



**TOWN OF MAMMOTH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAMMOTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON
MAY 16, 2019**

These are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held by the Mammoth Town Council on MAY 16, 2019 pursuant to the notice required by Law.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – This meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Mayor Dietz
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Councilwoman Amparano
3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT MEMBERS

Councilwoman Martinez (Excused)
Councilwoman Medina
Councilman Bustamante
Mayor Dietz
Vice Mayor Anaya (Tardy 7:03)
Councilwoman Amparano
Councilman Martinez

PRESENT STAFF

Attorney S Cooper
Town Manager D Jones

Town Recorder S Christiansen
Police Chief R. Lujan

ABSENT MEMBERS

Councilwoman Martinez

Councilwoman Martinez has been excused by Mayor Dietz from attending this meeting
Motion by: Mayor Dietz Second by: Councilman Bustamante.
Motion Passed 6-0

4. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- a. Ernest Bustamante—Fire Hazards in Mammoth, many properties in Mammoth are in need of care, the fire season is upon us and we need to be mindful of the dried vegetation on these properties. It is time for the town and residents to get serious about this issue. Second is an update of the film that was shot here. On behalf of the film crew, I will say Thank you to the Town and its residents. The film is a comedy, streaming online. Border Patrol shot its second episode in Mammoth and this can be viewed online. Third is concerning the state budget, the passing of the Vehicle Registration Tax add on of \$32.00 was unexpected for many residents, and many feel this should be rescinded or reduced. The Governor does not support this idea. This tax has hurt a lot of residents how have multi-vehicles. I would like to see at least a reduction in this amount.
- b. Rudy Romo-Susan Sanchez-Jose Garcia—We are here on behalf of the Lions Club and the Fourth of July Celebration, we would like to ask the Town of Mammoth to consider a donation to help support this annual event. We will be addressing this on the next agenda but are asking you to think about donating. (The suggested amount the Council decided to consider is \$300.00 to help support this event) Council instructed staff to schedule this as an agenda item for the June Council Meeting.
- c. (CLOSE CALL TO THE PUBLIC)

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Minutes of March 21, 2019 and April 18, 2019
Motion to Approve Minutes as written.
Motion by: Councilwoman Medina Second By: Councilman Martinez
Motion Passed Vote 6-0

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6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

- a. **Councilman Bustamante**—My comment is concerning the Arizona Corporation Commission and an article with a good write up by one of the commissioners and thier opinion. Found in the Arizona Republic for Sunday May 12, 2019. It is concerning utility rates and going Green. The base of this article is dealing with electric rates and the direction the commission is heading. Going Green is a good idea but not going too Green. We have Coal and Natural Gas that is able to generate our electrical needs. The conversations are now heading towards Wind and Solar. However, since the commission makes the rules they do not always consider the cost to the individual users. So in effect what he is saying is that the commission makes these mandates on the Utility Companies which becomes an added expense to them, and in turn that cost is passed to the consumer. So, Yes, it is good to go Green, but ultimately it is the customer that is shelling out the Green. Please take a look at this article for yourselves, it is very well written and makes many good points.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Staff Recommendations and Reports**
 - i. Town Clerk/Treasure Report
 - ii. Police Report –Presented by Chief Lujan
 - iii. Public Works Report-Presented by Wendy Gort
 - iv. Library Report
 - v. Planning and Zoning Report
 - vi. Town Managers Report
- b. **Account Payable for Payment and Filing**

Mayor Dietz requested that the Police Report and Public Works Report be pulled and an oral presentation be made.

Motion is to Accept Consent Agenda and Accounts Payable for Payment and Filing, less Item 7ii Police Report and 7iii Public Works Report.

Motion by: Councilwoman Medina

Second by: Vice Mayor Anaya

Vote Roll Call	Mayor Dietz	YES	Councilwoman Medina	YES
	Councilman Bustamante	YES	Vice Mayor Anaya	YES
	Councilwoman Amparano	YES	Councilman Martinez	YES
	Motion is Passes Vote 6 -0			

- c. **Police Report presented by Chief Lujan**—Statistical Report was given first. There have been several calls concerning dogs at large. This is becoming a problem and we may need to consider citing owners again, this is a hefty fine and people need to be made aware of this. It is time consuming for our officers and presents a problem for drivers and residents. Also remember that our Police will do house watch if you must be away for an extended period of time. We show presence and also take a physical look around to assure no entry has been made. This is a service not only to our residents but our town as a whole. We have had some vandalism at the Mammoth School, we have some suspects but nothing concrete at this time. (the school is being boarded up right now to help with this. Also the idea is being discussed concerning the possibility of moving the police department up to the school.) We have received the two vehicles from Superior, one had power steering problems which Public Works has repaired. We are just waiting on decals and lights and it will be ready to go. We have our fingers crossed because our older vehicles have just about had it. This will help bring our fleet back up. It is not costing to much except for parts. We have had NARCON Training for all our officers. This is administered to Overdose Victims. We received the training and the Narcon and it did not cost us a penny. We have been assisting with construction on Highway 77 North, our patrol cars are being paid for this Police Presence so this is not costing the town and we have already received \$495.00. Hopefully we will also get the bid for the road project on Highway 77 South coming up soon. (A question was asked about coverage being affected by the officers being out there) Mammoth still has full coverage, these officers are not on a Mammoth Patrol Shift. We are currently updating our General Orders, we have sent them to Mr. Cooper for wording and content and now we need to have them approved. (Hard copies are

to be placed in each council member's mail boxes for review.) We are losing a dispatcher so we will need to advertise for a new dispatcher.

Motion to Accept the Police Report

Motion by: Councilwoman Amparano

Second by: Councilman Martinez

Motion Passed 6-0

- d. **Public Works Report—Wendy Gort—Update on all projects going on.** There are 3 major projects going on around town. First is Arizona Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. USDA will pay an engineer to come into town and evaluate our water system, make a recommendation on what needs to be done to the water system and how much that will cost. The cost for this service is \$30,000 and will be performed by NCS Engineering. This will be a Preliminary Report. This cost is covered under a Search Grant. No cost to the Town. Once this is complete we will be eligible for federal funding, this may consist of grants, loans, or a combination of both. One thing we will need is a water rate study that will assess whether the town revenues from water rates will cover the repayment of any loans. This is only the first step in a long process for a very large and costly project. The second project is part of the Emergency Project of 2018. This funding will repair waterlines on Main St. between Kino and Bluebird. The second project is Kino St. from Catalina to Main. #1 Main St. Waterline Repair, will cost \$131,943-We will be replacing the lines with new lines stronger and larger. The old lines will be abandoned and the new lines will be run beside them. This is the safest approved method of disconnecting and disposing of the old pipes while installing the new ones. This is also a USDA Grant and will be \$150,000. There have been many delays with getting the grant monies here. We had the government end of year budget problems and then the partial government shut down all causing delays. We have until the end of this year to complete this project but expect to have this completed by the end of July. #2 Kino Street Project-the cost \$78,411. We will be replacing this water line with the same size pipe stronger and again we will be abandoning the old line and installing the new alongside of it. This project is being funded by the state DEMA. This is not a grant as in the USDA. They will pay up to 75% of eligible cost and the town must provide the other 25%. So how this works is the town must put up the cost of the repairs and submit the final paperwork at which time they will reimburse up to 75% of the eligible cost associated with this project. This is why we are not able to do more of the town with this project, the town does not have the funding. Therefore, we picked a project scope that would be most beneficial to the town and still stay within what the town can budget and pay (our 25%). The USDA SEARCH GRANT is our best opportunity to complete other major repairs and upgrades to the town water system. Both of these DEMA projects will be completed by the Central Arizona Civil Construction. The second part of the DEMA project is the Kino St road repair. This will be a complete pavement of Kino Street from the point ADOT stopped all the way through to Main St. Also we will be doing a chip seal on Bluebird from Catalina to Main. The reason for this is that you must do in-kind replacement which means you must replace only what was lost (no upgrades). With Kino and mitigation we were able to increase to Paving, but they did not accept the same mitigation concerning Bluebird. Don Jones interjected that there is some HURF FUNDS that may be able to repair a couple of streets in the near future. The final project is a CBDG, this is for \$417,000 awarded to the Town. This is to replace the water meters in the town with radio meters. What is left over is to replace critical valves within the town. This will allow us to shut off a section of the town for repairs and not the large outages we have experienced lately. These radio meters will be installed on every line throughout the town, this will become a money saving device as it will allow the men to just drive by and collect the monthly data in a short amount of time vs the walk around and hand recorded method we now use. Other advantages are that if your water bill suddenly increases these new meters will be able to tell you that a leak may be present, you will be able to see that water is flowing at a time when no water was being used. There are many other advantages to this type of meter, both for the resident and for the town itself. In the beginning some people may see that their bills have increased slightly because these are more accurate and they are new. Some of the old ones are worn out and not representing the actual amount of flow. For 550 meters the cost will be \$111,150. This will be purchased through Core& Main. The installation will be done by KE&G at a cost of \$86,810. Lastly, is valves and the town has already purchased and placed several of these throughout the town in selected areas that involved multi

area shut offs. Once we see how much funding is left we can purchase more and get more of these installed or replaced. The Police Chief asked about vandalism of these radio meters. The response was that the good thing about these meters is that they immediately send a signal to the main console informing them that the meter is off line. This allows immediate response to the area. But overall these meters should not experience any more vandalism than the meters we currently have. There was a suggestion made to possibly write an ordinance with stiff fines concerning the vandalism of these devices. Each meter costs about \$175 and will be the property of the town.

Motion to Accept Public Works Report

Motion by Councilwoman Amparano

Second by Councilman Martinez

Motion Passed Vote 6-0

At the direction of the Mayor we will be taking items out of order and the New Business, Items 10A through 10E will be moved to this area of Meeting.

10. New Business items A-E

- a. Consideration and Possible Approval of contract with NCS Engineering in the amount of \$30,000 for a Preliminary Engineering Report to upgrade the Town water distribution system and Authorization of the Mayor or Vice Mayor to sign Agreements. This project is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, under a SEARCH Grant.

Motion is to approve contract between NCS Engineering and Town of Mammoth in the amount of \$30,000 and Authorize Mayor or Vice Mayor to sign agreements.

Motion by: Councilwoman Amparano

Second by: Councilwoman Medina

Motion Passed Vote 6-0

- b. Consideration and Possible Approval of Contract with Central Arizona Civil Construction in the amount of \$131,943 for Main Street Water line Replacement, and Authorization of the Mayor or Vice Mayor to sign Agreements. This project is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, under an ECWAG Grant.

Motion is to approve contract between Central Arizona Civil Construction and Town of Mammoth in the amount of \$131,943 and Authorize Mayor or Vice Mayor to sign agreements.

Motion by: Councilman Bustamante Second by: Councilwoman Amparano

Motion Passed Vote 6-0

- c. Consideration and Possible Approval of contract with Central Arizona Civil Construction in the amount of \$78,411.09 for Kino Street Waterline Replacement and Authorization of the Mayor or Vice Mayor to sign Agreements. This project is funded up to 75% by the Arizona Department of Emergency Management. (DEMA)

Motion is to approve contract between Central Arizona Civil Construction and Town of Mammoth in the amount of \$78,411.09 and Authorize Mayor or Vice Mayor to sign agreements.

Motion by: Councilwoman Medina Second by: Councilman Bustamante

Motion Passed Vote 6-0

- d. Consideration and Possible Approval of Contract with KE&G in the amount of \$86,810 for installation of the AMR Water Meters and Authorization of the Mayor or Vice Mayor to sign Agreements. This project is funded by the Arizona Department of Housing through a CDBG Grant.

Motion is to approve contract between KE&G and Town of Mammoth in the amount of \$86,810 and Authorize Mayor or Vice Mayor to sign agreements.

Motion by: Councilwoman Amparano

Second by: Councilman Martinez

Motion Passed Vote 6-0

- e. Consideration and Possible Approval of contract with Core & Main in the amount of \$111,150 for the purchase of AMR Water Meters and Authorization of the Mayor or Vice Mayor to sign Agreements. This project is funded by the Arizona Department of Housing through a CDBG Grant.

Motion is to approve contract between Core & Main and Town of Mammoth in the amount of \$111,150 and Authorize Mayor or Vice Mayor to sign agreements.

Motion by: Councilwoman Amparano

Second by: Councilman Bustamante

Motion Passed Vote 6-0

Resume in natural order of items

11. Possible Executive Session- NONE

12. ADJOURN

Motion is to Adjourn this meeting at 8:34 pm

Motion By: Councilwoman Amparano

Second By: Councilman Martinez

Meeting is Adjourned at 8:34 PM

Motion passed Vote 6-0

I certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the Town of Mammoth Council Meeting held May 16, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.

Don Jones, Town Manager