

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

September 24, 2019

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 present: Janet Berg, Assistant Park & Recreation Director Jessica Zeiger, Jane Ereaux, Anne Boothe, Mark Hebert from PCN and Kate Songer, Christine Sonnare, Ben Roberts, Michael Lorenzo from the Montana Conservation Corps

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais thanked Council President Wiederrick for chairing the September 10, 2019 Council Meeting.

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 Wiederrick moved to approve claim checks 25724 to 25740, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove thanked Council for letting him attend the Levee Workshop. It was very informative.
2. PWD Truelove reported that no more mosquito spraying would take place this season.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the crew was out patching the streets and trimming trees in the alleys.
4. PWD Truelove reported that he had ordered the speed notification sign and they would be fabricating a trailer for it in-house.
5. PWD Truelove reported that last Friday the Legg Lift Station bypass had failed. Tyler from Lakeside Excavation was called out to fix it.
6. PWD Truelove reported that the crew would be blowing out sprinkler systems in the parks and winterizing bathrooms at Riverview Park, Hillcrest Park, Veteran's Park and the old bathroom in Trafton Park.
7. PWD Truelove reported that he would be blading the road to the new armory and putting some gravel on it.
8. PWD Truelove reported that Adam's Asphalt would be paving the short section of road between Northwest Energy and Green's Diesel. PWD Truelove stated that with all the truck traffic, a gas line was exposed in the street which posed a

danger. Clerk Bond stated that the new gas tax funds would be used to pay for the paving of the road.

9. Assistant Park & Recreation Director Zeiger reported that one hundred nineteen kids had signed up for youth soccer. Five teams are signed up for adult volleyball. Tiny Tots will be starting soon and youth basketball will start in November.
10. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register and the revenue and expenditure actual vs budget reports.
11. Clerk Bond thanked Council for letting her attend the Levee Workshop and the Local Government Workshop.
12. Mayor Demarais informed Council that there would be a Planning Board Meeting tomorrow at 5:30pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Members of the Montana Conservation Corps introduced themselves and stated that they have been working on projects for the BLM in the area. As part of their service they liked to attend public meetings in the areas that they are working in.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais called on Jane Ereaux. Ms. Ereaux went over the history of the stagecoach/mud wagon. The estimated restoration cost is \$32,000. To date they have raised \$12,500 and they are putting in for a \$13,000 grant to offset the costs of the restoration. Ms. Ereaux asked Council if they would agree to sponsor the grant and write a letter of support. Mayor Demarais asked Council if they would be willing to donate \$500.00 in city funds to the restoration project. After some discussion Council agreed to wait and see if the Stagecoach Restoration Committee is awarded the grant. After much discussion, Councilperson Sintler moved to sponsor the grant, write a letter of support and appoint Jane Ereaux as the administrator of the grant, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Nan Gabriel from Bear Paw Development was not at the meeting. No action taken
3. Mayor Demarais presented Council with his proposal to replace the yield signs with stop signs on the streets crossing 5th Avenue East from 2nd Street to 9th Street. Councilperson Rummel made a motion to put stop signs on the streets crossing 5th Avenue East from 2nd Street to 9th Street, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.
4. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the compliance certificates for the 2016 water project. Councilperson Rummel moved to have Mayor Demarais sign the compliance certificates, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
5. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Amendment No. 1 for Grant Agreement RIPT-19-0145 former Malta Airport Voluntary Brownfield Cleanup. Councilperson Sintler moved to have Mayor Demarais sign the amendment, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote.

Councilperson Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.

6. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Resolution 1276. A resolution of intention of the City of Malta to modify the basis on which sewer rates are charged thereby increasing rates for the use and availability of the municipal sewer system. After much discussion about the new methodology and rates, Councilperson Rummel moved to table Resolution 1276 until the next meeting, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. Councilperson Wiederrick stated that she had received complaints about the Ruby and Sapphire Street signs in the Hillcrest area being washed out and unreadable.
2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the lawn letters.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:14pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer