

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

November 24, 2020

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: Janet Berg, Park & Recreation Director Sally Wright and Park & Recreation Assistant Director Kristina Benner.

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:02pm.

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 Wiederrick and Sintler presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve claim checks 26588 to 26654, 2nd by Councilperson Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve October 2020 payroll, 2nd by Councilperson Wiederrick. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that the hydrant flushing was completed. Four of the hydrants installed during the water project need to be repaired and the repairs will take place in the spring.
2. PWD Truelove reported that there was a dig on Central Avenue due to a leaking service line between the main and the curb stop.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the vehicles had been serviced, Trafton Park was closed for the season and snow removal would be taking place when needed.
4. PWD Truelove reported that there had been issues with the city siren. At this time the siren cannot be set off by the timer in the Council Room or from the Sheriff's Office. There are issues with the 1950's electrical system. The system needs to be rewired and a new electric panel needs to be installed. It would cost \$9,300.00 to get the siren up and going again. In the meantime the siren can be set off manually. Mayor Demarais went over how often and at what time other cities/towns exercised their sirens. Clerk Bond reported that she had been setting off the siren manually each night and asked if Council wanted to continue setting it off manually. After some discussion, Mayor Demarais stated that the siren should be exercised at 6:00pm each night with the siren being set off manually. Clerk Bond stated that she would meet with staff and set up a schedule to set off the siren.
5. PWD Truelove reported that he had scheduled a Safety Meeting to take place on December 1, 2020.

6. Clerk Bond presented Council with the October financials, the current check register, the current shut off list, the October payroll overtime, vacation, sick leave report and the revenue and expenditure actual vs budget reports.
7. Clerk Bond reported that she had received a \$2,772.93 quote from Triangle Communications for a new phone system for City Hall. Clerk Bond stated that it was not an urgent need, the current phone system was working. This past month the Triangle service tech was at City Hall to install a phone line into the Park & Recreation Office and had discussed getting a quote from Triangle for a new phone system. Mayor Demarais stated that the current phone system was around twenty years old. Clerk Bond asked Council how they felt about installing a new phone system. After much discussion, Mayor Demarais asked Clerk Bond to place it on the next agenda.
8. P&R Director Wright introduced Kristina Benner, her new Assistant P&R Director to Council.
9. P&R Director Wright went over the completed recreation activities and the upcoming activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the Amended Plat: Malta Original Townsite – Lots 39 thru 42, Block 3, Malta Original Town Site, SE1/4NE1/4, Section 18, T30N, R30E, P.M.M. Phillips County, Montana. Councilperson Rummel moved to accept the plat, 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. Mayor Demarais stated that due to COVID-19 it looks like there will not be a Christmas Party this year. The City may have to hold a Christmas in July party.
2. Councilperson Rummel asked how the new pole barn was working out at the landfill. PWD Truelove stated that it was nice to keep the equipment plugged in and out of the weather.
3. Councilperson Hicks asked how the work was going on the pool bathhouse. PWD Truelove stated the Contractor Zane Doney still had two walls to complete the stucco on. Council stated that they thought Mr. Doney was no longer on the project and requested that he be removed. PWD Truelove stated that he would have him removed from the project.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:32pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer