



**TOWN OF MAMMOTH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAMMOTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON
FEBRUARY 20, 2020**

These are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held by the Mammoth Town Council on FEBRUARY 20, 2020 pursuant to the notice required by Law.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – This meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Mayor Dietz
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Councilman Martinez
3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT MEMBERS

Councilman Rash
Councilwoman Martinez
Councilman Bustamante
Mayor Dietz
Vice Mayor Anaya
Councilwoman Amparano
Councilman Martinez

PRESENT STAFF

Attorney S Cooper
Town Manager D Jones
Town Recorder S Christiansen
Chief Lujan

ABSENT MEMBERS

Councilman Rash

No Members have been excused from this meeting

4. **Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Lee Randle General Manager of Apache Sky Casino for Police Computer Grant Funding.**
Police Chief Lujan Presented Plaque and Certificates to Lee Randle and Bella Lopez for her work on the grant writing and to the General Manager for the Grant Monies provided. Thank you to both for helping to create a safer and more conducive work environment for our Police Staff thus making a better Town of Mammoth.
5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- a. **Terry Adams-** Lights, I see you're working on them and I commend you for that, still have some out. Hopefully we can get those fixed. Second is Water Rate Increase, It looks as though the increase is going to be around 31.00. This is without a garbage increase that is also coming within the next few months. To those on fixed incomes this is a lot, maybe to some of you it is not too much. But to those of low income that is a tank of gas, prescriptions or food. Next is the Audit, I am discouraged that this council voted against a new audit. I don't know if you understand what this is for. An audit is used to see where money is being wasted within the town. You said there is an audit coming up in July. If you would have approved the audit in January, after putting out bids and picking an auditor, having the audit completed would have put us in May or June and I am sure it could have been used as the one being done in July. You come to the public for more money but you do not want to be accountable for monies being wasted. Maybe there is no money being wasted but how do we know if you refuse to do the audit.

Councilwoman Amparano-I am sure that our manager is working on this and we will have answers by the next meeting or two.

Councilwoman Martinez-I was one of those who voted for the auditor, but the rest of the council chose not to at this time. I checked with Auditor General Office who stated that our audit is to be complete by March 31st with an expenditure report to be in compliance and it can take up to 8 weeks to prepare an audit so we are not going to make that deadline. This council made that decision and this council will have to deal with the repercussions of that decision.

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Councilman Bustamante-We do need the help in figuring our finances, but we have people in place to do that job. We need to let them complete their jobs. Let's not make this personal, we have a deficit that has been here long before any of us were seated on this council. We are trying to deal with it now, we may not always agree but I think we can do it together.

Manager stated that the audit is being completed as we speak and we will be in compliance with all forms needed.

(CLOSE CALL TO THE PUBLIC)

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

For January 16, 2020

Motion is to Approve the Minutes of Jan. 16, 2020 as written

Motion by: Councilwoman Martinez Second by: Councilman Martinez

Motion Passes Vote 6-0

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

a. **Councilwoman Martinez**- I would like to reiterate that in the November Meeting Minutes it was approved that the mayor directed our staff attorney to draw up a memo concerning the points we discussed regarding the resolution that was passed on the agenda and the way we handle the 4 vs 3 split. It was directed to be given at the next meeting, we did not have a meeting in December and nothing was brought to the January Meeting. I have not had a chance to talk to the attorney yet, I would like to voice my opinion that I would like to have that done. When we ask for clarification from our attorney, we should get that clarification so that we may proceed with making decisions we need to make.

b. **Councilman Bustamante**-Picking up the Republican Newspaper we see, an article about the Florence Prisons. Many people were caught off guard on this. A lot of our public works for the Dept. of Corrections in private, state, and federal prisons. Like our miners on strike, I do not call it a strike, it is a siege. But this type of action is affecting all of us. Just wanting to make you aware of local issues that may affect us all. This could impact many prison programs that do so much good.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

a. **Staff Recommendations and Reports**

~~i. Town Clerk/Treasure Report~~

ii. Public Works Report

iii. Library Report

~~iv. Police Report~~

v. Planning and Zoning Report

vi. Town Managers Report

b. **Staff Reports for Oral Presentation**

i. Treasure/Town Clerk Report

ii. Police Report

~~e. Account Payable for Payment and Filing~~

Motion for Staff Reports and Accounts Payable for Payment and Filing to be presented orally after the Consent Agenda has been voted.

Request by: Councilwoman Martinez

Motion is to Accept Consent Agenda, excluding Police Report, Treasure/Town Clerk Report and Accounts Payable for Paying and Filing

Motion to Accept Consent Agenda

Vote Roll Call Councilwoman Martinez	YES	Councilman Martinez	YES
Councilwoman Amparano	YES	Vice-Mayor Anaya	YES
Councilman Bustamante	YES	Mayor Dietz	YES

Motion Passed Vote 6-0

**Treasure Report-Town Manager Don Jones. – January 1-31, 2020-Beginning Balance of \$885,456.90
Revenues of \$129,455.13 Expenses of \$179,725.72 Ending Balance of \$835,186.31
Which is a Negative Month Loss of \$50,270.59**

Motion to Accept Treasurers Report
Motion by: Councilwoman Amparano
Motion Passed Vote 6-0

Second by: Councilman Bustamante

Police Report-Chief Lujan-gave statistical report for January 2020—Our department has entered into a new program that will help our dispatchers and town hall as well. Car Facts anytime we have a problem with a car whether it be vandalism or accident or theft, we fill a report and send it to them and in turn they will help us when we have a case where we have a Virginia Plate with only 3 letters of the plate, they can help us to narrow down the list of possible suspect vehicles. We started with 1,000 Put in the Nissan pathfinder, and cut that down, added color and letters of plate, we came up with 3 possible suspect vehicles. This is going to save a lot of time and money. It will also tell us if another agency is investigating that same vehicle and then we can exchange information that may help both. In return our officers will give the public a card that they can contact to receive a copy of the report which again saves time for us here in Mammoth. They then pay Car Fax and Car Fax will send us a check each month. Kearney is going to give us a Tahoe. We just hired a new dispatcher and we are looking at 2 more. We are also in the process of hiring another officer.

Motion to Accept Police Report
Motion by: Councilwoman Martinez
Motion Passed Vote 6-0

Second by: Councilwoman Amparano

Councilwoman Martinez-I pulled this because I have a question, I asked the clerk in the office who also did not know. There is a payable to Schultz Contracting for 55,825.00. Wendy answered that they were the ones that put in the pipes. It was paid back through USDA.

Motion to Accept Accounts payable for payment and filing

Motion by: Councilwoman Martinez
Motion Passed 6-0

Second by: Councilman Martinez

Councilman Bustamante asked about the RTA and its status. Answer: It is currently at about 29 million of which our interest at this time is supposed to be \$300,000 per year. Court Case is moving along, but it is still in litigation at this time. Hoping for some decision by July 2020.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration and Possible Approval of Resolution Nos. 2020-01 and 2020-02 an increase to Water and Wastewater Rates, Charges, and Fees, Effective in a minimum of 30 days after passage.

Resolution 2020-01 Water Rates Charges and Fees.

Councilwoman Martinez- I still would like to wait for the audit before we raise people's rates.

Councilwoman Amparano-I know we need a good reason and I think we have one, if we do not raise them now we may lose getting more help to fix our pipes. We need those grants and funding.

Councilwoman Martinez-If the audits will be done in March, then why can we not wait until the audit is done to make a decision.

Mr. Cooper-Mayor and Council Members, there is a process that you must go through. First is a Notice of Intent, you must have a report prepared, a public hearing for comments. After a certain period of time you must start over. You had a study session on this matter in October, it on the agenda in November, you tabled it till after the first of the year. I asked you in January if you wanted back on the agenda in February. My fear is that if you do not take action in February, you may need to start the whole process over again. Even on a fast track that would be a 90 day process at a minimum. So you can table it but then you are looking at starting over in the process, if this happens it will take you right into the middle of planning for the new budget.

Councilwoman Martinez-So if we raise the minimum now, we would have to start the whole process over to raise it again later?

Mr. Cooper-You would have to do another rate study to see what changes there are. If you table it you are looking at starting over. You have a recommendation on the agenda, you could adopt that. Or you could go lower and adopt that. You could also tier the increase over a period of time, but

11. **Possible Executive Session – Executive Session was entered at 9:15PM all Public was asked to vacate the Council Chambers at this time and the recording was stopped.**
12. **Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:47 PM**
Town Attorney was directed to proceed as instructed in the Executive Session Re: Adjudication of the Gila River System and Source (San Pedro River)
13. **Adjourn**
Motion is to Adjourn meeting at 9:48 PM
Motion by: Councilwoman Amparano Second by: Councilman Martinez
Motion Passed Vote 6-0

I certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the Town of Mammoth Council Meeting held February 20, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.

Don Jones, Town Manager