

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

## MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

September 14, 2021

Officials present:

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: Jane Ereaux, Kay Hould, Park & Recreation Director Sally Wright, Assistant Park & Recreation Director Kristina Benner and Mark Foss from PCN

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

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. None

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

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

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Sintler presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Hicks moved to approve claim checks 27175 to 27241, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve August 2021 payroll, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that there were three digs since the last Council Meeting. Two were curb stop repairs and one was to repair a leaking water main on 5<sup>th</sup> Street East. PWD Truelove stated that there was a fist sized hole in the water main and the City Crew worked late getting the repair done.
2. PWD Truelove reported that they were spreading the remaining gypsum and he hoped to return the spreader truck next week.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the blade was out all week and the sweeper would be out tomorrow.
4. PWD Truelove asked Council's permission to order more garbage cans, fifty 96gal & fifty 300gal cans. After some discussion, Councilperson Sintler moved to order the garbage cans, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Council President Wiederrick called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Sinter Aye, Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
5. PWD Truelove reported that there was a utility cut through the A Fine Line Auto Body parking lot that will eventually need to be paved because it washes out every time there is heavy rain. The cut is about fifteen feet wide and forty feet long and he thought it would cost around \$25,000 to have it paved. Council President Wiederrick asked PWD Truelove to bring an estimate to the next meeting.
6. PWD Truelove reported that he had visited with the MDT engineer on the Highway 191 project south of Malta and they were meeting with the effected land owners at this time. PWD Truelove stated that MDT hoped to start the project next year.

7. PWD Truelove reported that he was going to meet with the State Building Inspector Yancey Beston about the improvements the City wanted to make to the Women's Club House and the replacement of the Trafton Park bathroom.
8. PWD Truelove stated that he did not have anything to report from the Department of Military Affairs about the Old Armory.
9. PWD Truelove reported that Pool Manager Cederberg had put in her resignation and he planned to advertise and hire a new pool manager in January.
10. Councilperson Hicks stated that Council should look into putting pavement on city streets that aren't paved yet. PWD Truelove reported that he had a plan to pave the street to the new National Guard Readiness Center in sections. Council President Wiederrick stated that some of the sections would have to be done with an SID.
11. Clerk Bond presented Council with the August financials, the current check register, the current shut off list, the August payroll overtime, vacation, sick leave reports.
12. Clerk Bond reported that the Montana League of Cities & Towns Conference was going to be virtual again this year. Clerk Bond asked Council if Deputy Clerk Laurie Barrett could attend the virtual conference. Clerk Bond stated that the virtual conference would cost \$99.00. Councilperson Hicks moved to have Deputy Clerk Barrett attend the conference, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Council President Wiederrick called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
13. Clerk Bond presented Council with an invitation from the VFW to a small luncheon honoring two Gold Star Mothers.
14. PRD Wright updated council on their past, present and future activities.
15. Council President Wiederrick reported that she had picked out the paint colors for the Old Armory, off white for the outside of the building and a light and dark tan for the interior.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Council President Wiederrick called on Jane Ereaux from the Phillips County Historical Society. Ms. Ereaux reported that the stagecoach/mud wagon owned by the City that was in Bozeman for refurbishment was ready to come home. Ms. Ereaux reported that Bob Ereaux, Greg Rummel and herself would drive down and haul it back home next week. Ms. Ereaux asked Council to write a letter authorizing her to transport the stagecoach/mud wagon from Bozeman to Malta. Ms. Ereaux asked if the city had a place to store the stagecoach/mud wagon until space was available in the transportation display. After some discussion it was decided that the Old Armory would be the best place to store it. Ms. Ereaux reported that she would like to unveil the refurbished stagecoach/mud wagon and give rides to attendees during the Octoberfest Celebration on October 28, 2021. Ms. Ereaux informed Council that there was a balance of \$1667.00 still owed for the refurbishment and asked if the City would be willing to pay the final bill. After some discussion, Councilperson Sintler moved to pay the remaining \$1667.00 owed and write a letter authorizing the transportation of the stagecoach/mud wagon back to Malta, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Council President Wiederrick called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Hick Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried. Council President Wiederrick thanked Jane Ereaux and Kay Hould for attending the meeting.
2. Council President Wiederrick presented Council with Resolution 1309 cancelling the November 2, 2021 general election of certain municipal officers for the City of Malta.

Clerk Bond reported that the resolution would cancel the election of the uncontested positions of Mayor (John Demarais) & Ward 2 (Bonnie Wiederrick). Councilperson Hicks moved to adopt Resolution 1309, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Council President Wiederrick called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Council President Wiederrick presented Council with information about the current City land leases. Council President Wiederrick reported that Council had discussed the possibility of giving the City's leased grazing land a rest year due to the drought conditions this year and to address the leafy spurge and noxious weeds on the grazing land. Council agreed that it would be best not to lease out any of the City's grazing land in 2022 and letters needed to be sent to the current lease holders informing them of Council's decision. This would give the City time to work with Phillips County Weed Coordination, Greg Kelsey. Councilperson Rummel moved to not lease out any of the City's grazing land in 2022 and send out letters to the current lease holders, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Council President Wiederrick called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
4. Council President Wiederrick presented Council with information about the current and proposed landfill rates. After much discussion, it was decided that Council would have a work meeting to go over the options before proceeding with a resolution changing the landfill rates.

**OTHER COMMENTS**

1. Councilperson Sintler asked if the goat had been removed from a city resident's yard. PWD Truelove stated that he had not seen it since he had contacted the homeowner about it.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:49pm.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer