

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL

MALTA CITY HALL

July 11, 2023

Officials present:

Mayor John Demarais

Councilpersons Ward I: David Rummel

Councilpersons Ward II: Bonnie Wiederrick

James Sintler

Clerk/Treasurer: Lorie Bond

Public Works Director: James Truelove

Others attended: Kari Hould from PCN

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Informed Council that he would be out of town on July 21st – 23rd.

Councilperson Wiederrick 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 Wiederrick and Sintler presented claims.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve claim checks 28451 to 28490 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve June 2023 payroll, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that the City Crew had finished a dig on 7th Avenue West and would start an exploratory dig in front of the Catholic Church tomorrow.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the levee inspection had taken place today and it looks like it will be minimally acceptable again this year.
3. PWD Truelove reported that TruGreen had sprayed the parks and the M Trail on Monday.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the sweeper would be out tomorrow. The sweeper would start on the west side and make its way east.
5. PWD Truelove reported that the City Crew would start weed eating around all the traffic signs and hydrants in town.
6. PWD Truelove reported that the freezer at the Event Center had been repaired and the stove needed to be replaced. After much discussion, Councilperson Wiederrick volunteered to look into how much a new stove would cost.
7. PWD Truelove reported that the pool was running good.
8. Clerk Bond presented Council with the June financials, the current check register, current shut off list, the CD renewal report and the payroll vacation, sick leave & overtime report.
9. Clerk Bond presented Council with a MMIA Management Bulletin about the new load securing laws.
10. Clerk Bond presented Council with an email from PC Clerk & Recorder Lynette LaBrie about the upcoming election. That the write-in deadline for the Municipal Election had passed with no write-ins submitted and she would be placing an ad in the Super Shopper that the Primaries are cancelled and the General Election would be on November 7, 2023.
11. Clerk Bond reported that the city lots south of Trafton Park needed to be surveyed because an adjacent landowner was harassing people using the city lots during events at the arena. PWD Truelove reported that he has contacted a surveyor and hopes to have the lots surveyed and fenced as soon as possible.

12. Clerk Bond reported that on July 12, 2023 the individuals camping in Trafton Park would have met the fourteen day maximum as stated in Resolution 1329.
13. Clerk Bond reported that she had sent out 21 lien letter totaling \$22,112.62 to people with delinquent utility bills.
14. PWD Truelove reported that Compliance Officer Wright was doing a good job. Mayor Demarais stated that he was good at contacting people and discussing how to make the necessary corrections.
15. PWD Truelove reported the he was still waiting on the final punch list for the Trafton Park Lift Station Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Kari Hould asked if something could be done about the low water pressure at an individual's house in Murray Trailer Court because there was not enough water pressure to run the underground sprinklers. Mayor Demarais stated that there were a lot of factors that would have to be looked into to determine the cause of the low water pressure. When did the sprinkler system quit working, how many zones does the system have. Was a pressure and volume test performed before the sprinkler system was installed? What is the age of the service line to the residence?

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Resolution 1332 – Affirming active participation in the Bear Paw Economic Development District. Councilperson Rummel moved to adopt Resolution 1332, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the request from the Phillips County Safety Committee that the City increase its yearly payment for law enforcement services by 15%, from \$252,778.32/year to \$290,695.07/year. Councilperson Wiederrick stated that it was a good meeting and it was the first of its kind since she had been elected to City Council and she was looking forward to meeting with them again. Mayor Demarais stated that he still wanted more traffic control in the City. After much discussion about people speeding, running stop signs, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to increase they yearly payment for law enforcement services by 15%, 2nd By Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye, Sintler 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 5:43pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer