

Dear Concerned Citizen

May 10, 2018

In regards to your letter received May 7, 2018:

Yes, we need to raise garbage rates when the garbage company raises their prices to the town. This is common business practices. If I didn't raise the price we could go back to paying out more than is coming in like four years ago.

Yes, water is the next raise coming to the town. As inflation drives up the economy Mammoth also needs to keep up with these higher costs. Mammoth is not immune to the higher costs of living. I just spent \$2,000.00 to rebuild our booster pump station. We purchased a \$2,500.00 pump to service four homes on the hill that was leaking. Where do these funds come from? There have been six water pipe breaks this week. The one break alone cost \$1,900.00 in parts alone plus 30 man hours to repair. Yes, there needs to be water rate increases.

Both booster pumps and the regulating valves have been rebuilt and the system is working better than ever. We now have back-up motors and pumps to keep our town operating. This was mishandled by the past public works managers and one valve has been in disrepair for two years.

The water and sewer increases are needed to payback a USDA loan to replace all our asbestos water pipes in the town. It would not make sense to pave all of the streets in Mammoth and then dig up all the streets to replace water pipes.

The water you say is not fit to drink. Our water is quality tested daily to federal guide lines. What more do you suggest be done?

The 4% tax was projected to bring in \$87K. It brought in \$127K, higher than expected. It goes in to our general fund and pays for water pipe breaks and water booster pumps etc. I have included a paper showing how many dollars will be coming in with a ½ cent tax increase for Pinal County. Water rates, sewer rates, garbage rates, and taxes keep the Town of Mammoth alive.

You stated the town looks like s...! In answer to that, have you looked at the community center or the town swimming pool? Over \$15,000.00 was spent refurbishing these two facilities. This does not count the 800 man-hours to refinish both. Both 250K gallon storage tanks are refinished and are online (a \$500K grant). To improve the looks of the town, some people need to clean their yards and end the blight situation here. We live in an older town but it can be kept clean!

Now, you made a statement about my higher pay. I took the town management over when all reserves were drained. They were bouncing payroll checks. The town was broke. The town was in the red. Now, all bills are paid on time. We have over \$500K in reserve. I worked for 2 ½ years for free. The pay I now receive is less than I made 30 years ago. With the amount I am paid and the 2 ½ years of free work, I am making around \$8.00 an hour. With what I have accomplished, this amount is too much for you?

I feel Mammoth residents are spoiled and need to get in to the 21st century and pay their way. Nothing is free. There are just so many grants available. All our rates need to be increased and I would advise you to take a look around and see the improvements made lately before you write negative letters with no factual information.

I want to thank the persons that understand why the rates need to be raised and compliment the town workers for their hard work and myself for the work I have accomplished.

By the way, did I mention the new roof on both dug-outs at the soft ball field? Cost around \$2,500.00. And you say nothing gets done!

Don Jones,



Town Manager, Public Works Director

Good job Mr. Jones

Keep taking money from
Retirees that live on a
fixed income. What next
water? Not even fit to
drink? We are imposed
a 4% tax on food. Where
is the money going? The
town looks like shit. No
improvements, nothing.
Is this for a your
higher pay?

LETTER FROM A
MIS-INFORMED CITIZEN!