

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL

MALTA CITY HALL

October 11, 2022

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 attended: Kari Hould from PCN.

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had attended the Montana League of Cities & Towns Conference in Kalispell last week.

Councilperson Sintler 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 Sintler presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Sintler asked about all the Park & Rec refunds. After some discussion, Mayor Demarais asked Council to bring refund policy suggestions to the next meeting.

Councilperson Wiederrick asked about the power brush attachment for the Skid Steer. PWD Truelove explained that it was a broom attachment that could be used to sweep areas that are too small to sweep with the backhoe sweeper.

Councilperson Wiederrick asked about the gas alert purchase. PWD Truelove stated that it was purchased to replace the older model the crew was currently using. The gas alert is used to test the air before anyone entered a confined space.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve claim checks 27938 to 27978 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve September 2022 payroll, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove thanked Council for letting him attend the MLCT Conference in Kalispell.
2. PWD Truelove reported that he had ordered new pumps for the Ezzie's Lift Station and would have them installed once they arrive.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the Hillcrest Park/Skate Park bathroom was closed for the season this past weekend because of vandalism.
4. PWD Truelove reported that Veteran's Park bathroom and Hillcrest Park/Skate Park would be winterized later in the week.
5. PWD Truelove reported that all of the park sprinklers had been winterized.
6. PWD Truelove reported a new three inch valve had been ordered for the bulk water station and would be installed once it arrives.
7. PWD Truelove reported that the sewer lagoon would be winterized later in the week.
8. PWD reported that there would be a dig behind Heritage Manor to repair a leaking corporation next week.
9. Councilperson Rummel reported that the Great Plains Dinosaurs Museum had been winterized for the season.

10. Clerk Bond presented Council with the September financials, current check register, current shut off list, September payroll overtime, vacation, sick leave reports
11. Clerk Bond reported that the men's side of the Trafton Park bathroom had been vandalized last week and may have to be closed if it happens again.
12. Clerk Bond reported that she would be meeting with Nadene Wadsworth from DNRC tomorrow about the levee recertification.
13. Clerk Bond reported that on Thursday she would be traveling to Fort Benton to the mandatory in person DES Mitigation Meeting.
14. Clerk Bond reported that Coleen Kautt from the Phillips County Ambulance Services had asked about holding a Town Hall meeting at the Event Center and wanted to know if Council would agree to waive the user fees. Clerk Bond reported that at the Town Hall meeting the PC Ambulance Service wanted the public to know that the ambulance service was in dire need of EMTs. Mayor Demarais informed Council that the Mayor can waive the fees and Mayor Demarais stated that he would waive the user fees.
15. Mayor Demarais informed Council that there would be a variance meeting sometime in the future.
16. PWD Truelove reported that there would be a wedding taking place at the event center this weekend.
17. Councilperson Wiederrick reported that the blinds at the Event Center needed to be replaced. Council agreed that Councilperson Wiederrick should pick out the new blinds.
18. PWD Truelove reported that the tie in to the sewer main for the new Trafton Park Lift Station had taken place last night and he passed around pictures of the process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. None.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. None

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:29pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer