

## Town of Mammoth MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAMMOTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON April 21, 2016

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mammoth Town Council held April 21, 2016 pursuant to the notice required by law.

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Interim Police Chief Blue led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Roll Call

#### Councilmembers Present

Mayor Jones  
Vice-Mayor Wickham  
Councilwoman Medina  
Councilman Sloan  
Councilman Brewer  
Councilman Bustamante

#### Staff Present

Sharon Christiansen, Librarian  
April Lopez, Utility Clerk  
Daniel Gomez, PW Foreman  
Stephen Cooper, Attorney

#### Absent Councilmembers

Councilman Gallego (excused)

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

- A. Possible Motion to excuse Councilmember Gallego from meeting due to surgery and recovery.

A motion was made by Councilman Brewer was made to excuse Councilmember Gallego from meetings due to surgery and recovery. A second was made by Vice Mayor Wickham. Motion passed.

4. Call to Public

Juan Ponce asked if items 9A, 9B & 9C would be opened up for questions and answers. Mayor Jones informed Mr. Ponce 9A was hashed out as well as 9B but he would open them up for a few questions.

Councilman Joe Brewer stated his comments were about 'council comments' not being on the agenda the last few months. Councilman Brewer stated he believes the town should be run as a Government Entity and not as a private business.

Alice Martinez stated she has already asked the Mayor to step down from all self-appointed positions such as human resources, town manager. She stated all things should go through town council not him alone. She stated the Mayor has slandered her by trying to get her off the Public Retirement Board. She stated the Mayor had asked Councilman Brewer to ask her to resign from the Board because she was mentally and physically unfit. She stated her doctor said otherwise.

5. Approval of Minutes of Council Meeting:

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes March 17, 2016

Councilman Sloan motioned to approve the minutes for a Regular Meeting held on March 17, 2016. A Second was made by Councilwoman Medina. Motion passed.

- B. Approval of Study Session Minutes March 17, 2016

Councilman Sloan motioned to approve the minutes for a Study Session held on March 17, 2016. A second was made by Councilman Bustamante. Motion passed.

6. Mayor's Report/Council Comments

Council Comments:

Councilman Brewer stated from his understanding the town swimming pool was given to another entity and that the Town of Mammoth is not running it anymore. He said he did not know if that information was true or not but that's what he had heard because of the cost of the pool. The Mayor informed Councilman Brewer that Wendy Gort had volunteered with her certification to run the pool to do it for the town.

Vice Mayor Wickham wished all Mother's in the audience a Happy Mother's Day for May 8, 2016. She then expressed concerns that there are 7 elected officials that set the policy for the town and the management then carries out the policy. She wants the council to pay attention to what's going on that way they don't find out after somethings have been done. Vice Mayor Wickham then stated as Councilman Brewer had mentioned in a case like this the person that we mentioned is not a town employee, the town does not have an IGA with them, the town has liabilities and that the priority is the people and the kids of the Town of Mammoth. She mentioned, last year she did the best she could to get money for the pool and she feels we can do the same thing again this year for the pool and hire people from Mammoth and that have gone through the council. Vice Mayor Wickham's concern is that somebody is running the pool without Town Council approval or discussion.

Councilman Sloan stated the Swim Team will be bringing in money for the town and the Swim Team put in things to have warm swimming. He said many people had heard this and is thrilled about it and he was happy with it because all the Town has to pay them is letting them practice there. The Mayor informed the Council and the Towns people that it was a solar blanket that was put in and the pool was already up to 77 degrees.

Vice Mayor Wickham mentioned she was not putting the Swim Team down in anyway, her concern was that the Council was not informed and this decision was made without Council approval. The Council sets the policy and it was not followed. The Mayor suggested the Council have a meeting to discuss this.

Councilman Bustamante commented on the legislation.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Jones asked the town attorney if he could unappoint somebody he has appointed to a committee. Attorney Cooper said he would like to have an opportunity to look and get facts and because it is legal advice he suggested a legal memo or executive session to get specifics on there; the general rule is the Mayor is one member of the council. Mayor Jones stated that the cash on hand for the town has slowly gone up, with the cash on hand slowly going up there would be no way to hire a Public Works Director or Town Manager; the town would not have enough funds for those salaries. Mayor Jones stated that he has been doing both jobs free that are approximately \$190,000.00 saving for the town. Mayor Jones went on to say the town will be hiring a police chief; it will save the town 2/3 by three towns hiring one police chief. The police chief will handle three towns. Mayor Jones spoke about the repair of #4 well and how if #5 well went out, the town would be without water.

## 7. Approval of Staff Recommendations and Reports

1. Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report
2. Police Report- Interim Police Chief Blue

3. Public Works Report
4. Library Report -Sharon Christiansen
5. Planning & Zoning Report –Sharon Christiansen

8. Approve Accounts Payable for Payment and Filing

Vice Mayor Wickham motioned to approve the accounts payable for payment and filing. A second was made by Councilman Sloan. Motion passed.

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

- A. Discussion and Possible approval for lease of real property with Pinal County to locate a Radio Tower on Town Property.

Councilman Brewer made a motion for approval to authorize the Mayor to sign a lease agreement with Pinal County for the tower at a term of 10 years with 5 year renewal at a rate of \$1.00 per year. A second was made Councilman Bustamante. Motion passed.

- B. Discussion and Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Creation of Regional Police Force and sharing on the cost of hiring a Chief of Police to be shared equally by the Communities of Mammoth, Hayden and Kearny.

Vice Mayor Wickham made a motion for the approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Creation of Regional Police Force and sharing on the cost of hiring a Chief of Police to be shared equally by the Communities of Mammoth, Hayden and Kearny. A second was made by Councilman Sloan. Motion passed.

- C. Consideration of approval of pay increase for Interim Town Clerk and set effective date.

Councilwoman Medina made a motion to table the approval of pay increase for Interim Town Clerk to find more information on raise last year. A second was made by Vice Mayor Wickham.

Roll call:

Councilman Bustamante-Yes

Councilman Sloan-No

Vice Mayor Wickham-Yes

Mayor Jones-No

Councilman Brewer-Yes

Councilwoman Medina-Yes

Results: Yes-4 No-2

Motion to table passed.

- D. Consideration for approval of increase in monthly retainer for Legal Services of Town Attorney from \$2,500 dollars per month to \$3,000 dollars per month effective July 1, 2016.

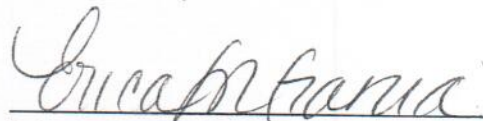
Vice Mayor Wickham made a motion for the approval of increase in monthly retainer for Legal Services of Town Attorney from \$2,500 dollars per month to \$3,000 dollars per month effective July 1, 2016. A second was made by Councilman Sloan. Motion passed.

10. Adjourn

Councilman Sloan motioned for adjournment. A second was made by Councilman Bustamante. Motion passed

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 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 21, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.



Erica M. Garcia, Interim Town Clerk