

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

## MALTA CITY COUNCIL

### MALTA CITY HALL

November 8, 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: Fire Chief Joshua Newman, Bonny Ost, Doug Ost and Kari Hould from PCN.

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. None

Councilperson Sintler pointed out that he hadn't attended the last Council Meeting and he was listed as seconding the claim payments and the motion to adjourn. Clerk Bond reported that she had made the changes in red in the Council Meeting Minute Ledger Book. Clerk Bond stated that she had found another error and had made the correction changing Rummel to Wiederrick made the motion to approve the minutes.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve the minutes with the above corrections, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilpersons Wiederrick and Sintler presented claims.

Councilperson Hicks moved to approve claim checks 28002 to 28033 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported there was a water insurance dig on the west side of town last week. The dig site had already been covered and paved.
2. PWD Truelove reported that an injector nipple had sprung a leak inside the Robinson Well House spraying water around the inside of the building. The water had caused some electrical damage and he was in the process of getting it repaired.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the Rest Area and the Trafton Park restrooms were closed due to cold temperatures.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the snow put an end to the leaf truck picking up leaves.
5. PWD Truelove reported that the city crew was still rounding up lost garbage cans after the high winds on Saturday.
6. PWD Truelove reported that he had the sander out today and would have the snow plow out depending on how much snow was received.
7. Clerk Bond presented Council with the October financials, current check register, current shut off list, payroll overtime, sick leave, vacation report and the budget vs actual report.
8. Clerk Bond reported that Randy Shores still has the Welcome to Malta sign. It turns out that another sign was erected in the location the Welcome to Malta sign was going to be installed leaving the City without a location to place the sign.
9. Malta Volunteer Fire Department Chief Joshua Newman reported that the majority of the calls had been for outside of city limits. There had been a few vehicle accidents in town and they had responded to Randy's Machine Shop because a tank had exploded which was exciting.

10. Fire Chief Newman reported that the department had three new members and he would eventually need to purchase new turnouts for them.
11. Fire Chief Newman reported that due to the age of the department's SCBAs, MES is no longer going to service them. Because of this, the fire department will eventually need to replace twenty SCBAs at a cost of +/- \$6550.00 each and the price could increase by 10% at the end of the year. Fire Chief Newman reported that at present time he would like to purchase three new SCBAs for the main fire truck and he would drop off the quote for the SCBAs as soon as he gets it so Council could consider the purchase at the next Council Meeting.
12. Fire Chief Newman reported that the department had smoke house training and he was impressed on how well his crew did.
13. Councilperson Wiederrick asked about the electric car fire suppression training he had talked about at a previous meeting. Fire Chief Newman stated that he's still looking into it.
14. Mayor Demarais informed Council that there would be a Planning Board Meeting at 5:30pm on November 16<sup>th</sup>.
15. Councilperson Wiederrick reported that the Specialty Fair at the Event Center was a great success and they were happy to have a kitchen to use.
16. Clerk Bond reported that Laura Pankratz had donated the 8' x 12' foot US Flag hanging in the Event Center. Clerk Bond stated that Councilperson Wiederrick had suggested hanging a US Flag on the wall at the Event Center and then Laura Pankratz donates the perfect flag for the wall.
17. Councilperson Hicks asked when the sound system would be installed at the Event Center because it was hard to hear the speakers at the Phillips County Ambulance meeting that took place at the Event Center. Mayor Demarais stated that Eric Wilke from Todd's Technology Store should be installing it sometime this month.
18. PWD Truelove reported that the Trafton Park Lift Station Project was still waiting on a few electrical boxes, NorthWestern Energy still needed to install the new power pole, the walls were up, the trusses and doors needed to be installed and the generator hadn't arrived yet.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with a \$13,947.00 quote for the installation of a card lock system and security cameras at the Event Center. PWD Truelove reported that a card key systems would be installed on the front and back doors, two cameras would be installed in the main room, one in the kitchen and four cameras on the outside of the building, one on each side. After much discussion, Councilperson Sintler moved to purchase card lock system and security cameras, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais informed Council that the motor on the siren on City Hall had seized leaving the siren inoperable. PWD Truelove reported that the current siren was from the 1940s and parts were no longer available. PWD Truelove stated that a new siren with the same specs as the current one would cost around \$18,000. After much discussion, it was decided that more research was needed. No action taken.
3. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Bonny & Doug Ost's Waiver of Annexation for a parcel of land in the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 19, Township 30 North, Range 30 East, M.P.M., more particularly described as follows, to-wit: From the southeast corner of the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 19, Township 30North, Range 30 East, M.P.M., proceed N00E02'W along the sub-division line,1417.8 feet; thence proceed N34E28'W, along the highway right-of-way line, 900.0 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence proceed S33E54'W, 450.7 feet; thence N65E53'W, 295.4 feet; thence along a curved line having a radius of 1960 feet, proceed northeasterly along the highway right-of-way line

647.4 feet; thence S34E28'E, along the highway right-of-way line, 388.0 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, as shown as Tract "A" on the plat attached to Deed of Conveyance Recorded in Book 66 of Deeds, pages 431-434. Councilperson Rummel moved to accept the waiver of annexation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Wiederrick. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.

**OTHER COMMENTS**

1. Councilperson Hicks asked PWD Truelove about the dog complains between two landowners. PWD Truelove stated his concerns and opinion on the matter and stated that it was now in the Judge's hands.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer