

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

July 28, 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: Janet Berg

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:03pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. None

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

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

Councilpersons Rummel and Hicks presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve claim checks 26351 to 26360, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that the people living in Trafton Park had been evicted.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the pool was looking good. He had the algae issue under control, it need to be vacuumed more often. PWD Truelove asked Council how long they wanted to keep the pool open. Councilperson Rummel stated he thought the plan was to keep it open as long as there were lifeguards available.
3. PWD Truelove reported that he had held a Safety Committee Meeting on July 22nd.
4. PWD Truelove reported that he had the City Crew cutting brush on the dike.
5. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register and the current shut off list.
6. Clerk Bond reported that she had sent out fourteen tax lien letters.
7. Clerk Bond reported that she had been contacted by the Phillips County Transit Board. They had requested that the City appoint Councilperson David Rummel to the Transit Board. This was followed by much discussion and it was decided that Councilperson Rummel should contact Phillips County Transit and discuss the matter with them.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that Darleen Cummings had approached him about placing a bench in Veteran's Memorial Park in memory of her father. Mayor Demarais stated that the City would approve the location of the bench. Councilperson Rummel moved to approve the request, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.

2. Mayor Demarais present Council with Resolution 1289, 2020/2021 wages for employees & elected officials. Councilperson Wiederrick move to approve Resolution 1289, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. Councilperson Rummel stated that he had only heard positive comments about the pool. Councilperson Hicks stated that the sponsor a day at the pool events are great. Councilperson Wiederrick stated that the pool manager was doing a great job and Councilperson Rummel said it was easier to spend money on the pool with these great results.
2. Mayor Demarais informed Council there had been conflicts between an abandoned alley between two properties and he would like to make it an alley again. Councilperson Rummel stated that the former Mayor had warned the feuding party that if any conflict started again the City would reinstate the alley. Councilperson Wiederrick also remembered this being said.
3. Mayor Demarais reported that he was just about done with the chicken ordinance.
4. Mayor Demarais asked how the work on the pool house was progressing. PWD Truelove responded that it was slow. The plumbers where waiting on the contractor.
5. Councilperson Wiederrick reported on the PhillCo meeting that she had attended. Councilperson Wiederrick stated that PhillCo had been helping businesses write grants and they were looking into the Main Street Montana program.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer