

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL

MALTA CITY HALL

November 22, 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: Charley Brockie, Fire Chief Joshua Newman, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Laurie Barrett, Park & Recreation Director Sally Wright, Assistant Park & Recreation Director Kristina Benner and Kari Hould from PCN.

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. None

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 Rummel and Hicks presented claims.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve claim checks 28034 to 28055 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that the snow removal equipment will be out tomorrow.
2. PWD Truelove reported that the new pump for Ezzie's Lift Station had arrived and he hoped to have it installed next week.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the parts had arrived for the Legg Storm Water Pump House and he would contact Jacobson Drilling to make the needed repairs.
4. PWD Truelove reported that he has been averaging one animal citation a week for animals running at large/nuisance animals. Councilperson Hicks asked if there was anything to report on the prior animal dispute between two neighbors. PWD Truelove stated that it was in the courts hands.
5. Councilperson Wiederrick asked PWD Truelove when vehicles needed to be removed from the streets for snow removal. PWD Truelove reported that all recreation vehicles had to be removed from city streets and alleys by December 1st or they would be tagged and towed.
6. PWD Truelove reported that the city crew had started putting up Christmas decorations.
7. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register, current shut off list and the budget vs actual report.
8. Clerk Bond reported that Jan Abrahamson had asked if the Red Cross could use the Event Center for the December 1st blood drive and if Council would waive the rental fees. Council agreed to let the Red Cross use the Event Center and to waive the rental fees.
9. Clerk Bond reported that she had been contacted by Lynnel LaBrie about the 4H Club having their Christmas Party at the Event Center on December 6th and asked if Council would waive the rental fees. Council agreed to let the 4H Club use the Event Center and to waive the rental fees.
10. Mayor Demarais asked Clerk Bond if the City had received any applications for the Compliance Officer Position. Clerk Bond reported that none had been received at this time.

11. Fire Chief Joshua Newman presented Council with a \$19,950.00 (\$6650.00 each) quote from Municipal Emergency Service for three SCBAs. Fire Chief Newman reported the departments SCBAs were 10 – 12 years old and MES would no longer be able to service them because of their age and that parts are getting harder to locate. Fire Chief Newman stated that the replaced SCBAs would be kept and used for parts when needed. Councilperson Hicks moved to purchase the Fire Department three new SCBAs, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Hicks Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
12. Fire Chief Newman reported that First State Bank had donated funds to purchase three new SCBA masks with thermal imaging built into the masks.
13. Fire Chief Newman reported that the department had three new members and he would eventually need to purchase new turnouts for them.
14. Mayor Demarais reported that the Planning Board had approved the variance request by Kelly & Colleen Murray to build a 12'x5' deck on the front of their house with the stipulation that the steps off the deck are located on the east or west side. Mayor Demarais informed Council that the Murrays would be appealing the Planning Boards decision to Council because locating the steps on the east or west side of the deck would take a lot of costly modification so they would like Council to approve building the steps off the front of the deck.
15. PRD Wright updated council on their past, present and future activities.
16. Councilperson Wiederrick reported that the Specialty Fair at the Event Center was a great success and Councilperson Rummel stated that they were impressed with PWD Truelove and how helpful he was.
17. Clerk Bond reported that a 6' x 10' Montana State flag had been purchased for the Event Center and Glenda Knudsen was currently putting grommets on the top of the flag.
18. PWD Truelove reported that the roof was put on the Trafton Park Lift Station and they were waiting on the tin. The inside walls were done and Northwestern Energy still had to set a new pole for the lift station.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mayor Demarais called on Charlie Brockie. Mr. Brockie asked why his water was shut off because a payment had been made on the account and he did not think he should have been charged the \$75.00 turn on fee. Mr. Brockie stated that there should be a ten day grace period before water is turned off. Deputy Clerk Laurie Barrett responded that the account was three months delinquent and once it reached that point the account had to be paid in full by the disconnect date and time. Deputy Clerk Barrett stated that a certified letter was sent which was not picked up. Mr. Brockie stated that he did not receive a certified letter and he had paid on the account on October 31st. Clerk Bond stated that the payment was due on October 20th so the payment was late. Clerk Bond stressed the importance of not letting an account get to the three month delinquency point and contacting the City Clerk's Office if there were any questions about the account.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with an out of city garbage service request from Nicholas Cebulski. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve the out of city garbage service and provide the Cebulski's with a 96 gallon garbage can, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Rummel Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Lakeside Excavation Inc. Pay App 4/Draw 4 for \$36,575.14. Councilperson Hicks moved to approve Pay App 4/Draw 4, 2nd by Councilperson Rummel. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye. Motion Carried.
3. Mayor Demarais presented Council with Trafton Lift Station Project Change Order 3 that would increase the total cost of the project by \$5,635. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve Change Order 3, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a

roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Hicks Aye, Rummel Aye.
Motion Carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. None

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:43pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer