



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAMMOTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2014**

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of the Mammoth Town Council held August 21, 2014, pursuant to the notice required by law.

1. Call to order

Mayor Barcelo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Barcelo led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll call

Council Members Present

Councilwoman Wickham
Councilman Barcelo
Councilman Gallego
Mayor Barcelo
Councilman Brewer
Councilman Romero
Vice Mayor Medina

Staff Present

Patsy Large, Town Clerk
David Garcia, PW Director
Letha Miller, Librarian
Stephen Cooper, Attorney
Acting Police Chief Nash

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4. Call to Public

Dwight Large asked to speak regarding item 7E, the letter sent to the Governor, and Attorney General and stated he wasn't sure who else. He stated that he was very sad that this type of information that is unproved and unwarranted goes to people like this and not investigated. I recall that over many years that at the very least the newspaper had a reporter that, at the very least, would come to the meeting and do a little bit of investigation in what the facts really are. If Mr. Brewer talked about several years ago my wife misappropriated funds and was terminated, I'm not sure how it was worded, but this is absolutely not true. I remember the audit taking place, and I remember rumors starting; it went from \$12,000 missing, then later that day I went for a haircut and the amount went to \$44,000. What was happening is that people didn't know what they were looking at. And I believe at the time, there was "see" money put into a recreational fund to have a fiesta. The Town got all its money back and then some. Some of the Councilmembers, at that time, didn't understand that her (Patsy) and the banker in San Manuel, Warren Meyers, had created what they call a "sweep account", because for many years the Town had money sitting in the account not drawing interest, so the sweep account allowed money to draw interest until it was needed. All of these rumors were started because of a lack of understanding. And then, you go and write a letter to the Governor of Arizona, it's just done a little bit beyond the realm of insanity. I think for Mr. Brewer to do something like this make us look like the laughing stock of the entire state; I have never seen anything like this. There is documentation, minutes and all the things to go back to and find the truth about this matter, but to smear somebody in public like this, I think you've stepped over the line and I don't think you're going to get away with it.. Mr. Brewer, I think you need to straighten up and get the facts when you address these kinds of issues. Thank you very much for your time, I appreciate it.

Deanna Martinez, (she had hand- outs for the Council) Mayor Barcelo, Vice Mayor Medina and Councilmembers, here's the thing, you're not a part of the solution, you're a part of the problem. I witnessed an appalling behavior on July 10th by our Town Manager. At the Town meeting on July 24th I was unable to attend, so I wrote a formal complaint after speaking with several of the Councilmembers, and not being able to get a hold of some of the others. I filed it with the Town. There have been three meetings since this incident occurred and nothing has been done, there has been nothing on the agendas regarding it, at the last meeting Patsy was allowed to speak at Call to Public regarding this incident. Patsy of course lied, to cover her own butt and I have proof. You have before you is an email that was sent from the Letha Miller, the Town Librarian, TO ME; for me to proofread for her, before she submitted it to Patsy Large. If you read the email you'll see that it verifies exactly what I have detailed in my letter to you about the complaint. Before you publically slander somebody Patsy you should make sure there isn't any written proof that you're lying. I have assumed in quotes, according to Patsy, both Letha and Diane recanted what happened, that Patsy, once again, threatened both of them into lying for her. Not knowing that I already have a written statement from Letha detailing exactly what happened. This isn't the first time that Patsy has used her position to threaten the people of Mammoth. If something isn't done it's going to happen again.

I would now recommend that the Council immediately look into terminating Patsy or demand her resignation for unprofessional conduct, and lies and deceit that she has shown. I have personally contacted an attorney regarding the liable and slander that Patsy has committed and it will not go unpunished from my hand. You have once again an option to be part of the solution and not the problem and avoid a lawsuit for the Town. If you sit by and nothing is done you will be part of the problem, and I will look into legal action against the Town and I will be urging everyone in the Town of Mammoth to look into electing an entire new Council, Thank you very much.

Letha Miller, Librarian, asked the Mayor to speak since the letter in their possession was from her. May I point out that what was printed in the newspaper was an exaggeration, as you read the letter you will see that Patsy didn't use the "F" word in front of the children or myself, nor did she threaten me.

Mayor Barcelo advised Ms. Miller that she should place this matter on the next agenda.

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes of a Special Meeting held June 5, 2014
 - b. Minutes of a Special Meeting held June 26, 2014
 - c. Minutes of a Special Meeting held July 14, 2014
 - d. Minutes of a Regular Meeting held July 17, 2014

- B. Approval of Staff Recommendations and Reports
 - a. Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report
 - b. Police Report
 - c. Magistrate Report
 - d. Public Works Report
 - e. Library Report
 - f. Attorney's Report
 - g. Senior's Report

- C. Approve Accounts Payable for Payment and Filing

Councilman Brewer asked about the Minutes of the July 31, 2014 meeting.

Patsy Large, Town Clerk stated that she just forget to print the minutes and add them to the agenda. They will be on the next agenda for approval.

Vice Mayor Medina motioned to approve the consent agenda. A second was made by Councilman Barcelo. Roll Call:

Councilwoman Wickham – No; Councilman Barcelo – Yes; Councilman Gallego – Yes; Mayor Barcelo – Yes; Councilman Brewer – No; Councilman Romero – Yes; Vice Mayor Medina – Yes. Motion passed with five (5) – Yes votes to two (2) – No votes.

6. Old Business – Discussion and/or Action on the following:

A. NCS Engineers – Ram Narasimhan and/or Steve Wedwick

- a. Updates
- b. Authorization to approve Application for WIFA loan
- c. Authorization of Task Order #6: Engineering Design of Drainage Improvements (Grant funded by Pinal County)

Patsy Large, Town Clerk, advised the Council that Mr. Narasimhan was on his way but had gotten delayed in traffic and asked to be placed to the end of the meeting.

Councilwoman Wickham motioned to table this for the end of the meeting. A second was made by Councilman Brewer. Motion passed.

7. New Business – Discussion and/or action on the following:

A. Pinal/Gila Workforce Investment Board – Patsy Large/Letha Miller

Patsy Large, Town Clerk, stated that the IGA was up for renewal with the Pinal/Gila Workforce and that the community had benefited from it. Then she asked Ms. Miller explain to the Council about the program.

Letha Miller, Librarian, stated that the center located in the library had helped four people to get jobs; one being in the field of nursing, one a bus driver, a waitress and one at the Boys Ranch in Oracle. Ms. Miller stated the program had helped others with job searching and resumes.

Councilman Barcelo motioned to approve the IGA with Pinal/Gila Workforce Investment Board. A second was made by Councilman Romero. Motion passed.

B. Closure of the Mammoth Pool (for the season) –Patsy Large/David Garcia

Patsy Large stated that typically the pool closes after Labor Day, but would like to keep it open for private parties.

Mr. Garcia stated that he agrees with Patsy that the pool should close after Labor Day.

Councilwoman Wickham motioned to close the pool after Labor Day but allow the scheduled parties to continue. A second was made by Councilman Barcelo. Motion passed.

C. Recommendations and Reports – Planning and Zoning Commission – Diane Theobald

a. Appointment of vacant seat on the P&Z

Ms. Theobald stated that three letters of interest had been received from residents who wanted to serve on the Planning and Zoning Committee. The one that she recommended was Sharon Christenson.

Mayor Barcelo appointed Sharon Christenson to fill the vacant seat on the Planning and Zoning Board. Swearing in will be at the next Council meeting.

b. Removal of Single Wide mobile home – Replace with newer manufactured home.

Ms. Theobald stated that the Planning and Zoning Board recommend the request the legal owners have an appropriate size lot.

Vice Mayor Medina motioned to approve the requested variance to allow the old mobile home be removed and a newer mobile home replace it. A second was made by Councilwoman Wickham. Motion passed.

D. Expenses paid to attend Open Meeting Law Class @ the League of Cities and Towns – Patsy Large

Patsy Large stated that four Councilmembers (Juan Barcelo, Rogina Medina, Frances Wickham, Pete Gallego and herself had attended the Open Meeting Law Class and would like approval from the Council to pay the expenses involved. The cost of the class was \$25.00 per person plus mileage and costs of meals.

Councilman Barcelo motioned to approve to pay \$25.00 per person for the cost of the class plus meals and mileage. A second was made by Councilman Gallego. Motion passed.

E. Letter sent to the Governor, Attorney General and County Attorney from Joe Brewer – Mayor Barcelo

Mayor Barcelo stated that this could be a liability to the Town and any letter that goes out as Council should be approved by the Council.

F. Executive Session 38-431.03.3(A) (3) (4)

The Mayor and Town Council may require an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 for consultation with the staff and counsel for legal advice for any of the above matters.

Executive Session not necessary.

Councilwoman Wickham motioned for a recess of approximately 15 minutes, allowing NCS Engineers time to arrive at the meeting. A second was made by Councilman Barcelo. Motioned passed.

7:25 p.m. Mayor called for recess.

7:50 p.m. Mayor reconvened the meeting.

(6) Old Business – Discussion and/or Action on the following:

- A. NCS Engineers – Ram Narasimhan and/or Steve Wedwick
 - a. Updates

Ram Narasimhan, Town's Engineer, stated that the Stat Special Projects (SSP) grant cycle is anticipated to commence soon. NCS will pursue this on the Town's behalf. The application process on the USDA funding has been initiated.

- b. Authorization to approve Application for WIFA loan

Mr. Narasimhan explained to the Council that we have applied for grant monies to pay for the costs of the reverse osmosis water system but needed back-up funding available and asked the Council to approve submitting loan application to WIFA. The amount of the loan will be \$600,000 and pay-back could be reduced to 50% in WIFA incorporates principal forgiveness for disadvantaged communities.

Councilwoman Wickham motioned to approve the application for the WIFA loan. A second was made by Councilman Barcelo. Motion passed.

c. Authorization of Task Order #6: Engineering Design of Drainage Improvements
(Grant funded by Pinal County)

Ram announced that Pinal County had awarded a \$300,000 grant to the Town of Mammoth for the drainage issue at the Sunset Wash. He requested approval from the Council to proceed with the design work.

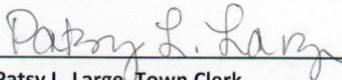
Vice Mayor Medina motioned to allow NCS Engineers proceed with the design work on the Sunset Wash project. A second was made by Councilwoman Wickham. Motion passed.

9. Adjourn

Vice Mayor Medina motioned for adjournment. A second was made by Councilman Barcelo. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

I certify that the preceding are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mammoth Town Council meeting held on August 21, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.



Patsy L. Large, Town Clerk