

Regular Meeting, August 12, 2009

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AUGUST 12, 2009

6:00 P.M.

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 39-431.02B NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AUGUST 12, 2009 AT THE MAMMOTH TOWN HALL LOCATED AT:

125 NORTH CLARK STREET, MAMMOTH, ARIZONA.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Diane Theobald at 6:12 P.M.

A moment of silence requested for the loss of councilwoman Syble Ramirez. She will be missed.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Diane Theobald led the pledge of allegiance .

3. ROLL CALL:

CINDY BLAIR PRESENT

ERNEST BUSTAMANTE PRESENT

REBECCA BEISENSTEIN PRESENT

LARRY RAMIREZ ABSENT

DIANE THEOBALD PRESENT

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JUNE 10, 2009.

MOTION by Cindy Blair to approve minutes of June 10, 2009 regular meeting.
Second by Rebecca Beisenstien MOTION CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION & OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

A. MAMMOTH CEMETERY PRICES- CINDY BLAIR

Cindy Blaire reported that at a council meeting the mayor asked if we would review the prices of cemetery plots and costs of burials..Cindy Blair presented information she gathered (copy attached)

She explained in detail what she found.

Diane Theobald stated that she and Rebbeca Beisenstien had a meeting with Mr Ponce and Dario re: the cost of man hours to open and close plots. That it takes 3-4 hours. Cost of vaults.

A Mr. Joseph Brewer was present the chair recognized him to speak. He feels that especially in these economic times it is a shame to put additional expenses on peoples backs. He said he was present when Mr. Ponce said the costs were killing him. He asked about the number of men needed and the hours. It was explained to him that the men have to move items in adjoining plots, wait for the funeral to be over and people to leave before finishing and replacing items that had to be removed.

Rebecca Beisenstein stated the town is not raising prices to make money.

Cindy Blair reported that we are not necessarily talking about raising prices but reviewing them.

Diane Theobald mentioned how Planning & Zoning went over the Rules & Regulations and changed them to accommodate the citizens.

Maintenance was further discussed. Rebecca Beisenstein stated that workers are already working hard for what pay they get. That weekend burials are returned with comp time.

The item for consideration being the review of Cemetery costs and fees .

MOTION TO TABLE by Cindy Blair second by Ernest Bustamante for further research and to set up a meeting with Mr. Ponce. MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Brewer told how things used to be with the dump etc.

Rebecca Beisenstein said she has lived here 3+ years and loves this town . (As do I)

the people, the history, all of it good and bad. That our cemetery ties in with both the Tourism and historic aspect of what she and others through Diana Stirling are working for.

She also said how the Planning & Zoning Commission wants people to get on board with us to make the town better. Diane Theobald told of how our cemetery is mentioned on at least two different websites as historic and a place to see.

Mr. Brewer talked of how he and others are upset because they are not allowed to speak, at the town meetings that when people could speak they did come to the meetings. Since, council and Planning & Zoning only have Call to the Public. that has discouraged folks from coming.

Ernest Bustamante said we can and do allow people to speak here.

In discussing town clean up,

Mr. Brewer talked about bringing businesses to town to help with our economy. Diane Theobald said that as long as Mammoth looks like it does that will be hard to do. Discussed how Planning & Zoning has been trying to get citizens interested in this with no effect. A letter published in the Miner past spring did nothing!

The commission agrees we really want people to come and to tell us what they want and how they think we can work together to accomplish these goals. Diane Theobald mentioned the General Plan that is due requires the publics input!

Ernest Bustamante added that most towns would "kill" to have a major road going through their town like mammoth does. We need to capitalize on that.

Discussed some possible ways to get more citizens involved this needs to be put on the Planning Zoning Commissions future agenda.

6. OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION & OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

A. NONE

7. ACTIVITY REPORT (no formal action)

Rebecca Beisenstein reported the historical meeting going to get resource help for trails. At the next meeting of the Historical Society to finalize. They have discussed different buildings in town to use Tom Kittle said they could use the tortilla factory at reduced or no cost.

She reported also that the mammoth Bar is now open 7 days a week.

Mr. Weber is concerned about closing off the river, that a lot of ATV enthusiasts come here. He talked about the conservancy Board having a public meeting at Mercers house. (Mercer is a major rancher)

Ernest Bustamante said that employment at ASAARCO. He also brought up that we have to dictate our own future. He brought up the towns old landfill (north of town 40 acres owned by Town of Mammoth.) that it is on route 77 a major highway, We need more public discussions on uses for this property.

8. COMMISSION COMMENTS

NONE

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

ACCORDING TO ARIZONA LAW, UNLESS AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY EXISTS THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION CAN ACT ONLY ON THOSE ITEMS THAT APPEAR ON TODAY'S AGENDA. ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION SHOULD STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIRPERSON STATE YOUR NAME SO THAT YOUR COMMENTS MAY BE PROPERLY RECORDED AND LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO FIVE (5) MINUTES OR LESS. MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION AT THIS TIME MAY BE REFERRED TO THE TOWN CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON A FUTURE AGENDA.

The chair recognized Mr. Joseph Brewer, explained to him the commission could hear him but not

discuss or make any decisions concerning his issues.

His question is why won't the Town of Mammoth allow him to have a septic sewer system instead of

the Town's. He was told by our town clerk Rachel Sanchez he cannot do that. Mr. Brewer wants to

know where the ordinance or code that says he cannot have his own septic system.

He was told that he needs to put this on the Planning & Zoning Agenda in order for us to discuss this.

Meanwhile we will try to look into this. (his phone # 487-0394)

10. ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Cindy Blair second by Rebecca Beisenstein

MOTION CARRIED MEETING. ADJOURNED AT 6:55 P.M.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Planning & Zoning

Commission meeting held August 12, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.

Respectfully,

Diane Theobald

Chairwoman