

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

## MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

September 10, 2019

Officials present:

Councilpersons Ward I: David Rummel  
William Hicks

Councilpersons Ward II: Bonnie Wiederrick  
James Sintler

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer: Deanna Hanson  
Shop Foreman: Eric Witmer

Others present: Sheriff Jerry Lytle, Janet Berg, County Health Nurse Jenny Tollefson, Jerrey McEwen, and Mark Hebert from PCN.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. Councilperson Wiederrick stated Mayor Demarais was in Nashville for a convention.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve minutes of last regular meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Sintler presented claim warrants. Councilperson Rummel moved to approve claim checks 25685 to 25723, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve August 2019 payroll, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

1. Shop Foreman Eric Witmer reported the crew has been doing Operator Equipment training. They are training all the new employees on the equipment so that more than one person knows how to run them.
2. Foreman Witmer stated they were still working on taking out old, rotted boards on the grandstands at the Trafton Park Arena and putting in new ones.
3. Foreman Witmer informed council that angle parking striping had been installed on one side of the parking lot next to City Hall and they were waiting for the weather to clear to do the side next to Lloyds Auto Supply.
4. Foreman Witmer informed council that the City was going to be sending the City of Glasgow a letter of intent to purchase their street sweeper for \$30,000.00.
5. Foreman Witmer stated they had the supplies for the new cardboard fence and were waiting for the weather to clear up to build it.
6. Foreman Witmer informed council the crew had been doing vehicle maintenance.
7. Councilperson Rummel asked if the dumps had been closed. Foreman Witmer stated that the dump was closed due to the mud.
8. Deputy Clerk Deanna Hanson presented August financial reports, August Vacation/Sick Leave/Overtime report, current month's water shut off list and the current check register.

9. Deputy Clerk Hanson asked permission for Clerk Bond to attend a training in Glasgow on September 16, 2019 on Year-end Closing. Councilperson Rummel moved to allow Clerk Bond to attend the training, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Sheriff Jerry Lytle gave council the current statistics. He stated they were busier than last year at this time. They had 26% more new cases opened and traffic citations were up 169% from last year.
11. Sheriff Lytle informed council that they were now an Emergency Medical Dispatch. Dispatchers have all received medical training, which allows them to give a preliminary diagnosis before the ambulance gets there and to assist callers with medical help, such as poison control measures, CPR, etc.
12. Sheriff Lytle stated one officer is at the academy and they have an opening for one more deputy. The position has been advertised in several locations.
13. Councilperson Rummel asked Sheriff Lytle what he thought of putting stop signs at intersections on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue East. Sheriff Lytle stated he thought it would not be a bad idea to look at a few intersections as there has been several wrecks in the past.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. County Health Nurse Jenny Tollefson asked council permission to hold the 2019 Suicide Prevention Awareness Walk on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. The walk would use the same route it has used for the last two years, but the Start/Stop point would move to the Malta High School. If there is inclement weather, people would have the choice to walk in the High School. The social afterwards will also be held at the High School. Sheriff Jerry Lytle will walk with the participants to ensure safety and show support. Councilperson Sintler moved to allow the walk with Sheriff Lytle providing safety support, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Council President Wiederrick called for a roll call vote. Sintler aye, Hicks aye, Rummel aye, Wiederrick aye. Motion carried.
2. Jerey McEwen informed council he had talked to the current Arena Committee members about whether they wanted to continue on the committee. Only one member, Janni Wiese, stated they would. Mr. McEwen gave council a list of people to form a new committee. Councilperson Hicks moved to dissolve the old Arena Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Council President Wiederrick called for a roll call vote. Hicks aye, Sintler aye, Rummel aye, Wiederrick aye. Motion carried. Councilperson Sintler moved to appoint new members to the Arena Committee:  
Kelly Orahood  
Guy Simanton  
Ken Salveson  
Tom Niebur  
Thane Mackey  
Travis Rhoads  
Jerey McEwen  
Janni Wiese  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Council President Wiederrick called for a roll call vote. Sintler aye, Rummel aye, Wiederrick aye, Hicks aye. Motion carried.

- Mr. McEwen stated the arena needed to be used and they were looking into kid's rodeos, rodeos, and concerts.
3. Deputy Clerk Hanson presented council with the First State Bank ACH Contract. This will allow people to have their monthly utility bills automatically taken out of their accounts. Councilperson Sintler moved to sign the contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Council President Wiederrick called for a roll call vote. Sintler aye, Hicks aye, Wiederrick aye, Rummel aye. Motion carried.
  4. Councilperson Wiederrick presented Resolution 1275, stating it was a resolution to cancel the November 5, 2019 General Election of Certain Municipal Officers. There were no other candidates filing for election. Councilperson Rummel moved to adopt Resolution 1275, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Wiederrick. Council President Wiederrick called for a roll call vote. Rummel aye, Wiederrick aye, Sintler aye, Hicks aye. Motion carried.

**OTHER COMMENTS:**

1. Councilperson Wiederrick stated that she received a phone call complaining about the mess on the lots Bishop is leasing from the city. Discussion was had about the 2 year lease ending at the end of December 2019. It was decided that they would talk to Mayor Demarais about possibly sending a letter to have them clean it up.

With no other business, Councilperson Sintler moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer