



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MAMMOTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of the Mammoth Town Council held October 16, 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
Vice Mayor Medina
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Council Members Absent

Councilman Romero

Staff Present

Patsy Large, Town Clerk
David Garcia, PW Director
Interim Police Chief Marty McIntosh
Stephen Cooper, Attorney
Diane Theobald, P&Z

Staff Absent

Letha Miller, Librarian

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4. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes
 1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 18, 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

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; Vice Mayor Medina – Yes. Motion passed with two (2) "No" votes to four (4) "Yes" votes.

5. Old Business – Discussion and/or Action on the Following:
 - A. Updates from NCS – Ram Narasimhan or Steve Wedwick

Steve Wedwick stated in summary that Wells Fargo denied the loan funding for the reverse osmosis project until the Town's finances are up to date. The last two years of audits must be completed; but the CDBG funds from the grant were not lost because the funds are being deferred to the Water Tank Renovation Project. Plans for this project are moving along. The overall improvements for the water system, is approximately 2.2 million dollars. This includes the RO System, tank renovation, pipe repairs, etc. Steve also stated that the Department of Housing has expressed an interest in helping Mammoth, especially with the R.O. System. The States Special Projects Grants will be available in February 2015 and the Town will apply that that as well.

Mayor Barcelo asked for clarification on the rumors that the Town had lost a grant. Mr. Wedwick stated that the Town did not lose the CDBG Grant (for FY 2012-13), the money was deferred to the Tank renovation project.

Councilman Brewer asked if Wells Fargo Bank had denied the loan, because he thought the Town would have a special meeting to discuss the application.

Steve stated that there had not been a special meeting because after hearing that the Town must complete the audits prior to applying, the meeting was not scheduled.

Councilwoman Wickham stated that she wanted to say that there had been talk of a public hearing that people could attend and ask any question they wanted.

Mr. Wedwick stated that the public hearing had been scheduled for 6:00 p.m. before the next Regular Council Meeting in November.

Mr. Brewer asked if the work on Sunset Wash had been done.

The answer was no, but the Town had done some "in kind" work up there. Mr. Wedwick also stated that the Town will be applying for more Pinal County Flood grant funding for other flooding areas.

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

A. Liquor License approval for Tortillas Mi Pueblo, Inc. Theresa Morse

Patsy Large, Town Clerk, stated that the Town has met all of the legal requirements necessary for the Council to approve the liquor license.

Vice Mayor Medina motioned to approve the liquor license for the Tortillas Mi Pueblo. A second was made by Councilman Gallego. Motion passed.

B. Approval to return seized vehicle to rightful owner – Benjamin Gallego

Patsy Large, Town Clerk requested the Council to "table" this item for a future meeting.

Vice Mayor Medina motioned to table item 6-B. A second was made by Councilman Barcelo. Motion passed.

C. Updates/Reports from Planning and Zoning – Diane Theobald

Diane Theobald, Commissioner of the Planning & Zoning Committee, stated that Sherri Owens had taken a proposal to split the property located at 102 E. Child's Street at the last Planning and Zoning Meeting. The P&Z Committee recommends the Council to approve the split.

1. Approval to divide property located at 102 E. Child's St. – Diane Theobald

Councilman Barcelo motioned to approve splitting the property located at 102 E. Child's Street into a portion as residential and a portion as commercial property. A second was made by Councilman Gallego. Motion passed.

D. Water Certification Raise for Public Works Employee – Erik Romero

Patsy Large, Town Clerk, advised the Council that Councilman Romero could not attend the meeting, but he requested her to explain the recommendation to raise the wage of the employee who has earned three certificates in water testing. It has been policy in the past to give a 50 cent per hour raise per certificate but it is recommended to give a 25 cent per hour raise, making the total raise 75 cents per hour.

Councilwoman Wickham motioned to "table" this item until she could see the certificates. A second was made by Vice Mayor Medina. Motion passed.

7. Executive Session 38-431.03.3

No Executive Session necessary.

8. Call to Public

Mayor Barcelo stated that everybody that signed in will be allowed to speak for three (3) minutes.

Rudy Romo addressed the Mayor by saying that the yellow flyer that was handed out was an embarrassment to him (Mayor Barcelo) and Juan (Councilman Barcelo). Mr. Romo went on to say that he felt that Erik (Councilman Romero) was dragged into their shenanigans. He advised the Mayor that his credibility to lead the Town was lost. He stated that in the last recall we were supposed to work together in the best interest of the citizens and taxpayers. You've threatened to throw him out of the meeting. Mr. Romo stated that Joe (Councilman Brewer) was elected to represent his constituents on Town issues, and that hate should not be part of the Mayor's agenda. And that those are some the reasons the he (Mr. Romo) supports the recall.

Joe Brewer – 116 2nd Street. Councilman Brewer stated that at the last meeting he was told by the Town Attorney that he could not ask questions as to why items were left off the agenda. And that he had to address it in call to public, and as we all know they won't answer me. I'm just sitting up here "blowing into the wind". I still want to know where the money went on that meat market, how much they spent, where it came from and who's working up there. Mr. Brewer also stated "this is the kind of leadership you have in this town", why I, an elected councilman cannot ask questions is far beyond me. I thank you.

Alvaro Barcelo – Mayor Barcelo 106 3rd St. I'm going to answer your questions – I've been attacked by Councilman Brewer in the paper, for the last year; I've never written or said anything, and everything I put in there (the yellow flyer) is the truth. And as a councilman, and in order to be up here, you have to have integrity, and you should know about that Rudy, but you come here and criticize us.

Mr. Romo stated "you're lying".

Mayor Barcelo advised Mr. Romo to keep quiet that he had his chance and now I'm talking. Like Mr. Brewer says "it's a point of order", when we have an agenda item and we are talking you can't talk

out of order. The attorney answered you. I was going to throw you out because you talk out of order all the time. I've been attacked and I wrote something and it's all the truth whether you like it or not... it's all right there. And if you don't want to hear the truth, that's your problem. Mr. Barcelo went on to say that he had been attacked by this man (pointing to Joe) and everybody in the audience knows it; they see it in the paper and he attacks my family personally. And that (the information in the flyer) is public information and I put it out there so people can see what kind of people we have sitting here, and everything is the truth, nothing is a lie.

Juan Barcelo – 101 First St. Councilman Barcelo stated that it is pretty sad that all of you out there know what this man has been saying about us. Week after week, nothing but stupidity in the *Miner*, you all laugh at it but the times that we throw it back, and it's the truth, you guys are stunned. You knew what this guy has done, you all heard a lady stand up in call to public and read all the things that he has done. All of that information came directly from the Police Department. We are defending ourselves, and you just wanted a one-sided fight, but you're not going to get it, I will fight you back.

9. Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned a 7:35 p.m.

I certify that the preceding are a true and correct copy of the minutes for the Regular Mammoth Town Council Meeting held on October 16, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.

Patsy L. Large, Town Clerk