



**TOWN OF MAMMOTH  
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE MAMMOTH TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON  
JULY 17, 2019**

These are the Minutes of a Special Meeting held by the Mammoth Town Council  
on July 17, 2019 pursuant to the notice required by Law.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – This meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM by Mayor Dietz
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Councilwoman Medina
3. **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT MEMBERS**

Councilwoman Martinez by phone  
Councilwoman Medina  
Councilman Bustamante Tardy 5:13  
Mayor Dietz  
Vice Mayor Anaya  
Councilwoman Amparano  
Councilman Martinez

**PRESENT STAFF**

Attorney S Cooper  
Town Manager D Jones

Town Recorder S Christiansen  
Police Chief R. Lujan

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

4. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- a. Gina Medina- I was recently diagnosed with anxiety and dementia and was told to avoid all stress. I do not want my diagnosis to cause any issues with my decisions concerning this council. This will be my last Council Meeting, I began in 2013 and the 16<sup>th</sup> of August would have been my 7 years. I am submitting my resignation to begin after tonight's meeting. Thank you. (Many thoughtful words and comments from Council members, staff and the Public attending.)
- b. Bob Sloan-I have heard around that I removed the Presidential Picture from the Chambers, I did not. Many of you don't like the man but the Picture represents the office and I would like to see it returned. (There is a murmur across the council and the room. Comments include the fact that this is not a federal office and it is not required that the presidential portrait be displayed) It is part of the Political Background of Mammoth and I would like to see it replaced.
- c. Terry Adams-First is the Signage from ADOT north and south of town, I know you discussed it and wondered if there are any updates on this matter.  
Second, Lights out on Hwy 77, there are 10 out at this time and I have been asking for about 2 years. I do not know what you need to do but this needs to be fixed. ADOT gave the lights on a grant and Mammoth needs to maintain them.  
Third is the Town Clerk Report, you all have it in your packets and you vote on them. We can listen to 15 min police report or public works report. You can surely take 5 minutes to let us know this much came in and this went out and this is what is left. (Vice Mayor Anaya stated that any resident can come in to the office and request a copy of the information at the desk for approx. \$2.00 per page) Some Council members agreed that the lights due need immediate repair.
- d. Ernest Bustamante-I am glad to see people interested in the budget. About 15-17 years ago there was an agreement in place concerning the State Revenue Sharing Program, over the years the shrinking dollar is shrinking more and more. Slowly, the legislature in using their formulas to calculate the sharing has begun lessening the shared revenues. I just spoke last meeting about the state issuing grants for 750,000 on wearable technology, 250,000 for dust suppression, and 200,000 for a theater in Maricopa County. These are taking from the small towns Revenue Sharing Dollars. Then you take into account the sales tax break on farming chemicals that also takes a giant chunk out of the Revenue Sharing. This is all monies that small towns like ours could use for maintenance and need of our towns. This is around 2 million in which our share could have been

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as much as \$60,000. Don Jones also stated that the Larger Cities by population are awarded an additional 3% in funding that should go to the little towns, however that does not happen.

e. **(CLOSE CALL TO THE PUBLIC)**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 20, 2019 and Special Meeting of June 26, 2019**  
**Motion to Approve Minutes as written.**  
**Motion by: Councilwoman Amparano Second By: Councilman Martinez**  
**Motion Passed Vote 7-0**

**6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- a. **Councilwoman Martinez-** I would like to personally Thank Gina on behalf of the citizens of Mammoth for her years of dedication to the town. I know of many times when Gina has taken on several positions in the town and preformed work for this town at no pay, just out of the goodness of her heart. The Town of Mammoth is better for all she has done. She has been and is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**7. PRESENTATION BY PAT WALKER OF WALKER CONSULTANTS FOR THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 AND PROPOSED TAX LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020**

- a. **PUBLIC HEARING ON FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,030,993 AND PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF 2.2045 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE**  
**Motion to Open Public Hearing by: Councilman Bustamante**  
**Second by: Councilman Martinez**  
**This Public Hearing is now open by a vote of 7-0 at 5:23pm.**

**Presentation by Pat Walker complete with Power Point and Statistical information**  
**Please see power point display at the end of this meeting minutes. The following is important information taken from the Verbal Presentation by Pat Walker:**

1. Page 2) shows a proposed budget of \$4,030,993. This is not all general fund monies, of this there is grants, Hurf, and Transportation Excise Tax which are Restricted Monies. Enterprise Funds are those that can be used for the town needs and are brought in through water, sewer, sanitation, and cemetery. The General Funds amount of \$868,408 will include all administration, payrolls, and normal monthly obligations.
2. Page 4) Assessed Values, this is for the property tax levy. Due to some Assessed Value Growth, we are able to lower the tax rate to achieve the same levy as last year. This means that we will lower the \$2.2667 rate to \$2.2045 per each \$100 of Assessed Value. An example would be a property with assessed value of \$50,000. The calculations would be  $50,000/100=500*2.2667=1133.35$  2018-2019, the lower tax rate calculations would be  $50,000/100=500*2.2045=1102.25$  in 2019-2020, which is a savings of \$31.10 in Property Tax. Note that the property values of each neighborhood is effected by those owners who refuse to manage the upkeep of their properties, this may lower the value of your individual property's assessed value. We need to get these properties cleaned up, the increased assessed value will allow the town to lower the rates while maintaining the Levy amount of \$ 51,210. State Shared Revenue are our portion of the state pie so to speak, and although it appears that we are growing it is not based solely on our growth but on the state growth and the increase state revenues. These include State Income Tax, State Sales Tax, Auto Lieu (registration and plates including the \$32 additional cost to register your vehicles) and Highway User Revenues (gas tax). In shared revenues that Highway User was not based on portion all cities and town are granted \$196,991.
3. Page 5-6) Explain Fund Balance-basically this is stating that a fund balance is what you currently have plus revenues, minus expenditures should equal your fund balance. This does not mean all this is spendable, there may be other obligations that

are not as yet expended or are previously earmarked for other payments or projects. These are what will be referred to as Restricted accounts or funds.

4. Page 7) General Fund Balance. If you look at 2015 our general fund balance was in the negative at (\$1,135,765) in 2019 we are still in the negative, but our general fund balance has increased to (\$611,227) which shows that we have gained \$524,538 in our General Fund Account over the past few years. Again, you must remember that these funds also include restricted funds.
5. Page 9) Hurf Fund and Excise Tax-Fund Balance vs Cash in Bank (remember the 1.2 Million in Hurf Repayment. It looks like we are at approximately \$1 Million now.) We are making progress. Payback for 2019-2020 is at \$45,000. This is part of our agreement with the Auditor Generals Office.
6. Page 10) Water Revenue as you can see has been losing revenues over the past several years. Mammoth has one of the lowest water rates in Arizona. The new meters which will be calculating properly should increase this amount some. The old meters were inaccurate as they became aged, which in some cases showed a much lower usage than was actually used. We may need to consider a rate increase. Even with an increase Mammoth would still be one of the lowest water rate entities in Arizona. As you can see we will need to generate over \$307,000 in water revenues to bring this into a manageable amount. (included with the power points are copies of the water rates for Mammoth compared to San Manuel/Oracle and Kearney) The sewer fund is in the same need of a rate increase as well.

**According to Pat Walker the town is in crisis mode and if we do not do something quickly, we will be in danger of bankruptcy and having the county take us over completely. Now is the time for some critical decision making.**

**Motion to Close Public Hearing by: Councilwoman Amparano**

**Second by: Councilwoman Martinez**

**This Public Hearing is now closed by a vote of 7-0 at 6:20pm.**

- b. **Consideration and Possible approval of Resolution 2019-02, Approving Adoption of Final Budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$4,030,993**

**Motion to Approve Final Budget as presented**

**Motion by: Councilwoman Medina**

**Second by: Councilman Martinez**

**Motion Passed Vote 7-0**

## **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Staff Recommendations and Reports**
  - i. Town Clerk/Treasure Report
  - ii. Police Report –Presented by Chief Lujan
  - iii. Public Works Report
  - 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 be pulled and an oral presentation be made.**

**Motion is to Accept Consent Agenda and Accounts Payable for Payment and Filing, less Item 8A2 Police Report.**

**Motion by: Councilwoman Amparano**

**Second by: Councilman Martinez**

**Vote Roll Call Councilwoman Martinez**

**YES Councilwoman Medina YES**

**Councilman Bustamante**

**YES Mayor Dietz YES**

**Vice Mayor Anaya**

**YES Councilwoman Amparano YES**

**Councilman Martinez**

**YES**

**Motion is Passes Vote 7 -0**

- c. **Police Report presented by Chief Lujan**—Statistical Report was given first. There have been several calls concerning dogs at large. Suggesting that we institute a dog at large and leash law for Mammoth and not just the Pinal County Code. Also property complaints concern fire hazards and neglect issues.

**Motion to Accept the Police Report**

**Motion by: Councilwoman Amparano**

**Second by: Councilman Martinez**

**Motion Passed 7-0**

**9. Approval of Planning and Zoning Matters Sharon Christiansen—NONE**

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Consideration and Possible Approval of Amendment to AT&T Cell Tower lease located on Town Water Storage Tank for payment amount of \$132,250.00**

**Motion is to Accept AT&T 30 year term lump sum lease in the amount of \$132,250.**

**Motion by: Councilwoman Martinez      Second by Councilman Martinez**

**Motion Passed Vote 7-0**

- b. **Consideration and Possible Approval of Updates to Police Personnel Policies and Procedures**

- i. Mission, Agency Vision, Code of Ethics and Oath

- ii. Policy 1-1      Policy Manual

- iii. Policy 1-8      Law Enforcement Authority

- iv. Policy 2-18      Police Reserves

- v. Policy 2-5.3      Social Media

- vi. Policy 1-5.6      Electronic Control Weapons

**Motion is to Approve Policy Updates as mentioned above**

**Motion by: Councilwoman Amparano      Second by: Councilwoman Martinez**

**Motion Passed Vote 7-0**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Consideration and Possible Cancellation of Regular Meeting of Town Council for Thursday July 18, 2019 due to Special Meeting of July 17, 2019.**

**Motion is to approve Cancellation of Regular Meeting for July 18, 2019**

**Motion by: Vice Mayor Anaya**

**Second by: Councilwoman Amparano**

**Motion Passed Vote 7-0**

- b. **Consideration and Possible Approval of the Law Firm of Cooper & Rueter, LLP to represent the Town of Mammoth in the San Pedro River Water Rights Adjudication.**

**Motion is to Approve Legal Representation by Cooper & Rueter, LLP for representation on the San Pedro Water Rights Adjudication.**

**Motion by: Councilwoman Amparano**

**Second by: Councilwoman Medina**

**Motion Passed Vote 7-0**

- c. **Consideration and Possible Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Pinal County for Administration of 2020 and 2021 CDBG Funds**

**Motion to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Pinal County for Administration of CDBG Funds for 2020 and 2021, with Escape Clause included.**

**Motion by: Councilwoman Martinez      Second by: Councilwoman Amparano**

**Motion Tabled Vote**

**12. Possible Executive Session- NONE**

**13. ADJOURN**

**Motion is to Adjourn this meeting at 7:04 pm**

**Motion By: Councilwoman Amparano  
Meeting is Adjourned at 7:04 PM  
Motion passed Vote 7-0**

**Second By: Councilwoman Martinez**

**I certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the Town of Mammoth Council Meeting held July 17, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.**

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**Don Jones, Town Manager**