

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

## MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

October 22, 2019

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, Joy & Dennis Bebee and Mark Hebert from PCN

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had met with the people from the armory.

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

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

Councilpersons Rummel and Hicks presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve claim checks 25785 to 25802, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that City Crewmember David Wilkes was busy picking up leaves with the vac truck.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the alleys were being bladed and gravel was being applied as needed.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the lagoon had been winterized.
4. PWD Truelove reported that street signs had been replaced in the Hillcrest area. The new signs are green & white because the blue & white signs no longer meet code. PWD Truelove stated that he would start the process of slowly replacing all the blue & white signs.
5. PWD Truelove reported that public parking signs had been installed on the west side of City Hall. PWD Truelove asked Council if they wanted curbs installed in the public parking lot west of City Hall. Council agreed that curbs were not needed.
6. PWD Truelove reported that Vet's Park bathroom would be winterized on Wednesday.
7. PWD Truelove reported that the heaters would be installed in the cardboard building this week and the crew had started work on the new cardboard bin west of the Fire Department.
8. Mayor Demarais reported that he and PWD Truelove had met with the members of the National Guard today about upgrades needed to Fourth Street East. Mayor Demarais stated that they would have to go back to Washington DC to find out if there are additional funds available to put towards upgrades to the street. PWD Truelove reported that they plan to have the armory walled in by winter and work on it all winter.

9. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had been approached by Phillips County about going in 50/50 on a camera used to film sewer lines. Mayor Demarais stated that the City's half would be \$4000.00.
10. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he would have Crewmember David Wilkes working four hours a day all winter baling cardboard.
11. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register the current revenue and expenditure actual vs budget reports.
12. Clerk Bond presented Council with copies of the Water Project Official SRF Loan A \$500,000 loan forgiveness document.
13. Clerk Bond reported that the Floodplain Mapping Meeting would be taking place at 1:00pm on November 6, 2019 and the location of the meeting had not been determined yet.
14. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Lakeside Excavation's Pay App #1 for \$198,787.50. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve the pay app, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Mayor Demarais called on Joy & Dennis Bebee. Mrs. Bebee stated that she had stopped by the City Office multiple times to complain about the mess on the City property leased by Bishop Inc. Mrs. Bebee stated that they own a lot across from the mess and no one would want to purchase the lot or they would not want to build and live at the location if they had to look at the mess. Mayor Demarais stated that he had received multiple complaints about the mess. The lots were being leased for possible development not as a construction staging site. Mrs. Bebee stated that it is a residential area and she worried that they wouldn't have it cleaned up by winter. Mayor Demarais stated that something needed to be done because it is against the rules. Councilperson Wiederrick stated that the City needs to send a certified letter requesting the cleanup. Councilperson Rummel stated that he had verbally asked them to clean up the area. After much discussion Mayor Demarais thanked Mr. & Mrs. Bebee for attending the meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the Bishop Land Lease Agreement. Council discussed sending Bishop Inc a cleanup letter. Council wanted to make sure the letter state that all of the equipment, batch plant, cement and the pile of dirt be removed from the property. Council wanted the letter to state that the area is zoned residential and what they are using the lots for is not covered in the lease. Council wanted the letter to give a completion date of December 31, 2019. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to send Bishop Inc a cleanup letter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilperson Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.

#### **OTHER COMMENTS**

1. Councilperson Wiederrick reported on the PhillCo meeting she had attended.
2. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had reserved the VFW on December 14, 2019 for the Christmas Party.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer