

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

November 9, 2021

Officials present:

Mayor John Demarais

Councilpersons Ward I: David Rummel

William Hicks

Councilpersons Ward II: Bonnie Wiederrick

James Sintler

Clerk/Treasurer: Lorie Bond

Director of Public Works: James Truelove

Others attended: Chuck Zanto, 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. Mayor Demarais informed Council that riding shotgun on the stagecoach/mud wagon was great.

Councilperson Hicks moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. 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 Rummel moved to approve claim checks 27323 to 27356, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve October 2021 payroll, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. DPW Truelove reported that this would be the last weekend the landfill would be open. The landfill was going to winter hours next week.
2. DPW Truelove reported that the vac truck, sweeper and the blade had been out this week.
3. DPW Truelove reported the City Crew would set up the Christmas decorations in Veteran's Park Thanksgiving week and they would light them the day after Thanksgiving.
4. DPW Truelove reported that there had been issues with Dobson Lift Station. It was a float issue and the floats have been replaced and now it is running like it should. DPW Truelove reported that two insurance claims had been filed. DPW Truelove stated that he would like to go from floats to a transducer system.
5. Councilperson Rummel reported that a resident had complimented Landfill Gatekeeper Levi Sandvick. Mr. Sandvick had helped the resident when he was struggling to unload his truck at the landfill.
6. Councilperson Wiederrick asked if the Landfill workers checked in at the City Shop before heading home for the day. DPW Truelove stated that they do and he stays at the shop until all of the employees had returned for the day.
7. Clerk Bond presented Council with the October financials, current check register, current shut off list, October payroll overtime, vacation, sick leave reports and the expenditure and revenue actual vs budget reports.

8. Clerk Bond presented Council with a packet dropped off at the office by Harold Lance from AMKO. The packet outlined how much the City would save if the City refinanced the USDA Loan. Mr. Lance asked Clerk Bond to ask Council if they would be open to him giving them a presentation on AMKO's services. Council agreed that Clerk Bond should contact Mr. Lance and let him know that they would like to hear his presentation.
9. Clerk Bond presented Council with a letter from Laurie Anderson Enebo asking for forgiveness of the penalties in regard to the water bill for the Central Video building and a copy of the account transaction sheet for the property in question. Clerk Bond reported that the account referred to in the letter did not have any penalties. Clerk Bond stated that the late Alice Anderson had three accounts, accounts 0247-00 and 0248-00 were current. However, account 0249-00 had an outstanding balance and penalties. After much discussion it was decided that Mayor Demarais should make the decision to forgive the penalties or not.
10. PRD Wright updated council on their past, present and future activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mayor Demarais called on Mr. Chuck Zanto. Mr. Zanto reported that he owned six lots in Murray Trailer Court and he wanted to purchase a 1976 16'x80' Gallatin trailer house and move it into the trailer court. Mr. Zanto stated that he did not want to purchase the trailer house and find out that it did not qualify to be moved in. Mr. Zanto stated that he realized he would have to purchase a state and city trailer court license and install cement runners before moving the trailer house in. Mr. Zanto passed around a picture of the trailer he wanted to purchase stating that he planned on replacing the roof and windows on the trailer house. Clerk Bond presented Council with the R2 zoning regulations and stated that the office staff and she could not locate any regulation stating an age requirement for Murray Trailer Court. After much discussion, Council agreed that Zoning Administrator Demarais would have to make the final decision when evaluating the Zoning Application.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with a contract from Geotechnical Evaluation to bore a soil test hole near the Trafton Lift Station. The soil evaluation is needed for the new Trafton Lift Station design project. Councilperson Rummel moved to approve the contract, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. Clerk Bond asked Council if there would be a Christmas party this year. After much discussion Council agree that there would not be a Christmas party again this year.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A Memo announcing an opening on the Montana League of Cities and Town's Board of Directors.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:07pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer