

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

August 25, 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, Kari Hould, Park & Rec Director Sally Wright, Assistant Park & Rec Director Jessica Zeiger, Pool Manager Kelly Cederberg, Deputy Clerk Laurie Barrett, Utility Clerk Glenda Knudsen, Krista Fahlgren from PCN

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

Councilpersons Rummel and Hicks presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Hicks asked if it would be possible to get an accounting of the hours Zane Doney worked on the pool bathhouse. PWD Truelove would look into it.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve claim checks 26406 to 26495, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register and the current shut off list.
2. Clerk Bond asked Council if they were okay with opening City Hall, the City Hall weight room and gym now that the COVID cases have decreased. Council agreed that the openings could take place if the COVID cases decreased to four cases or lower.

Mayor Demarais closed the regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 5:05pm.

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 2020/2021 street maintenance tax assessment would be for \$118,432.37.

With no questions or comments, Mayor Demarais closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting at 5:07pm.

3. PWD Truelove reported that there had been a dig on 4th Street East to repair a sewer issue.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the crosswalks had been painted by the schools and the city crew was busy repairing playground equipment.

5. PWD Truelove reported that the Catholic Well House repairs had been made and he would be putting it back on line next week.
6. PWD Truelove reported that the work would start tomorrow on reestablishing the alley on 5th Street East.

Mayor Demarais closed the regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 5:10pm.

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 2020/2021 street lighting tax assessment would be \$105,828.06.

With no questions or comments Mayor Demarais closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting at 5:13pm.

7. Pool Manager Kelly Cederberg reported that the City Pool was closed on August 8, 2020 due to the increased COVID cases and refunds were issued where needed. Pool Manager Cederberg presented Council with the stats for the 5 ½ weeks the pool was open.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. No action was taken because Travis Malmend was not present at the meeting.
2. Mayor Demarais called on Kari Hould. Ms. Hould asked Council if she could put up a display in Veteran's Memorial on the third Friday of September (September 18, 2020) in honor of POW Day. Ms. Hould presented Council with a picture of the proposed display. Councilperson Sintler moved to approve the display, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Hould asked Council if she could also place lights in front of the Veteran's Memorials in Veteran's Memorial Park during Suicide Awareness Week, September 6 – 12, 2020. Councilperson Rummel moved to allow the display, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Resolution 1290, the annual street maintenance assessment for \$118,432.37. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adopt Resolution 1290, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
4. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Resolution 1291, the annual street lighting assessment for \$105,828.06. Councilperson Rummel moved to adopt Resolution 1291, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.
5. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Resolution 1292, the annual underground sprinkler assessment for \$3,473.59. Councilperson Sintler moved to adopt Resolution 1292, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
6. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Resolution 1293. The annual garbage assessment for \$295,424.00. Councilperson Hicks moved to adopt Resolution 1293, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. Councilperson Hicks asked to discuss the proposed changes to the City Hall gym fees and lease agreement. Councilperson Hicks asked why there were two rates, \$75.00/day May thru the end of September and \$100.00/day October thru the end of April. Councilperson Hicks stated that he thought the fee should be \$100.00/day for the whole year. Clerk Bond reported that the City Hall Gym had been leased for a wedding reception and the wedding party had asked if they could also lease the upstairs dance room so the wedding party could use it to get ready for the wedding. Clerk Bond stated that P&R Director Wright had asked about renting the dance room out for birthday parties. Councilperson Wiederrick asked P&R Director Wright what she thought a fair rental price would be. P&R Director Wright stated that she thought \$25.00 - \$30.00 would be a good. Councilperson Wiederrick asked for a list of rental requirements (dos & don'ts) so a draft of the rental agreement can be made.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:37pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer