

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL

MALTA CITY HALL

October 25, 2022

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: Phillips County Sheriff Jerry Lytle and Kari Hould from PCN.

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. None

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilpersons Rummel and Hicks presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Hicks asked about the Traffic Logic Claim. PWD Truelove explained that it was for cloud support for the traffic speed sign.

Councilperson ~~Rummel~~ Wiederrick moved to approve claim checks 27979 to 28001 2nd by Councilperson ~~Sintler~~ Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported the all the bathrooms had been closed and winterized except for the Rest Area and the Trafton Park Bathrooms.
2. PWD Truelove reported that there had been a dig behind Heritage Manor last week to repair two leaking corporations.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the Malta Irrigation District agreed to clean out the drainage ditch that runs between behind Heritage Manor to the bridge over the irrigation ditch by Hillcrest Park.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the leaf truck was out picking up leaves.
5. PWD Truelove reported that the city crew would start cutting tree branches that impede the garbage truck in the alley.
6. PWD Truelove presented Council with a \$13,947.00 quote for the installation of a card lock system and security cameras at the Event Center. Mayor Demarais asked Clerk Bond to put it on the November 8th Council Meeting Agenda.
7. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register and the current shut off list.
8. Clerk Bond reminded Council about the Child Abuse Prevention Training taking place on Thursday.
9. Clerk Bond reported that twenty of the Volunteer Fire Department's self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA) will need to be replaced in the next few years. Clerk Bond suggested that the City replace 2 - 3 this fall and 2 - 3 in the spring. Clerk Bond stated that she would get firm numbers on how much it would cost from Fire Chief Joshua Newman and present them to Council at the next meeting.
10. Phillips County Sheriff Jerry Lytle presented Council with the April 2022 - September 2022 Sheriff's Office Monthly Statistics. Sheriff Lytle went over the statistics with Council.
11. Mayor Demarais asked Sheriff Lytle how the new K9 was working out for the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Lytle reported during a random traffic stop the K9 had detected drugs linked to the drug cartel.

12. Mayor Demarais stated that he had received a variance request and asked Clerk Bond to set up the meeting.
13. Councilperson Wiederrick reported that the blinds for the conference room in the Event Center had been ordered. Councilperson Wiederrick stated that it was nice to see that the Event Center was being used as a community center not just a rental venue.
14. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had signed change order 3 for the Trafton Park Lift Station Project.
15. PWD Truelove reported that the Trafton Park Lift Station Project was 85% complete.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the Malta Event Center Sound System Bid submitted by Todd's Technology Store for the amount of \$6450.00. After some discussion, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to accept the bid, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Trafton Lift Station Draw 3 for \$151,374.70. Councilperson Hicks moved to approve Draw 3, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye. Motion carried.
3. Mayor Demarais informed Council that Bonny Ost had picked up another copy of the Waiver of Annexation with the date revised from July to October, on October 11, 2022. At this time the Osts had not returned the document to City Hall. No action taken. Nothing to approve.

OTHER COMMENTS

Councilperson Wiederrick reported that she had attended the 12:00pm/noon meeting with Liane Taylor from the MT Department of Commerce on October 19th and left the meeting sometime around 1:20pm. After she had left the meeting they must have discussed grants because Pam Wolsey from PhillCo called her the morning of the 25th asking if she would present Council with information regarding the Eastern MT Tourism grant and the possibility of the City applying for a grant to construct and install welcome to Malta signs on the four entrances into town.

Councilperson Wiederrick presented Council with all of the documentation provided by Ms. Wolsey. After much discussion, it was decided to wait and apply during the next grant cycle because of the short notice and tight turnaround time. More time would be needed to come up with a sign design, find acceptable locations for the signs and to prepare the grant application.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson ~~Sinclair~~ Hicks. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer