



**TOWN OF MAMMOTH  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAMMOTH TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON  
March 15, 2018**

These are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held by the Mammoth Town Council on March 15, 2018 pursuant to the notice required by Law.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – This meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Mayor Dietz.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Councilwoman Medina
3. **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT MEMBERS**

Councilman Sloan  
Councilman Bustamante  
Mayor Dietz  
Vice Mayor Anaya  
Councilwoman Amparano  
Councilwoman Medina

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

Councilman Martinez

**PRESENT STAFF**

Attorney	S. Cooper
Town Manager	D. Jones
Chief of Police	T. Villar
Librarian	S. Christiansen

4. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC** Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01 (H)

A public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to a three (3) minute limitation to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

**Terry Adams** – Mammoth Resident – Addressing the solid waste (sewer rates) rate increase. There has already been a food tax increase for the town and if you start raising more rates, instead of having 1500 people the number of residents are going to go down and we won't have a town there won't be anyone left. The second thing is at the end of this school year one of the elementary schools are going to close, I believe it will be Mammoth, everybody is going to be shipped to San Manuel, and at the start of the 2018-2019 school year they will all be going to the High School. You're going to have people moving out so as not to put their kids into a k-12 environment. With no school, property values will drop and you will not get new business moving in. The higher you tax the people of this community the more you put it in jeopardy. I understand the town needs money but there has to be other ways than to keep raising the rates and taxes on the basic necessities needed in the community. Thank you.

**Alice Martinez** – Mammoth Resident – I want to thank those who had faith in me as a board member of the Public Service Personnel Retirement System, and for the record I am being removed from the public safety board to silence my voice. If you can read, write or question what is being done, you are out. All PRS business is settled before you even go to the meeting. (At this point she made reference to a March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting in which she made unprofessional statements toward Mayor Joe Dietz) She makes reference to asking where Mayor Dietz was on this day and this is the reason she is out. There are comments concerning town financing, and hiring, and the Mayor's decisions. Commenting for him to step down as mayor. One more thing I am not going away because I am a concerned Citizen. Thank you.

Handicapped individuals with special accessibility needs may contact the ADA Coordinator for the Town of Mammoth at (520) 487-2331 (V/TDD)

**Ernest Bustamante** – Mammoth Resident – Speaking as a member of the Steel Workers Union, making news lately because of the steel tariffs and the issues on trade. We work in Copper but we are steel workers of the ASARCO Facility, I am a long time member of the union and we have made headlines, this is the first time in a long time that the president has been proactive on imposing tariffs on steel. We can only hope that for trade and all the basic metals we need for the United States Defense, the United States Economy, that all of us that are in the labor movement are going to do our part. The Steel Workers Union 886, are looking at it and hopefully it does not backfire. Trade has to be equal; trade wars have lead to conflicts. Hopefully something good can come out of this, and we can see an increase in membership in our locals. Thank you.

**CLOSE OF CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2018 REGULAR MEETING**

**Motion to Approve the Minutes as written for Regular Meetings of February 15, 2018**

**MOTION BY: Councilman Sloan SECOND BY: Councilwoman Medina**

**MOTION PASSES BY A VOTE OF 6-0**

**6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS-**

Bob Sloan- Misinformation stated in the call to the public concerning town finances, maybe we should make available some form of information to the public so this type of misinformation does not become rumor throughout the town.

Al Anaya-If we need to find out information on something about the town we come down here and ask about it. The door is always open, talk to the town manager, or talk to whoever is in there, don't hesitate. Come down say what you have to say and we are all willing to talk to you about it.

Don Jones-Colby Powers completed our 2016-2017 audits and they said we are looking really good. We are now up to date on all our audits. We now have \$525,000 in our reserve account.

Frances Amparano-There are some very negative people out there in our town who just want to stir the pot. They need to come here and get their information and not listen to the gossip around the town.

Ernest Bustamante-when seated on any board and entrusted with the taxpayer monies you need to do your due diligence and see where things are at. We have a person who does our financials and gave us a November report telling us what is coming down concerning future finance and water/sewer rates and the payback of HURF. The budget is a growing document, you can set a budget and you could have a bad two or three months and be out of whack and by the time you get your information and you can make some corrections and updates or adjustments. Another thing is when there is an issue to be decided on there is usually a fiscal note that gives you the estimated costs, taken in by the tax increase and on some of these things like the roads and such, these are furcated monies that we need to plan what to do. I think the council is mindful of what it has to do, I think it is ready to roll up its sleeves when it has to and get in there and focus on the work we have to do.

Don Jones-Pat Walker projected the tax would come in at \$185,000 it came in at \$ 227,000 came in on that .04 cent sales tax. This is what help pay the bills here.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA – ALL ITEMS SET FORTH BELOW ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE MATTERS AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE (1) MOTION AND ONE (1) ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.**

**The Chief of Police asks that the Police Report be pulled from the Consent Agenda for a verbal presentation**

**The amended Consent Agenda is as Follows:**

- A. Approval of Staff Recommendations and Reports
  - Town Clerk/Treasure's Report
  - Public Works Report
  - Library Report
  - Planning and Zoning Report
- B. Approve Accounts Payable for Payment and Filing

At this time the Librarian Sharon Christiansen asked for a moment to speak to the Council. The Mammoth Library for 2017 was awarded as one of the STAR Libraries, this was one of only six given to the state of Arizona. (Showing the plaque to Council) We are very proud of our accomplishments here in Mammoth, we also have new uniform shirts and Mammoth Public Library name tags now as well.

**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Item (A & B)**

**MOTION BY: Councilman Sloan**

**SECOND BY: Councilwoman Amparano**

**MOTION PASSES BY A VOTE OF 6-0**

**8. OLD BUSINESS-NONE**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING on proposed increase in solid waste collection cost for Town Residents.**

This is a hearing to discuss the rate increase for Trash Containers and Pick up. Raising the cost to \$19.50 from the current \$17.50 for the first can and \$5.00 for a second can for the 96 gallon and \$50.00 for the 300 gallon container, commercial will not be changed. Waste Management has increased the rates to the town and that increase must be passed onto residents.

Mr. Cooper: In your packets you received a letter from Waste Management showing a cost of living increase. This is to increase the cost to residents in order to keep up with costs incurred by the town. We have 5 years left of a contract with waste management and the cost increases have been built into this contract based on a cost of living increases. At this time we are locked into those increases.

Don Jones-the last increase the council that was seated chose not to increase the cost to residents and the town was paying out more than it was taking in. So, now we must adjust accordingly.

Mr. Cooper- The current resolution before you would increase it to \$19.50 per container.

Terry Adams- we may want to look at what it would cost for the town to run their own service.

Mr. Cooper- To run a garbage truck is probably about a \$350,000 hit just to begin, plus two employees to run it. Then there is maintenance and those costs. Currently we are using town employees to do basic bulky trash pickup which is a free service from the town and this increase will also help to offset this cost.

Terry Adams- so we are going from 17.50 plus 5.00 for two cans to 39.00 for two cans.

Mr. Cooper- Council Members, what is before you tonight, once you have closed the public hearing portion of this item, is no.1-you can table this item to wait for more information, no.2-you can pass this resolution as is and it will raise the cost to \$19.50 per can, the resolution will not take effect until 30 days later, and after researching the cost of a second can and getting more information you could come back at the next council meeting and amend this resolution at that time to show the second can fee.

Mayor Dietz closes the public hearing and reconvenes the regular session at 7:40PM

**B. Consideration and Possible Approval of Resolution NO. 18-01 increasing the rates for collection of solid waste.**

**Motion is to accept Resolution 18-01 increasing the rates for collection of solid waste to \$19.50 per can.**

**Motion By: Councilwoman Medina**  
**Motion Passes Vote 6-0**

**Second By: Councilwoman Amparan**

**C. Consideration and Possible Approval of Request for Proposals to prepare a Capital Improvement Plan for Infrastructure in the Town of Mammoth including roads.**

Don Jones- This is for the \$300,000 for RTA, we have to get a plan together and that is in your packet in front of you. The amounts are for roads that are ready to go, they need a plan and this is it. There is a letter of introduction and numbers are from Sunland Paving Company. The RTA wanted to charge \$125,000 out of the \$300,000 to prepare this for us. We saved this by preparing it ourselves.

Mr. Cooper, gave information on the cost per foot for various types of road work, and informed all council member that any expenditures for this project will come before council for approval at a future meeting prior to actual expending of funds.

**Motion is to Approve Request for Proposals for Capital Improvement Plan.**

**Motion By: Councilman Sloan**

**Second By: Councilwoman Amparano**

**Motion Passes 6-0**

**D. Consideration and Possible Approval of Request for Proposals to prepare a General Plan for the Town of Mammoth.**

Don Jones- Our current General Plan is from 1999, I believe and this should be updated every 10 years.

Mr. Cooper-A general plan is a series of meetings where you plan what you want for your community to grow. It has an element of transportation, water, sewer, roads, parks and recreation areas, etc. The idea is that you have the ability to plan your community using reasonable monies allotted to the town, what you want to do with it to improve your community and growth for the next 10 years. For an example if the Wasco property was to be developed for residential housing, you would want a provision in the general plan to not allow a business to locate in this area with a high traffic possibility in an area where you have families and children at play. This will not be in this year's fiscal budget, this will be for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018. Tonight we are just asking that you look at proposals for the execution of a General Plan. Once this is done we would come back to council to approve any proposal that may be accepted. There will be more public hearings and council meetings on this subject.

**Motion is to Approve Request for Proposals for General Plan**

**Motion By: Councilwoman Amparano**

**Second By: Councilman Sloan**

**Motion Passes 6-0**

**E. Consideration and Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Pinal County to conduct Primary and General Elections for Town of Mammoth**

Mr. Cooper- Members of the Council this comes before you every two years, city and town elections must coincide with state and federal elections. Historical we would have primary elections in March and general election in May and seat new councils around the first of June. The law is now, we follow the regular election cycle, with a primary in late August and the General on the second Tuesday of November. We do not have the time, money, or

ability to conduct that election, and because it is a state and/or federal election we are asking that the Pinal County Elections to conduct or elections, so this just makes sense. Most towns are signing on of these IGA's.

**Motion is to Approve IGA with Pinal County to preform Town Elections**

**Motion By: Councilwoman Amparano**

**Second By: Councilwoman Medina**

**Motion Passes 6-0**

**F. Consideration and Approval of Appointments of Five Residents to serve on the Public Safety Retirement Board for Town of Mammoth.**

Chief Villar: Arizona Revised Statutes does not allow us to only appoint residents to the Board. ARS 38-847A gives instructions for the town on how to form that Board. Two members on that board must be Police Officers, two members of the Community and the Mayor or someone appointed by the mayor to act as chairman. It is required that this board meet twice a year at a minimum.

**Motion is to Approval of those appointees listed for the PSRB, Don Jones (Chairman) Al Anaya, Bob Sloan, Sgt. Green, and Officer Youdelman.**

**Motion By: Councilwoman Medina**

**Second By: Councilman Bustamante**

**Motion Passes 6-0**

**G. Consideration an Possible Approval of us of the Community Center for the following events:**

- a. Head Start end of the year celebration on May 2, 2018 form 10AM to 1PM
- b. Head Start Training Seminar on May 4, 2018 from 8AM to 4PM

**Motion is to Grant the use of the Community Center to Head Start for the events of May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Motion By: Vice Mayor Anaya**

**Second By: Councilman Sloan**

**Motion Passes 6-0**

10. Possible Executive Session
- i. No Executive Session Required for this Meeting

11. Adjourn

**Motion is to Adjourn this meeting at 8:00 PM**

**Motion By: Councilwoman Medina**

**Second By: Councilwoman Amparano**

**Meeting is Adjourned at 8:00 PM**

**I certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the Town of Mammoth Council Meeting held March 15, 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.**

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**Don Jones, Town Manager**