



**Town of Mammoth**  
**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING**  
**OF THE MAMMOTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON OCTOBER 6, 2016**

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Mammoth Town Council held October 6, 2016 pursuant to the notice required by law.

**1. Call to Order**

- a. Mayor Jones called this meeting to order at 7:00PM

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call**

**a. Council Members Present**

Mayor Don Jones  
Vice Mayor Rogina Medina  
Councilman Bob Sloan  
Councilman Joe Dietz  
Councilman Al Anaya

**Staff Members Present**

Stephen Cooper, Attorney  
Sharon Christiansen, Librarian

**Council Members Absent**

Councilman Pete Gallego  
Councilman Ernest Bustamante

**4. Executive Session**

- a. Council entered into an Executive Session at 7:04PM Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (1), (3) and (4).
  - i. Discussion of employment of a public officer-Town Clerk
  - ii. Consideration of Employment of Town Clerk including possible discussions of the following:
    - 1. Contract Negotiations
    - 2. Legal Advice with Town Attorney on Item 5 Below
    - 3.
- b. Mr. Cooper advised Council that this Executive Session would be for legal advice only.
- c. **Motion was made by Councilman Sloan and Second by Councilman Dietz votes cast 5-0 Motion passed and Executive Session was then opened.**
- d. The Executive Session was closed and the Special Meeting reconvened at 7:15PM

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5. **Motion for reconsideration of Vote made September 22, 2016 to hire Town Clerk (A. Sanchez)**

- a. Mayor Jones asked A. Sanchez if she would like to address the Council prior to the vote on this motion. She declined stating that she would want to wait until council had made their decision. Mr. Cooper stated that discussion of prior action and reasons for rescinding this action was appropriate.
- b. Mayor Jones explained that when the prior action was taken, and the vote was 5-1 with at the time Councilman Jones making the 1 NO vote, the negotiations and interview procedure was not fully completed nor had the financial state of the town been considered. At this time the town is in need of hiring a police chief which will cost the town approximately \$30,000. There is talk of one of the coalition towns backing out; if this occurs it could mean that Mammoth will be responsible for upwards of \$60,000.
- c. Mayor Jones also explained that the town has been without financial accounting for the past 90 days due to Pat Walker Consulting leaving because of negative responses from two of the previous Council Members who are no longer seated. Mayor Jones also mentioned that at this time the town did not have the financial resources to hire a town clerk and wanted to allow a space of 60 days to revisit this matter to determine if the town can continue with the hire of a Town Clerk. Councilman Sloan and Councilman Anaya made short comments showing agreement with Mayor Jones. Vice Mayor Medina stated that the need for a Police Chief is most important and that if and when the town clerk position is open the town may approve the pay rate at \$45,000 but not at \$50,000.
- d. Mr. Cooper gave the options open to the council at this time
  - i. Resending of motion made on 9-22-2016 by having previous council yes votes reversed by those members from yes to no votes.
  - ii. Take no action and the hire will remain
  - iii. Table it for further meetings in which hire will remain
  - iv. Terminate hire at this time effective immediately
- e. Mayor Jones made discussion as to how the council may proceed in light of this information. Mayor Jones and the Council after discussion has decided to terminate the hire of A. Sanchez effective immediately and reconsider this matter complete with a full interview and negotiation talks in two weeks.

**Motion: To reconsider the vote of 9-22-16 for A. Sanchez as the Town Clerk**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Medina, Second by Councilman Sloan; a roll call was issued.**

Councilman Sloan	YES
Mayor Jones	YES
Councilman Dietz	YES
Councilman Anaya	YES
Vice Mayor Medina	YES

**Motion Passes 5-0**

Mr. Cooper addressed the Council reminding them that A. Sanchez would now like to make her statement to the Council.

- f. Sanchez addressed the Council stating that she was understanding of the Council's concerns and appreciates the opportunity to come back in two weeks and complete the full interview process. She also stated that at that time she would consider accepting the town offer of \$45,000 if selected for the position at that time. She also stated that she also has interest in what is best for the Town of Mammoth and will await the next meeting with the Council.

**6. Consideration of Employment or Termination of Public Officer- Town Clerk**

- a. Prior to this motion being made Mr. Cooper suggested that the Hire or Re-Hire of a Town Clerk be placed on the agenda for the next Town Meeting in two weeks.

**Motion: To terminate the hire of A. Sanchez as Town Clerk effective immediately**

**Motion by Mayor Jones, Second by Councilman Sloan: a roll call was issued.**

Councilman Sloan	YES
Mayor Jones	YES
Councilman Dietz	YES
Councilman Anaya	YES
Vice Mayor Medina	YES

**Motion Passes 5-0**

**7. Consideration of Employment for Pat Walker Consulting as Town Finance and Budget Consultant**

**Motion to Employ Pat Walker Consulting as Town Finance and Budget Consultant**

**Motion by Councilman Sloan, Second by Councilman Dietz**

**Vote was in favor 5-0 Motion Passes**

**8. Appointment of Councilman Anaya and Councilman Dietz as authorized check signers on Town Financial Accounts.**

**Motion to add A. Anaya and J. Dietz as check signers on Town Financial Accounts**

**Motion by Councilman Sloan, Second by Vice Mayor Medina**

**Vote was in favor 5-0 Motion Passes**

**9. Possible Executive Session A.R.S. 38-403.03 (A) (1), (3), and (4) for legal advice for any Agenda item listed above. Finding no need for this session this item was vacated.**

**10. Adjourn**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Medina, Second by Councilman Dietz**

**Vote 5-0**

**Motion Passes Meeting adjourned at 7:42PM**

**I certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mammoth Town Council's Special Meeting held on October 6, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.**

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Rogina Medina, Interim Town Manager