

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

## MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

August 22, 2023

Officials present:

Mayor John Demarais

Councilpersons Ward I: David Rummel

William Hicks

Councilpersons Ward II: Bonnie Wiederrick

Clerk/Treasurer: Lorie Bond

Public Works Director: James Truelove

Others attended: Dennis Fitzgerald from Youth Dynamics, Bob Kaluza, Kerry Faaborg, Gordon Faaborg, Marla Sisco, Laura Pankratz and Kari Hould from PCN

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. None

Councilperson Hicks moved to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Wiederrick. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilpersons Rummel and Hicks presented claims.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve claim checks 28554 to 28571 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Demarais closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing at 5:02pm.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Demarais stated the reason for the public hearing was to receive public comment on the annual street maintenance assessment. Clerk Bond stated that the 2023/2024 street maintenance tax assessment would be for \$119,490.80 and last year's assessment was for \$118,432.37.

With no questions or comments, Mayor Demarais closed the public hearing and opened the next public hearing at 5:03pm.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Demarais stated the reason for the public hearing was to receive public comment on the annual street lighting assessment. Clerk Bond stated that the 2023/2024 street lighting tax assessment would be \$107,559.49 and last year's assessment was for \$105,828.06.

With no questions or comments Mayor Demarais closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting at 5:05pm.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that the Skate Park had been vandalized sometime on the night of August 16<sup>th</sup> or the morning of August 17<sup>th</sup>. PWD Truelove stated that Parks & Rec Director Wright had painted over the graffiti that would not wash off. Mayor Demarais stated that he was tired of all the vandalism taking place and that the city was in the process of getting cameras installed.

2. PWD Truelove reported that the City Swimming Pool had been drained for the season.
3. PWD Truelove reported that Unit 45 – 2012 Garbage Truck was back up and running and Unit 64 – 2020 Garbage Truck was still on the ten month waiting list for the needed part.
4. PWD Truelove reported again that he could not thank Wolf Point enough for letting the City of Malta use their extra garbage truck.
5. PWD Truelove reported that the new stoves had been installed at the Event Center.
6. PWD Truelove reported that the crosswalks had been painted by the Elementary School.
7. PWD Truelove showed Council the signs the Elementary School Principal wanted him to install at the Elementary School. PWD Truelove stated that they weren't enforceable but hopefully they would deter parents from using the bus drop off/pick up areas.
8. PWD Truelove reported that the new truck route signs had shipped.
9. Mayor Demarais asked PWD Truelove to inform the Elementary School that if they push snow on the city lot west of the school they will have to haul it away.
10. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register and the current shut off list.
11. Clerk Bond asked Council what she had been contacted by Dave Peterson a Coordinator for the St. Mary's Rehabilitation Working Group about setting up a time and date to give a presentation about the project to the City and County. Clerk Bond asked if 4:00pm before the September 12, 2023 Council Meeting would be okay. Council agreed that this time and date would work.
12. Clerk Bond asked Council if they had had time to read through the newly codified City Codes and if they had any objection to moving forward and approving them. Councilperson Wiederrick stated she had spotted one area of interest and would point it out to Clerk Bond. Clerk Bond received no other comments.
13. Clerk Bond reported that the League of City & Towns would be taking place October 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> so the October 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting would have to be moved to a different date. Clerk Bond suggested moving it to the first week in October because most of the bills are paid at the first Council Meeting of the month and asked about moving it to Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> and Council agreed that date would not work. Clerk Bond suggested having it first thing in the morning on Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>. After some discussion, Clerk Bond asked Council to come to the next Council Meeting with an acceptable date because she has to place it on the September 26<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting Agenda.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Mayor Demarais called on Mr. Bob Kaluza. Mr. Kaluza stated that he was a trustee with the Little White Church. The Parsonage located at 39 10<sup>th</sup> Street East and three adjacent houses had no water pressure. Mr. Kaluza stated that Randy Shores had dug up and replaced his water line and he had great water pressure. PWD Truelove stated that he could replace the water meter and check the water pressure coming into the house. It was explained that Manganese builds up in the service lines reducing the flow of water and when this happens the service line needs to be replaced. Mr. Kaluza asked if the water main could be flushed and Mayor Demarais agreed to have it flushed. Mr. Kaluza asked if water insurance would pay for the service line to be replaced. PWD Truelove stated that water insurance only covers water line breaks between the water main and the curb stop. Mr. Kaluza stated that it was not fair to pay for water and not have good water pressure. This was followed by much discussion about HS&G, the water project, manganese and manganese buildup in service lines and the lack of alleys in the area. Finally it was decided that the main would be flushed and the meter would be changed out when the pastor was back in Malta. Mayor Demarais thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Resolution 1335, the annual street maintenance assessment for \$119,490.80. Councilperson Rummel moved to adopt Resolution 1335, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Resolution 1336, the annual street lighting assessment for \$107,599.49. Councilperson Hicks moved to adopt Resolution 1336, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye. Motion Carried.
3. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Resolution 1337, the annual underground sprinkler assessment for \$2332.37. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adopt Resolution 1337, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
4. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Resolution 1338. The annual garbage assessment for \$293,052.00. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adopt Resolution 1338 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
5. Mayor Demarais presented Council with a Street Closure Application from the Grace Fellowship Church. Grace Fellowship Church requested to close off 4<sup>th</sup> Street East between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East and 4<sup>th</sup> Street East on Wednesday August 23, 2023 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm for Kid's Day. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve the street closure, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.

**OTHER COMMENTS**

1. Mayor Demarais asked what was purchased from Street Décor. Clerk Bond stated that the new season's greetings sign that was order back in February was finally delivered.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer