

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

October 6, 2023

Officials present:

Mayor John Demarais

Councilpersons Ward I: David Rummel

William Hicks

Councilpersons Ward II: Bonnie Wiederrick

Clerk/Treasurer: Lorie Bond

Public Works Director: James Truelove

Others attended: City Fire Chief Joshua Newman, Compliance Officer John Wright III, Park & Recreation Director Sally Wright and Kari Hould from PCN

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 9:00am.

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 Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Rummel presented claims.

Councilperson Hick moved to approve claim checks 28643 to 28674, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve September 2023 payroll, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that the City Crew had been blowing out the underground sprinklers.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the leaf list is available for when people start calling to have their leaves picked up.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the alleys were being bladed and he hoped to finish the patching next week.
4. Clerk Bond presented Council with the September financials, the current check register, current shut off list and the payroll vacation, sick leave & overtime report.
5. Fire Chief Newman reported that the Fire Department had been busy with forty plus calls. Fire Chief Newman reported that there was a small house fire and they were able to contain the fire to one room and the house had extensive smoke damage.
6. Fire Chief Newman reported that he had to purchase a new compressor for the Fire Hall because the old one had failed.
7. Fire Chief Newman reported that members had attended extraction training in Glasgow and would be doing a mock house fire.
8. Fire Chief Newman reported that they would be building a small fire in the lot next to the Fire Hall for training this month.
9. Fire Chief Newman reported that the main water valve into the Fire Hall was stiff and may need to be replaced.

10. Fire Chief Newman reported that all of the members had turnouts and he would like to replace three of the SCBA tanks again this year. Fire Chief Newman stated that he would present the cost to Council once he had a firm quote.
11. Fire Chief Newman reported that at present time there were twenty two volunteer fire fighters and a waiting list.
12. Fire Chief Newman reported that October was Fire Prevention Month and had contacted PWD Truelove about using the swimming pool bathhouse on October 31st for a Fire Prevention Month presentation for the Elementary School. He had purchased a fog machine and planned on filling the bathhouse with fog so the students can experience lack of visibility during a fire.
13. PRD Wright reported that the soccer program had 79 players, there were 38 dancers, 8-10 students in martial arts, 5 tiny tots, 19 people in yoga and 8 in the low impact exercise program.
14. Compliance Officer Wright reported that he had sent out 11 lawn letters and all but two were in compliance.
15. Compliance Officer Wright reported that he had sent out 7 camper letters and all but two were in compliance.
16. Compliance Officer Wright reported that he had sent out 5 vehicle letters and all had been moved except two.
17. Compliance Officer Wright reported that he had sent 4 junk letters and all but one was in compliance.
18. Compliance Officer Wright reported that he was willing to work with people who communicated with him.
19. PWD Truelove reported that Lakeside was at the Trafton Lift Station and had completed the punch list and Great West Engineering would be giving the City official notice that the punch list was completed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais opened up the deer management discussion by stating he didn't know what to do but he would like to have a plan. Councilperson Hicks stated that Havre had an archery hunt and got 13 out of 30 permitted by the FWP. Mayor Demarais stated that he did not want an archery hunt in the City Limits. Councilperson Hicks stated that Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks should be involved in the planning. After much discussion about the subject, Mayor Demarais informed Council that he wanted to meet with FWP and come back to Council with a report.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. Councilperson Rummel reported that the Great Plains Dinosaur Museum had closed for the season and he would be working with PWD Truelove to have the building winterized.
2. Councilperson Hicks asked if there had been any more vandalism and the answer was no.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:35am.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer