

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL

MALTA CITY HALL

September 27, 2022

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: Kari Hould from PCN.

Council President Wiederrick opened the meeting at 5:01pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. None

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

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

Councilpersons Rummel and Hicks presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve claim checks 27922 to 27937 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that there had been an exploratory dig by the old Ray J's building looking for the building's curb stop.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the sewer main the runs behind the Phillips County Museum had to be jetted because it was full of grease and during the jetting process the city's jetter failed and he had to call on Lakeside Excavation to complete the project. PWD Truelove asked Council if he should talk to all the businesses in the area about the grease or if a letter should be sent to the businesses. After much discussion, it was decided that PWD Truelove should visit with the businesses.
3. PWD Truelove reported that new 300 gallon garbage cans had arrived and he would be putting them out as needed.
4. PWD Truelove reported that he had parked unit 45, the 2012 Freightliner Garbage Truck because of the increased maintenance costs. It would only be used when a second garbage truck would be needed.
5. PWD Truelove reported that Ezzie's Lift Station had been pumped again and he was currently trying to locate new pumps to purchase.
6. PWD Truelove reported that he had been in court this morning because of an animal control case about a dog running at large. The person who was issued a dog running at large citation pled not guilty and the issue would go to trial. Both parties involved were ordered by Judge Stahl to license their dogs with the city.
7. PWD Truelove reported that the Dike Inspection had went well and he still had to camera the storm drains under the dike and forward the footage to the Corp of Engineers.
8. PWD reported that the bathroom at Riverview Park was closed for the season because of vandalism. Four days in a row City Custodian Lesa Williamson had found the bathroom and park covered with globs of wet toilet paper. It was discouraging to find Riverview Park and the bathroom like this every morning. Which lead to the decision to close the bathroom.
9. PWD Truelove reported that he would have the City Crew blow out the sprinkler lines in the parks and the other park's bathrooms would be closed and winterized depending on the weather.

10. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register and the current shut off list.
11. Clerk Bond reported the City had received a letter from Russell Industries Inc. waiving the \$20,000 cancellation fees charged to the City of Malta because the city had cancelled the order for Gorman Rupp Pumps for the Trafton Park Lift Station Project. The City had cancelled the order because the Gorman Rupp Pumps would not arrive until late 2022 or early 2023 because of this it was decided to go with Flygt Pumps because they would arrive sooner. It was noted in the last Council Meeting minutes that the Flygt Pumps had arrived on September 13, 2022.
12. PWD Truelove reported that there would be a few change orders coming for the Trafton Park Lift Station Project because a manhole would need to be replaced to meet the flow demand.
13. PWD Truelove reported that the project would have to source the cement needed from Havre because there was no submittal from the local business.
14. PWD Truelove reported that everything was moving along on the Trafton Lift Station Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council President Wiederrick presented Council with Trafton Lift Station Project, Lakeside Excavation Inc. Pay App No. 2. Councilperson Sintler moved to approve the pay app, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Council President Wiederrick called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. Councilperson Rummel stated that he had attended the open house for the new Phillips County Transit building and he asked PWD Truelove if he could have some gravel placed in one of the intersections near the building. PWD Truelove stated he would have some gravel placed in the intersection.
2. Councilperson Rummel informed Council that the Great Plains Dinosaur Museum building would not be used this winter so it would have to be drained and winterized. PWD Truelove asked Councilperson Rummel to let him know when they wanted it winterized.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer