

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

October 9, 2018

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 and Pierre Bibbs from PCN

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais stated that he had attended the MLCT Conference in Butte and it was very beneficial.

Councilperson Hicks pointed out an error in the minutes. Councilperson Hicks stated that he did not make the motion to approve the claims, Councilperson Sintler had. Clerk Bond checked her notes from the meeting and confirmed that Councilperson Sintler had made the motion. Councilperson Rummel moved to approve the minutes with the one correction as stated above, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Sintler presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve claim checks 24958 to 24996, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve the September 2018 Payroll, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove thanked Council for letting him attend the MLCT.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the rest area and the newer bathroom at Trafton Park are still open. All of the other park bathrooms and the park sprinkler systems are winterized.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the City Crew had started jetting sewer lines in the trouble areas around town and the leaf truck would be out picking up leaves.
4. PWD Truelove reported that a pump at the Heritage Manor Lift Station had failed and he had ordered a new pump. Because of this, the crew has had to keep a close eye on the lift station resulting in increased overtime.
5. PWD Truelove reported that there was two feet of grease on the surface in the Ezzie's lift station wet well. He had called in Lakeside Excavation to pump the grease out of the wet well.
6. PWD Truelove reported that Shop Foreman Witmer was at water school in Bozeman this week.

7. PWD Truelove reported that he had ordered a card reader for the coin pump station.
8. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register and the current water shut off list, the September financials and the September payroll vacation, sick leave and overtime report.
9. Clerk Bond reported that Tiffany Lyden from the DNRC floodplain had informed her that they had received the grant money to fund the project to Lidar the Milk River in Blaine and Phillips County. Ms. Lyden stated that planes would be flying overhead during the Lidar process and they had hired a crew to survey the river by boat. Clerk Bond reported that Traci Sears, the Montana National Flood Insurance Program Coordinator would be in Malta on November 13th at 2:30pm to meet with her. Clerk Bond invited Mayor Demarais and Council to attend the meeting if they wanted to.
10. Clerk Bond reported that the City currently received \$1620.00/year from Charter Communications for leasing land by the water tanks. Clerk Bond stated that Charter wanted to enter into another five-year lease for \$1620.00/year. Clerk Bond reported that she would place the Charter Lease on the next agenda and asked Council to think about if they want to stay with the \$1620.00/year lease amount or present Charter with a counter offer.
11. Clerk Bond reported that Karen the homeless lady had moved back into the shelter behind the Girl Scout House. Clerk Bond stated that she would put in a trespassing complaint with the Sheriff's Office. Clerk Bond reported that she hoped to have security cameras installed in the City Hall by the end of the month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had been approached by Clearwater Holdings LLP about purchasing a 50-foot by 140-foot section of the lot west of City Hall for \$27,000.00. Mayor Demarais stated that the City would have to have the property appraised and have Kaiser re-plat the property. Councilperson Rummel moved to purchase the land from Clearwater Holdings LLP, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. With no further discussion, Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had met with the County Commissioners to discuss the up-keep of the walking trail between Joe's In & Out and the Wagner turnoff that will be constructed during the Highway 191 South project in 2023. Mayor Demarais stated that he had suggested that the City and County work together and share the upkeep of the walking trail. Councilperson Sintler moved to have Mayor Demarais work with Phillips County on a maintenance agreement for the future walking trail, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. With no further discussion, Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
3. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the NewFields Service Agreement & Statement of Work. Mayor Demarais stated that the scope of work would

complete the MBID cleanup requirements. Mayor Demarais reported that the grant money should cover the final cost of the project unless DEQ requires additional comments. After some discussion, Councilperson Rummel moved to sign the agreements with NewFields, 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 Wills Office World Copier Service Agreement. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to renew the copier service agreement, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that Target Lodging which provides the man camps for the Keystone Pipe Line had agreed to pay \$20,000.00 towards upgrades to the current water pump station.
2. Councilperson Wiederrick informed Council that she had received complaints from people who walk in the gym about the uneven surface of the tarp placed on the city hall gym floor during events. PWD Truelove stated that he would modify the tarps so they would lay flatter.

Mayor Demarais closed the regular Council Meeting at 5:45pm

Mayor Demarais re-opened the regular Council Meeting at 6:51pm

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer