

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

## MALTA CITY COUNCIL MALTA CITY HALL

December 8, 2020

Officials present:

Mayor John Demarais

Councilpersons Ward I: David Rummel

Councilpersons Ward II: Bonnie Wiederrick

James Sintler

Clerk/Treasurer: Lorie Bond

Public Works Director: James Truelove

Others attended: None

Mayor Demarais opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Mayor Demarais informed Council that Great West Engineering had presented Malta Trails a contract for \$2,500.00 for the engineering service needed to refurbish the old bridge by Trafton Park into a walking bridge. Mayor Demarais stated the Bob Church from Great West Engineering thought that bridge improvement could be funded by grants.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. 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 claim warrants.

Councilperson Rummel moved to approve claim checks 26655 to 26689, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Wiederrick. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sintler moved to approve November 2020 payroll, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS, COMMITTEES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. PWD Truelove reported that all of the Christmas lights and banners were up.
2. PWD Truelove reported that City Crew Member Nick Cilz was building furniture for the swimming pool bath house. PWD Truelove stated that Nick was doing a great job and the desk and cabinet he had built so far were very impressive.
3. PWD Truelove reported that the contractor had been removed from the bath house project and he had received a quote from another contractor to finish the project.
4. PWD Truelove reported that the parts to repair the siren should be in this week and the siren would be out of service while the repairs were being made.
5. PWD Truelove reported that the parts for Trafton Lift Station had arrived after being held up at the Canadian Border. Most of the work would be done in house with the help from Jake Jacobson.
6. Councilperson Rummel asked PWD Truelove how the new skid steer was working out. PWD Truelove stated that it was great and recently they had been using it to load cardboard from the large cardboard bin onto a trailer.
7. Councilperson Wiederrick stated that the new Christmas display looked really nice.
8. Clerk Bond presented Council with the November financials, the current check register, the current shut off list, the November payroll overtime, vacation, sick leave report and the revenue and expenditure actual vs budget reports.

9. Clerk Bond reported that Greg Boos would be stepping down as Fire Chief of the City's Volunteer Fire Department as of December 31, 2020 and Josh Newman would be taking over the position.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the Hi-Line Retirement Center Community Development Block Grant, Draw #1. Councilperson Rummel moved to approve HLRC CDBG Draw #1, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Demarais presented Council with the Triangle Communications quote for \$2772.93 to install a new phone system in City Hall. Councilperson Wiederrick moved to purchase a new phone system from Triangle Communications for City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Wiederrick Aye, Sintler Aye, Rummel Aye. Motion Carried.
3. Mayor Demarais informed Council that it was time to select a business for fuel purchases in 2021. Mayor Demarais stated currently the City was purchasing fuel from Equity Co-op and the next business in the rotation was Westside Self Service. Councilperson Rummel moved to purchase fuel from Westside Self Service in 2021, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Sintler. Mayor Demarais called for a roll call vote. Councilpersons Rummel Aye, Sintler Aye, Wiederrick Aye. Motion Carried.

**OTHER COMMENTS**

1. Mayor Demarais stated that a couple people had approached him about opening up pot shops within the City of Malta.

With no other business, Councilperson Wiederrick moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Rummel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer