

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

## MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

October 12, 2021

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: Fire Chief Josh Newman, Park & Recreation Director Sally Wright, Assistant Park & Recreation Director Kristina Benner and Mark Foss from PCN

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Bob Church from Great West Engineering had contacted him about applying for the next round of ARPA funds.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Hicks moved to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Wiederrick. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Sinter presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Hicks moved to approve claim checks 27265 to 27300, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve August 2021 payroll, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Wiederrick. Motion carried unanimously.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that Veterans Park bathroom was closed and winterized. The bathrooms at Trafton Park and the Rest Area are would remain open as long as the weather allows.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the City Crew had been cutting/trimming trees in the alleys, along the city streets and behind the Women's Club House.
3. PWD Truelove reported that there were issues with the UV system at the lagoon that would need to be fixed next spring.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the vac truck is out picking up leaf piles around town.
5. Mayor Demarais stated that he had contacted the State Building Inspector Yancey Beston and he needed detailed plans of the new bathroom to be installed in the Women's Club House. Councilperson Hicks asked what would be done about the large gaps between the walls and the fireplace that let the outside elements in. Mayor Demarais stated that they could be sealed using a special calking material.
6. Clerk Bond presented Council with the September financials, the current check register, the current shut off list, the September payroll overtime, vacation, sick leave reports and expenditure actual vs budget reports.

7. Fire Chief Josh Newman reported that there had been two big fires last summer and house fire season was coming up.
8. Fire Chief Newman asked Council if they would approve the purchase of the following equipment for the Volunteer Fire Department. A fire monitor/water cannon which would increase the efficiency that water could be applied to a fire. The monitor/water cannon that would cost \$2,300.00. The firefighters need new helmets to replace the outdated ones that they currently have. Sixteen new helmets at \$325.00 each would cost \$5,200.00.
9. Fire Chief Newman reported that last summer he had problems communicating with the state and federal fire crews because of the obsolete radios they were using. Fire Chief Newman stated that they would need three to four radios that would cost \$200.00 to \$300.00 each. Fire Chief Newman reported that he had arranged for the donation of batteries, antennas and programming software for the new radios which would be a substantial savings for the city. Fire Chief Newman stated that the county may pay for half of the cost for the new radios. Fire Chief Newman reported that it was suggested that they start with one radio and see how it works before ordering additional radios. Councilperson Hicks moved to approve the purchase of the monitor/water cannon, helmets and one radio for an estimated total of \$7700.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Hicks Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.
10. PRD Wright updated council on their past, present and future activities.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the proposal to officially name the Old Armory the Malta Event Center. Councilperson Sintler moved to name the Old Armory the Malta Event Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Hick Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.

#### **OTHER COMMENTS**

1. Councilperson Wiederrick asked Mayor Demarais about the trailer house on the west side of town. Mayor Demarais reported that the trailer house met all of the city codes however the owner did fail to pour the concrete ribbon footings before having the trailer house moved in.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Email from Dan Villwock about his Dare to Dream property.
2. 2021 DEQ Lagoon inspection report
3. Complaint form submitted by Justin Snell

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer