

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

November 26, 2019

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 present: Janet Berg, Brandon Millican, Tyanna Dunbar, Ann Remely, CJ Bishop, City Attorney Dan O'Brien and Mark Hebert from PCN

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that he had contacted Shayne Bishop of Bishop Inc. about cleaning up the lots he is currently leasing from the City of Malta. Mayor Demarais stated that Shayne would start cleaning up the property when all of his work projects were completed. Mayor Demarais reported that Bishop Inc. still planned on purchasing and developing the lots. Councilperson Wiederrick asked if the sale of the lots could be postponed until they were cleaned up. Mayor Demarais stated that he would have to look at the contract.

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

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

Councilpersons Rummel and Hicks presented claim warrants.

Councilperson Wiederrick moved to approve claim checks 25852 to 25879, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported the final inspection of the Legg Lift Station had taken place and the wet well was tested.
2. PWD Truelove reported that David Jaynes had attended SafetyFest in Billing and had given the crew a forty five minute overview of what he had learned.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the Christmas banners and decorations were up.
4. PWD Truelove reported that there may not be an ice skating rink this year. PWD Truelove had asked the engineers about having the skating rink so close to the new lift station and they did not recommend it. The City would have to find a new location for the ice skating rink.
5. PWD Truelove reported that the City Crew would be plowing and sanding as needed.
6. PWD Truelove reported that he would start tagging and towing recreation vehicles parked on the streets.
7. PWD Truelove reported that on Friday November 22, 2019 there had been an inspection by the Montana Department of Labor Industry. PWD Truelove reported on the findings and what corrections would be made.
8. Clerk Bond presented Council with the current check register, the current water shut off list, revenue and expenditure actual vs budget reports.

9. Clerk Bond asked Council if they wanted to change the Tuesday December 24, 2019 Council Meeting to a different day. After some discussion Council asked Clerk Bond to place on the next agenda that they would be changing the December 24, 2019 to 12:00pm on Friday December 27, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Demarais called on City Attorney Dan O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien reported that he had looked at the City Ordinances and it was set up so Council could reside over Planning Board decisions. An appeal would have to be received and a public hearing would have to be held concerning the appeal and Council would have to vote to approve or deny the variance approved by the Planning Board. Mayor Demarais went on record that he would be appealing the Schorr/Millican Variance approved by the Planning Board. Ms. Tyanna Dunbar asked why he would appeal the variance. Mayor Demarais stated that the house was in compliance when it was purchased and the buyer knew the layout of the house. Now the owner wants to modify the house so it is out of compliance. Mr. Brandon Millican stated that it was not right. Mayor Demarais was the only person to admit in public that they're against the variance. Mayor Demarais stated that there was no need for the variance and the addition must meet the setback requirements. Councilperson Rummel stated that it was Mayor Demarais' job to point out what is against code. Mr. O'Brien stated that all the concerns would have to be covered at the public hearing. Mayor Demarais asked if anyone had any additional comments three times. With no addition comments Mayor Demarais thanked Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Millican for attending the meeting.
2. Mayor Demarais called on CJ Bishop of Bishop Building Supply. Mr. Bishop presented Council with his request to extend the angle parking on the South side of First Street East through the 200 block. Mr. Bishop stated that angle parking would add three additional parking spots. Clerk Bond stated that Council would have to amend the existing angle parking Resolution. Councilperson Rummel moved to amend the current angle parking resolution, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye, Hicks Aye. Motion Carried. Clerk Bond stated that she would place the new resolution on the next agenda.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. None

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2nd by Councilperson Sintler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:38pm.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer