



**Town of Mammoth
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAMMOTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON
April 16, 2015**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mammoth Town Council held April 16, 2015 pursuant to the notice required by law.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ileanna Bejarano, a member of the 10 and under summer softball league, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Councilmembers Present

Vice Mayor Wickham
Mayor Jones
Councilman Brewer
Councilwoman Medina
Councilman Sloan

Staff Present

Sharon Christiansen, Interim Librarian
Stephen Cooper, Attorney
April Lopez, Utility Clerk

Councilmembers Absent

Councilman Romero
Councilman Gallego

Staff Absent

Erica Garcia, Interim Town Clerk
Pablo Rodriguez, Public Works Foreman

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4. Call to Public

Sheriff Paul Babeu gave a brief presentation on possible reduction of services for the Mammoth Police Department due to budget cuts being made throughout the Town by bringing in Pinal County Sheriff's Department. This topic will be further discussed at a future Town Council meeting.

Frances Sharrah expressed concerns as to why her complaint against the acting Chief of Police of the Mammoth Police Department has not been resolved. She feels she deserves an apology.

5. Consent Agenda:

Mayor Jones stated the Council voted in for a straight Agenda and there was a mistake made by putting in Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of minutes

Minutes of a Regular meeting March 26, 2015

and the

B. Minutes of a Special meeting

Minutes of a Special meeting held April 1, 2015

Councilman Brewer requested reading of minutes; they were then read by April Lopez, Utility Clerk. Two corrections needed to be made to the March 26, 2015 minutes.

C. Approval of Staff Recommendations and Reports

1. Interim Town Clerk/Treasure's report-

N/A Treasure Report

2. Police Report

Police Chief gave brief presentation on police department.

3. Magistrate

N/A Magistrate Report

4. Public Works Report

Public Works Commissioner gave a report on duties that were performed during the month.

5. Library Report

Mayor Jones gave Sharon Christiansen recognition for receiving her Associates Degree.

Sharon Christiansen gave a presentation of what has been happening at the library in the last month.

6. Attorney's Report

None

7. Senior's Report

Vice Mayor Wickham updated the Council and the Public about the van the seniors will be receiving from the Gila/Pinal County Senior Group.

D. Approve Accounts Payable for Payment and Filing

Tabled

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve items read out and accepted. A second was made by Vice Mayor Wickham. Motion passed.

6. Mayor's Monthly Report to Citizens

Mayor Jones thanked the Mammoth Fire Department for flushing all the hydrants in the town and also for donating a set of tires for one of the Public Works trucks. He then asked the Public if they would be interested if the Police Department had down time from 12:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. the reason for that is the bookkeeper, Pat Walker, financial consultant, recommends we get rid of two police officers. The Public did not think that was a good idea until the Mayor informed them that we would then have Pinal County come in and take over those hours. The Mayor then informed the Public that the sales tax for the Town was going to be raised from two percent (2%) up to four percent (4%) for a period of time, just until the town gets back into the black. This topic will be discussed in a future meeting. The Mayor briefly spoke about the park near the swimming pool, and then later realized that topic is on the agenda further down.

7. New Business-Discussion and/or Action on the Following:

A. Request for Financial Assistance for Mammoth Seniors by Hayden Senior Center for Fiscal year 2015-2016. –Jeremy Garcia and Gloria Ruiz Hayden Town Council

Vice Mayor Wickham made a motion to table 7A Request for Financial Assistance for Mammoth Seniors by Hayden Senior Center. A second was made by Councilwoman Medina. Motion passed.

B. Presentation by Jeff Hays United States Department of Agriculture-Available grant and loan programs available for the Town of Mammoth and/or residents.

Jeff Hayes, Rural Development Coordinator of the United States Department of Agriculture, gave a presentation on USDA Rural Development. He mentioned the different programs the USDA can help with, such as:

- Housing
 - Home Repair Grants
 - Direct Loans
 - Housing Rehab Programs
 - Multi-Family
- Utilities
 - Water/Sewer
 - Broadband
 - Electric
 - Solid Waste Management
- Community Facilities
 - Clinics
 - Community Centers
 - Public Safety
 - Food Systems
- Business Programs
 - Rural Development Grant
 - Guaranteed Business Loans

He talked about loan purposes, eligibility, maximum assistance, property requirements, eligibility determination time frame and how to apply.

C. Presentation on Economic Development-Lynn Zeiler

Lynn Zeiler has a plan to develop the Mammoth Economic Program; it would help with working with USDA to grow businesses in Mammoth. Even with all the towns financial problems there are still members of the community that want to give 100% of their time to improve the town with ideas and become a team member of the Economic Development. The plan would be to work with the Town Council, the schools, Planning & Zoning commission, and the Copper Corridor to develop Mammoth Networking. The Fire Department and the Police Department would also need to be involved. Some of the things we can do that will not cost money are a pumpkin festival, yoga/Zumba, cemetery work, downtown development, a Mammoth Daycare, Senior Citizen Thrift Store with community involvement all these things can happen.

D. Discussion and possible Action to name 5th Street Park "Veterans Memorial Park" and discussion of creating Committee to clean up Park-Vice Mayor Wickham

Vice Mayor Wickham made a motion on discussion and possible action to rename the park "5th Street Veterans Memorial Park" and to fix it up. A second was made by Councilwoman Medina. Motion passed.

E. Discussion and Possible action to waive fees and supply lifeguards for July 4th Community event-Marty Ponce Mammoth Fire District

Councilmember Brewer made a motion to waive fees and supply lifeguards for July 4th Community event. A second was made by Vice Mayor Wickham. Motion passed.

F. Creation and appointment of Insurance Review Board and appoint members.

Appointed members of the board will be Alvaro Anaya, Alice Martinez, Don Jones, Bob Sloan and Steve Nash; all members except Steve Nash were sworn in at this meeting.

Vice Mayor Wickham made a motion on Action creation and appointment of Insurance and Review Board and appoint the people named above as members. A second was made by Councilman Brewer. Motion passed.

G. Creation and appointment of Parks & Recreation Board and appoint members.

Vice Mayor Wickham made a motion to table creation and appointment of Parks & Recreation Board and appoint members. A second was made by Councilwoman Medina. Motion passed.

H. In accordance with A.R.S.§9-499-15, the Town of Mammoth Council will consider an increase the Town's Transaction Privilege Tax (Sales Tax) rate from two percent (2%) up to four percent (4%) and the potential establishment of a Bed Tax rate up to four percent (4%).

We will take comments and have a discussion about this matter at a Regular or Special meeting in June 2015.

8. Council Comments

Vice Mayor Wickham thanked everybody for working on everything that can be worked on.

Councilman Brewer started off by saying all this about raising taxes and fees was actually voted on and passed back in June 2011 it was just never acted on.

Mayor Jones informed the Public that a member of the community turned on some faucets at the Cemetery and let them run over the weekend.

9. Adjourn

Councilwoman Medina motioned for adjournment at 9:46 p.m. A second was made by Vice Mayor Wickham. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

I certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mammoth Town Council's Regular Meeting held on April 16, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.


Erica M. Garcia, Interim Town Clerk