

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

August 10, 2021

Officials present:

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, Park & Recreation Director Sally Wright, Assistant Park & Recreation Director Kristina Benner and Mark Foss from PCN

Council President Bonnie Wiederrick opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. None

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

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

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Sintler presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve claim checks 27116 to 27162, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve July 2021 payroll, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that there were two digs last week to replace damaged curb stops and two meter pit installs.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the circulation pump at the pool had failed two weeks ago and he was lucky to locate a replacement pump. PWD Truelove reported that the pool was back up and running and everything looked good.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the school hadn't shown any interest in using the pool so he would drain it next week.
4. Councilperson Wiederrick stated that the sponsor days were wonderful and were a great success.
5. PWD Truelove reported that Pool Manager Cederberg had hired a great group of lifeguards.
6. PWD Truelove reported that in two weeks the Montana National Guard would let the City know how much they are asking for the Old Armory.
7. PWD Truelove reported that social media had been busy complaining about the intermittent sewer smell in town. PWD Truelove stated that it had been extremely hot lately and when water evaporates the biologicals are left behind and they smell.
8. PWD Truelove stated that the City Crew had been flushing manholes to be proactive.
9. PWD Truelove reported that DEQ had inspected the sewer lagoon and the inspection went well.
10. PWD Truelove reported that the City Crew would start mowing the alleys this week.

11. Clerk Bond presented Council with the July financials, the current check register, the current shut off list, the July payroll overtime, vacation, sick leave reports.
12. Clerk Bond asked Council if they could make it to City Hall at noon on August 31, 2021 for the public hearing and meeting to pass the 2021/2022 city budget because she needed to advertise it.
13. Clerk Bond reported that she had compiled a budget packet on the enterprise funds for each Councilperson to take home and look through. Clerk Bond asked Council what day would work best for them to meet with her to go over the packet. It was decided that Monday August 16th at 12:00pm would work best for everyone. Clerk Bond reported that she hoped to have a budget packet on the general fund ready to be picked up on Friday.
14. Clerk Bond reported that last week she had received notice that masks would have to be worn at the Municipal Summit in Glasgow on the 23rd. However, on Monday she received notice that masks had to be worn at Municipal Summits in counties with high levels of community transmission. All summits except the one in Glasgow are in a county with substantial or high levels of community transmission. So masks don't have to be worn at the Glasgow Summit. Clerk Bond asked Council to let her know if they planned on attending.
15. PRD Wright reported the HIIT, yoga and gymnastic classes had ended and soccer would start on August 16th.
16. PRD Wright reported that herself and Assistant PRD Benner had cleared weeds from the City of Malta tennis courts and handed out before and after pictures.
17. Council President Wiederrick stated that she had attended the gymnastic showcase presentation and requested that Park & Rec provide seating on the gym floor for elderly audience members in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council President Wiederrick presented Council with Resolution 1302 Authorization to Submit MCEP Infrastructure Planning Grant Application. Councilperson Rummel moved to adopt Resolution 1302, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Council President Wiederrick called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Hick Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Council President Wiederrick presented Council with Resolution 1303 Calling for a General Election. Councilperson Hicks moved to adopt Resolution 1303, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Council President Wiederrick called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
3. Council President Wiederrick presented Council with the out of City garbage pick-up request from Dan & Theresa Ohl. Councilperson Rummel moved to approve the request, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Council President Wiederrick called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.
4. Council President Wiederrick presented Council with the out of City garbage pick-up request from Linda Steck. Councilperson Sintler moved to approve the request, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Council President called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Sintler Aye, Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. Councilperson Wiederrick asked Clerk Bond if everyone had mowed their lawns who were sent letters. Clerk Bond stated that she would have Deputy Clerk Barrett drive around and check on them this week.
2. Councilperson Wiederrick asked PWD Truelove to check and see if there were people living in RVs in separate locations around town. PWD Truelove stated that he would drive by the locations after the meeting.
3. Councilperson Hicks asked if there were any ideas of what to use the Old Armory for. Councilperson Wiederrick stated that it would be a great venue for the annual craft fair. Rummel stated that the Old Armory had less square footage than the City Hall Gym and that was a concern. This was followed by discussion about using additional rooms to increase the usable space for the event.
4. Councilperson Rummel asked if anything had been done to address the landfill fees. Clerk Bond reported the Deputy Clerk Barrett had researched what other cities charged and she would bring the information to the next Council Meeting. PWD Truelove stated that he would contact Barry Damschen for his input.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. None

With no other business, Councilperson Rummel moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer