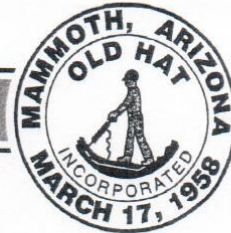


# Town Of Mammoth



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAMMOTH TOWN COUNCIL

HELD

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

Minutes of a Special Council Meeting of the Mammoth Town Council held September 18, 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  
Letha Miller, Librarian  
David Garcia, PW Director  
Stephen Cooper, Attorney  
Steve Nash, Interim Police Chief

4. Call to Public

According to Arizona Law, unless an actual emergency exists, the Town Council can act only on those items that appear on today's agenda. Anyone wishing to address the

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Council should stand and be recognized by the Mayor, state your name so that your comments may be properly recorded and limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less. Matters presented to the Council at this time may be referred to the Town Clerk for placement on a future agenda.

Letha Miller, Librarian, stated that she was unable to defend herself against the accusations made by Annie Martinez at the last meeting. She stated that Patsy and she had both apologized to each other. And that it had been a bad day for Patsy and it was her that "broke the camel's back". Letha also stated that Annie stood up at the last meeting and called her [Letha] a liar and stated that Annie said that she [Letha] was coerced by Patsy and stated that she had proof in the letter that she [Annie] had presented to the Council. Annie also stated that Patsy cussed and used the "f" word, but Letha stated that that never happened. Letha felt that the situation should have been addressed in private but it wasn't and after having a chance to discuss it, she and Patsy came to an understanding. Patsy never denied that the incident occurred but she did deny that she used the "f" word. Letha stated that by Annie providing false information to the Council it discredits her story.

Mr. Bob Sloan stated that there were problems with the street at the corner of West 5<sup>th</sup> and Hetzel. There is a large hole and the only repairs have been placing sand in it but it should be repaired properly because the hole fills with water and its starting drain out underneath the hole. If the Town doesn't repair it soon it will cost the Town a lot of money for repairs.

Diane Theobald stated that the incident at the library got blown way out of proportion. They [Patsy and Letha] have handled it between themselves like adults. Diane stated that she was present and there was no foul language used, and it certainly did not go down the way it was portrayed. She also stated that the reason for speaking on the incident was because her name had been dragged into it.

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5. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the Special Meeting held July 31, 2014
2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 21, 2014
3. Minutes of a Special Meeting held September 4, 2014

B. Approval of Staff Recommendations and Reports

1. Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report
2. Police Report
3. Public Works Report
4. Library Report
5. Attorney's Report

C. Approve Accounts Payable for Payment and Filing

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Medina 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. The motion passed by five (5) yes votes to two (2) no votes.

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

A. Updates from NCS-Ram Narasimhan and/or Steve Wedwick

Ram Narasimhan presented an update saying that we are on a tight crunch to get back-up funding for the reverse osmosis water project. Ram stated that he had requested a deadline from ADOH to have proof of funding but our contact with ADOH just said that we have plenty of time, without giving a definite deadline. Recently ADOH appointed a new representative of the Town who gave a two week deadline. The Town has approximately \$223,000 but Department of Housing is requiring that additional funding is in place before moving forward. Mr. Narasimhan stated that WIFA (Water Infrastructure Finance Authority) had denied a loan because there were derogatory statements published in the last completed audit (FY 2011-12) and that it is necessary to clear those statements from the report before they would consider loaning the Town money. He went on to say that the Town could possibly qualify for up to 50 percent forgiveness on a loan through WIFA. He also stated that his firm is still working on grants with agencies such as USDA (United States Department of Agriculture).

Ram also stated that Wells Fargo had shown an interest in loaning money but contingent upon the audits and financials from the Town. He suggested a Special Meeting be held by the Council to approve submitting the loan application.

Mr. Cooper, Attorney for the Town, stated that a special meeting could be held on Monday, September 22, 2014. Terms would be presented to the Council for approval or disapproval. If a rate increase is discussed the process would be: A rate study would be made, 30 days prior to council approval, if council passes the proposed rate increase, the rate increase would become effective 30 days after Council approval.

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

A. Letter from Jaime Lynn DeHerrera – Information only-Patsy Large

Patsy Large stated that Ms. DeHerrera wanted the Council to receive the letter showing her appreciation.

**B. Approval to hold a STEM Fair at the Community Center Oct. 16, 17 & 18 – Letha Miller**

Librarian Letha Miller advised the Council that the Library had received 2 grants totaling \$2500 and they purchased a 3D printer. The Children were really enjoying projects from using the 3D printer.

She also requested Council approval to have a STEM program at the Community Center during October 16, 17 and 18, the times would be from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Medina motioned to allow Letha use of the Community Center on October 16, 17 & 18 for the STEM Program. A second was made by Councilman Barcelo. Motion passed.

**C. Adopt Fiscal Year 2014-15 Salaries and Wages –Resolution No. 2014-06 - Patsy Large**

Patsy Large, Town Clerk, asked the Council to approve the FY 2014-15 salaries and wage resolution, stating the wages and salaries are the same as the prior year.

Vice Mayor Medina motioned to adopt Resolution number 2014-06. A second was made by Councilman Gallego. Motion passed.

**D. Approval for "Quality of Life Project" – Diane Theobald**

Diane Theobald, Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Committee, thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak. She stated that she felt that there are a lot of good people doing good things, such as the senior program and the Library. She asked the Council for approval to ask for volunteers and approval to ask the departments [Public Works and Police] for assistance should the committee require it.

Mayor Barcelo stated that it was not necessary for the Council to approve her request and she could ask the departments for assistance when she needs it.

**E. Outline for future P & Z Procedure for vacant property- Diane Theobald**

Ms. Theobald introduced the newest member of the Planning and Zoning – Sharon Christenson. Ms. Christenson made the presentation of the recommended procedures, by saying that the goal of the Planning and Zoning is to create a master file of properties that are currently being worked on like properties that maybe hazardous or not repairable for two years. The files would contain copies contacts made by letters sent by the attorney.

**F. K-9 Demonstration –Officer Cardenas and Bindy**

Officer Cardenas was not available to present a demonstration. This item was tabled for a future meeting.

G. Swear in new Planning and Zoning Member Sharon Christenson – Patsy Large

Patsy Large, Town Clerk, swore in Sharon Christenson as the newest member of the Planning and Zoning Committee.

H. Recognize Employee(s) of the Month Program – Patsy Large, Steve Nash & David Garcia

Patsy Large, Town Clerk, stated that the three department heads had decided to recognize 2 employees per month as "Employees of the Month". We would like to give the "employees of the month" a \$25.00 gift certificate to their choice of any store or restaurant in Mammoth. She stated that the employees for the month of October would come from the Police Department and Public Works Department.

Interim Police Chief stated that he recognizes LaRee Reidhead, a dispatcher from the Police Department because she is very professional and while at work she looks for things to do. He also stated that she has great work ethics, and is always to work on time.

Public Works Director, David Garcia, recognized Jesus Chavez because he has a "can do" attitude. He has done a great job on the curbing, sidewalks and the stairs at Ysidro Ruiz Park.

Vice Mayor Medina motioned to approve the "Employee of the Month Program", and approved the Town purchasing a \$25.00 gift certificate to store or restaurant of their choice. A second was made by Councilman Gallego. Motion passed.

8. Executive Session 38-431.03.3

A. Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A) (1), (3) AND (4), discussion and/or consideration of performance evaluation, continued employment, or resignation or dismissal of a public officer, Chief of Police, of as public body including legal advice and contract negotiations.

Councilman Barcelo motioned to go into Executive Session for about 20 minutes with Patsy Large, Town Manager, Steve Nash, Interim Police Chief, Stephen Cooper, Attorney and the Council. A second was made by Vice Mayor Medina. Motion passed.

At 8:20 p.m. the Council went into Executive Session with Patsy Large, Steve Nash and Stephen Cooper.

At 8:42 p.m. Council Barcelo motioned to back into Regular Session. A second was made by Councilman Romero. Motion passed.

At 8:43 p.m. Mayor Barcelo called the meeting to order.

9. Continuation of New Business

I. Possible termination or resignation of Interim Police Chief – Council

No action.

J. Possible Appointment of Interim Chief of Police – Council

Councilman Barcelo motioned to appoint Marty McIntosh as the Interim Police Chief. A second was made by Vice Mayor Medina. 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 a vote of five (5) Yes votes to two (2) No votes.

K. Advertise to hire Police Chief – Council

Councilman Barcelo motioned to advertise to hire a new Police Chief and leave it up to the discretion of the Town Manager as where to advertise and how. A second was made by Vice Mayor Medina. 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 a vote of five (5) Yes votes to two (2) No votes.

10. Adjourn

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

At 8:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

I certify that the preceding are a true and correct copy of the minutes for the Regular Mammoth Town Council Meeting held on September 18, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.

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Patsy L. Large, Town Clerk