



**TOWN OF MAMMOTH
MINUTES OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING
OF THE MAMMOTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON
August 06, 2018**

These are the Minutes of an Emergency Meeting held by the Mammoth Town Council on August 06, 2018 pursuant to the notice required by Law.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER – This meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Mayor Dietz.**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilman Sloan**
- 3. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT MEMBERS

Councilman Sloan
Councilman Martinez
Mayor Dietz
Vice Mayor Anaya
Councilwoman Medina

PRESENT STAFF

Town Manager D. Jones
Librarian S. Christiansen

ABSENT MEMBERS

Councilman Bustamante
Councilwoman Amparano

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consideration and possible approval Resolution 2018-05.01 Declaring State of Emergency due to Roadway and Waterline damage from severe monsoon storms in late July 2018.**

Wendy Gort Presentation to Council: On Friday August 03, 2018, myself, Don Jones, and Representatives from the Dept. of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA), AZ Dept. of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), AZ Dept. of Transportation (ADOT), and Representatives of Pinal County. On August 02, 2018 you passed an emergency resolution.

DEMA has a \$4million fund for emergency assistance in the State of Arizona. This is to help communities that are in an emergency state and do not have the funds or the means for emergency events.

The first resolution was not complete, in order for DEMA to put in an application for assistance to the Governor. The "Cause of the Emergency" needed explanation, most causes are due to natural disasters. What was the "Event that Caused Emergency". With this in mind we expanded the Emergency Declaration to address the suggestions given by DEMA. What you have before you addresses these suggestions and will allow the town to move forward with the application process.

The Event: Between July 26th and July 29th over 3" of rain, was received in Mammoth. This was a series of two major storms. After collecting the data from various media and

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data stations, we found that Mammoth had been under severe storm watch. The first storm saturating the grounds and the second causing the flooding. This in turn the severe flooding washed out many roadways, littering debris across roadways, making our roads hazardous and in some cases unusable, (as in the case of KINO). Initially, we did not realize that these areas were also eligible for emergency aid through the DEMA funding. The Roadways are now included in this resolution. The water pipes are the asbestos/cement pipes, these are very old and they have been patched over and over. When these are saturated in water they become soft and over the years, this severe saturation in addition to each year's regular monsoon rains has weakened these already weak pipes, causing the many breaks we are now seeing. Public Works goes in fixes one break, and further down the line is another break. We contribute these problems to the Event discussed above.

The Declaration is first declared by the Town, then the County, and finally the State. Once the State has declared an Emergency the funding becomes available. As of the Friday meeting, Pinal County has stated that they will not be declaring Mammoth in a State of Emergency at this time. So, the Town now has the option of by-passing the County and moving on to the State for assistance. But, just declaring an emergency does not automatically insure that you will receive funding.

So what this resolution is saying is: This is the "Event", this is the "Emergency", this has "Caused Health and Safety issues" and we are requesting aid to "Recover" for this event.

This is step one, if you pass this tonight we will be sending it to State tomorrow, they will begin their process. Then step two will be filling the application for emergency aid which will include a copy of the Town's Financials showing that the town does not have the financial means to recover at this time. The third step is an engineer's costs for replacement and/or repairs. This is already done. They will not replace all the lines, the maximum funding is at \$200,000.00. One line could cost approximately \$100,000.00. ADEQ has retained engineer to cost the repairs for the town. If awarded the funding this engineer will also be able to write the "Bid Packet" or "Initial Cost Estimate" for the Town as well. The ADEQ has and will perform this service without cost to the Town. The Bid Packet will contain all the information as to need and materials, so that when awarded the town could search for contractors to make bids for the work needed.

This is a reimbursement fund. The town would have to pay the cost and the funding will reimburse 75% of that cost. The Town will be responsible for 25% of the cost. This can be covered through other grants. The process for this would be to submit invoices in which the state will reimburse 65% until all inspections have taken place at which time the additional 10% would be reimbursed. Remember we are only in the beginning phase of this request for funding. However, DEMA stated that this is just the type of community situation they are looking to help fund. So it is looking good at this point.

The question was asked about Pinal County saying NO at this point, they short answer is that if the made the declaration they would have to commit and at this time the county funds are in short supply. So, by them saying no, it enables the town to move forward and request State Aid.

Don Jones stated that there is another emergency funding of \$150,000.00 in which the application is already in the works and that Alan Urban for CAG will be working with us on that one.

Motion is to Approve Resolution 2018-05.01 Declaring State of Emergency due to Roadway and Waterline damage from severe monsoon storms in late July 2018

Motion by: Councilwoman Medina

Second by: Councilman Martinez

Vote 5-0 Motion Passed

Roll Call

Sloan-Yes

Martinez-Yes

Dietz-Yes

Anaya-Yes

Medina-Yes

5. Adjourn

Motion is to Adjourn this meeting at 5:21PM

Motion By: Councilwoman Medina

Second By: Vice Mayor Anaya

Meeting is Adjourned at 5:21PM

I certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the Town of Mammoth Council Meeting held August 06, 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.

Don Jones, Town Manager

Declaration of Emergency – August 6, 2018

Town of Mammoth Roadway and Water Line Damage due to Severe Monsoon Storms in Late July 2018 – Resolution No. 2018-05

Between July 26, 2018 and July 29, 2018, over 3 inches of rain fell in parts of Mammoth from severe monsoon storms. The heavy rains resulted in significant flooding that damaged roadways and caused water lines in the lower elevations of the Town to leak.

The floodwaters covered roadways with debris, sand, and gravel, damaged asphalt, and caused significant erosion. In some parts of town, the water damage forced the closure of roads due to extensive damage.

Immediately after the monsoon storms, sections of asbestos-cement (AC) pipe that are under high pressure in the lower elevations of Town, began to leak due to saturation of the surrounding soils caused by the flooding. Asbestos-cement pipe is no longer used due to the hazardous nature of asbestos, as well as the material's susceptibility to softening over time and the subsequent loss of pipeline integrity.

A series of water line leaks started on July 29, 2018 and these leaks are still occurring almost daily. As soon as one leak is repaired, another leak opens up in a new location. The Public Works staff has been working virtually non-stop for the past 10 days.

Repairing the series of water leaks is causing frequent and extended drinking water outages. The problems faced by the residents, local businesses, and the Town due to the lack of drinking water include:

- Lack of water for extended periods of time (no drinking water, no running water for household activities, swamp coolers do not work)
- Frequent water outages (almost a daily occurrence for the past 10 days)
- Inadequate water available in case of a fire emergency
- Increased risk of drinking water quality problems due to frequent and extended loss of water pressure in the pipelines

By declaring this State of Emergency, the Town of Mammoth recognizes the need for immediate action to protect the health and safety of the community by repairing the damage to critical infrastructure caused by the recent monsoon flooding.