have Mayor Demarais sign the Award Notice, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. Mayor Demarais reported that Great West Engineering had increased their fees because they work on a percentage of the project cost and the project cost had increased.
2. Councilperson Rummel requested that PWD Truelove keep a log of all tree maintenance because this was suggested at one of the trainings he had attended.
3. Councilperson Hicks asked Mayor Demarais if any lawn mowing letters had been sent. Mayor Demarais updated Council on how he was approaching the junk vehicles in town. Clerk Bond reported that the Clerk's Office had a list of people to send lawn letters to and were waiting for the Mayor's approval. Mayor Demarais stated that the Clerk's Office could continue mailing out lawn letter as they had in the past.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:44pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer