

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL

MALTA CITY HALL

September 13, 2022

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: Ron Scott, Leo Malinak, Dan O'Brien, Park & Rec Director Sally Wright, Assistant Park & Rec Director Kristina Benner and Kari Hould from PCN.

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

Mayor Demarais closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing at 5:00pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Demarais stated the reason for the public hearing was to receive public comment on the petition to discontinue alley submitted by Ron & Cynthia A. Scott and Janet Berg. The alley runs east & west between the two properties and the City has another alley that runs north & south on the east side of their property. Mayor Demarais asked Council if they knew if there was any need to keep the alley. PWD Truelove stated that it was not being used at present time. Ron Scott stated that he would have the property resurveyed if Council approved the petition. This was followed by discussion if there was a value to the land and what the process would be to discontinue the alley.

With no more questions or comments Mayor Demarais closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting at 5:08pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. None

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

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

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve August 2022 payroll, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Sintler presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve claim checks 27879 to 27921 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that he would have all the grass cans pulled by the end of the week.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the water lines in the Hillcrest area had been flushed and it had helped improve the pressure at the houses located at the bottom of Hillcrest more than the ones at the top.
3. PWD Truelove reported that new 96 gallon garbage cans had arrived and he would be putting them out as needed.
4. PWD Truelove reported that he had the speed sign out but was having communication error issues he was trying to correct.
5. PWD Truelove reported that he had received multiple dog at large reports lately and the City would not tolerate dogs at large and the owners would be sited.

6. PWD Truelove reported that the City had ran out of Biomist mosquito spray and would be finishing the season using Malathion.
7. PWD reported that he had been contacted by the High School about putting up suicide prevention signs in Veterans Park. PWD Truelove asked Council if they were okay with the High School putting up signs. Council agreed that it was okay for the signs to be put up in Veterans Park.
8. Mayor Demarais asked PWD Truelove to put a 300 gallon garbage can in the new alley east of 408 South 5th Street East.
9. Councilperson Wiederrick asked PWD Truelove how the cardboard collection was going because she had noticed a lot of people filling the cans and not breaking down the cardboard. PWD Truelove stated that it was a work in progress.
10. Clerk Bond presented Council with the July financials, current check register, current shut off list, July payroll overtime, vacation, sick leave reports.
11. Clerk Bond reported the City Custodian Lesa Williamson was painting the shelters at the Rest Area and they looked really good.
12. Clerk Bond reported that MMIA would be holding a Child Abuse Prevention Program Seminar at the Malta Event Center on October 27th.
13. Clerk Bond reported that Nadene Wadsworth with the DNRC Floodplain Program will be in Malta the second week of October. Ms. Wadsworth is working with the City on the Levee Recertification Project. Clerk Bond stated that she also had a mandatory meeting for the Mitigation Program the City was participating in that she had to attend that week in either Lewistown or Fort Benton depending on which day Ms. Wadsworth would be in town.
14. PRD Wright updated council on their past, present and future activities.
15. Mayor Demarais informed Council that a sound system was needed in the Malta Event Center and he had contacted Eric at Todd's Technology for an estimate of what it would cost.
16. Mayor Demarais asked PWD Truelove if the RCAN had placed local beef to be used for school lunches in the freezers in the out building at the Malta Event Center yet and PWD Truelove stated that it had happened.
17. PWD Truelove reported that the Flygt Pump for the Trafton Park Lift Station Project had arrived today. Which is a month ahead of the earliest estimated delivery date.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the petition to discontinue alley submitted by Ronald & Cynthia Scott and Janet Berg. Attorney Dan O'Brien informed Council that the alley was an easement/right of way for City use. The City did not own the property and once the City vacated the alley the ownership of the property would revert back to the property owner. Mr. O'Brien stated that the City would have to pass a resolution to discontinue the alley and he would help the City draft the needed resolution. Councilperson Sintler moved to grant the request to discontinue the alley, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Ordinance 456 - An Ordinance Defining Community Decay in the City of Malta, Montana; Establishing Policies and Procedures for the Abatement of Public Nuisances; Disabled or junk vehicles or junk to be in view of the public from any public right of way; Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adopt Ordinance 456, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
3. Mayor Demarais presented Council with a letter requesting a three month extension on the term of the MCEP grant agreement with the Montana Department of Commerce for the City of Malta's Capital Improvement Plan. Councilperson Rummel moved to have

Mayor Demarais sign the letter, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.

4. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Great West Engineering's Task Order No. 3 Amendment 2 – Malta Trafton Lift Station Additional Grant Administration. Councilperson Rummel moved to approve Task Order No. 3 Amendment 2, 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 read a letter from DEQ about manganese sampling out loud to Council. The letter stated that the City's system has been identified as having the potential to have manganese present in its source water. DPHHS would send the necessary sample bottle(s) with a prepaid/pre-addressed container to ship the samples to DPHHS. Detection of manganese from a source water would not result in any type of violation. However, failure to sample would result in a monitoring violation. This was followed by much discussion about the manganese in the City's water and what is currently being done to make it better.
2. Councilperson Hicks asked who was contacted about dog complains at night. PWD Truelove stated that people had contact him or dispatch after hours.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:46pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer