

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

## MALTA CITY COUNCIL

### MALTA CITY HALL

September 12, 2023

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: Marilyn Taylor, Jerry Roberts, Compliance Officer John Wright III and Kari Hould from PCN

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. None

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

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

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Sintler presented claims.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve claim checks 28573 to 28620 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Hicks moved to approve August 2023 payroll, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Wiederrick. Motion carried unanimously.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that the City Shop had a Department of Labor inspection. PWD Truelove stated that they had found a few small things and he had to send them documentation that the corrections had been made.
2. PWD Truelove reported that last spring he had ordered two pallets of mosquito spray and at this time most of the second pallet had been used. With the lower temperatures, fewer mosquitos and to avoid ordering additional mosquito spray he had the spray truck going out every other night.
3. PWD Truelove reported that he had to purchase a new soft start for the lagoon and new tires and rims for the lagoon irrigation pivot.
4. PWD Truelove reported that after the last Council Meeting one water meter had been changed out and the water mains in the Murray Trailer Park area had been flushed. PWD Truelove stated that there were no improvements.
5. PWD Truelove reported that the new pump for the Ezzie's Lift Station had been installed and he had ordered another one so the other pump could be replaced.
6. PWD Truelove reported that the booster pump on the hill had failed. The impeller was replaced and it was back up and running. PWD Truelove stated that he had bumped up the pressure slightly hoping to improve the water pressure in the distribution system.
7. PWD Truelove reported that the speed limit sign had been out in different areas around town.
8. PWD Truelove reported that the new 300 gallon garbage cans had arrived.
9. Clerk Bond presented Council with the August financials, the current check register, current shut off list and the payroll vacation, sick leave & overtime report.
10. Clerk Bond reminded Council about the St. Mary's Rehabilitation Working Group presentation on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

11. Compliance Officer Wright reported that he had sent out seven vehicle letters. Three of the letters were about junk vehicles and four about recreation vehicles. At present time six were in compliance.
12. Mayor Demarais asked Compliance Office Wright to cruise around town because he had noticed a few properties that need to be addressed.
13. Councilperson Sintler stated that there is a camp trailer hooked to water parked by Cedarview and Councilperson Hicks stated that the weeds are high on the railroad property north of Stretch's Pizza.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with changing the 5:00pm Tuesday October 10, 2023 Council Meeting to 9:00am on Friday October 6, 2023 because the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk would be attending the Montana League of Cities & Towns Conference the week of October 10<sup>th</sup>. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to change the meeting date and time as stated above, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Resolution 1340, a resolution cancelling the November 7, 2023 general election of certain municipal Officer for the City of Malta. Clerk Bond reported that the resolution would cancel the election of the uncontested Ward 2 City Council Position and Laura S. Pankratz would be elected by acclamation to the Ward 2 City Council position. Councilperson Hicks moved to adopt Resolution 1340, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
3. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the out of city garbage service request from Alan Love. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve the out of city garbage service request, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.

#### **OTHER COMMENTS**

1. None.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:26pm.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer