

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

August 11, 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 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais reported that he was almost done with the chicken ordinance.
2. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had been re-elected Vice President of Montana Rural Water.

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 Wiederrick and Sintler presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Hicks moved to approve claim checks 26361 to 26405, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve July 2020 payroll, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that a catastrophic event had taken place at the Catholic Well House. A lighting strike on a transformer had back charged through the well house and took out the pump, pump motor and panel. He had filed an insurance claim on the damage.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the city crew would continue weed eating, spraying weeds, the sweeper would be out and the cardboard yard fence had been repaired.
3. PWD Truelove reported that because of the recent COVID outbreak he was trying to keep the City Crew Members separated.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the pool had been closed on Monday due to the recent COVID outbreak. PWD Truelove stated that pool Manager Kelly Cederberg had done an excellent job managing the pool.
5. PWD Truelove reported that the control board had went out on the speed limit sign and the manufacturer would be sending a replacement because it was still under warranty.
6. PWD Truelove reported that he would start reclaiming the city alleys. Mayor Demarais stated that people had started encroaching on alley footprints.
7. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register, the current shut off list, the July financials, the July payroll, overtime, vacation & sick leave reports.
8. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current City Hall Gym Rental Agreement. Clerk Bond reported that someone had requested to rent the upstairs dance room. Clerk Bond

stated that Park & Rec Director Wright had been approached about renting the dance room for birthday parties. Clerk Bond asked Council to think about the proposal and look over the current rental agreement and there could be further discussion at the next Council Meeting.

9. Clerk Bond reported that she would have the budget packets ready at the end of the week for Council to look through and contact her if they had any questions.
10. Clerk Bond reported that there would be a phone conference call on Tuesday July 18, 2020 at 3:00pm with Great West Engineering about the dike recertification.
11. Clerk Bond reported that PWD Truelove had received a statement from Zane Doney for work on the swimming pool bathhouse this afternoon. PWD Truelove had asked Mr. Doney for an itemized statement and twenty minutes before the meeting started PWD Truelove turned in a stack of invoices he had received from Mr. Doney. Clerk Bond asked if Mr. Doney should be paid. Councilperson Rummel stated that he would like to pay Mr. Doney for his work after looking through the invoices. Councilperson Wiederrick stated that it was not the city's job to go through the invoices, it was his job to bring in an itemized statement. After much discussion, the majority agreed to put off paying Mr. Doney.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the proposal to reinstate the alley in Cosner's 3rd Addition, Block 1 between the West 70 feet of Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 and lots 26 & 27. After much discussion, Councilperson Rummel moved to reinstate the alley, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he and Councilperson Sintler had toured the new National Guard Readiness Center and it was very impressive. Councilperson Wiederrick asked what the plans were for the old armory. PWD Truelove stated that it would go to auction.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer