

**TOWN OF MAMMOTH
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE MAMMOTH TOWN COUNCIL
JUNE 02, 2021**

These are the Minutes of a Special Meeting held by the Mammoth Town Council
On June 2, 2021 pursuant to the notice required by Law.

Due to the COVID-19 Virus and our efforts to slow the spread, and to keep all members and attendees safe in this time of crisis. We require that all those in attendance are Masked and adhering to Social Distancing Measures.

1. CALL TO ORDER – This meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM Mayor Armenta.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT MEMBERS

Mayor Armenta
Vice Mayor Martinez
Councilman Bustamante
Councilman Martinez
Councilman Adams (By Phone)
Councilman Brewer
Councilman Ponce

PRESENT STAFF

Attorney S Cooper
Town Manager J. Schempf
Town Clerk A. Sanchez
Police Chief Mueller
Town Recorder S. Christiansen

ABSENT MEMBERS

Councilman Brewer (NSNC)

Vice Mayor Martinez request that Items B, F, and C be brought forward on this agenda, there was a second by Councilman Martinez

4. NEW BUSINESS
 - B. Swearing in, Consideration and Possible Action concerning terms of employment for New Chief of Police
Mr. Cooper Swore in Chief Mueller as the Town of Mammoth Chief of Police

Motion to Employ Chief Mueller as a Full Time, Salary Employee at \$60,000 annual salary and direct staff to place on next meeting agenda a \$4,000 signing bonus for possible approval.

Vice Mayor Martinez asked that staff add an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss awarding the new chief a \$4,000 signing bonus to compensate for lack of housing.

Motion by Vice Mayor Martinez

Councilman Bustamante YES
Councilman Martinez YES
Vice Mayor Martinez YES
Motion Passed Vote 6-0

Second by Councilman Bustamante

Councilman Adams YES
Councilman Ponce YES
Mayor Armenta YES

The new Chief of Police thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve the Town.

- F. Consideration and Possible Approval of Mammoth Swimming Pool Manager Contract

Motion to Table Mammoth Swimming Pool Manager Contract

Vice Mayor Martinez explained that she had some concerns. First, the contract was the exact same contract that was rejected in January, and she refused to make any changes. The town needs to reclaim control of the pool. Parties bring in revenue and last year there were few pool parties, which needs to be priority. The Town can't recoup the cost of the pool without parties. Councilman Martinez agreed. Councilman Ponce stated that the council should approve the contract because he felt the pool would not open and it is depriving the kids in the Tri-community of swim time. He stated that Wendy has done a lot to clean the pool. Vice Mayor Martinez discussed concerns as to how the pool got in such bad shape so fast. She stated that the condition of the pool was a result of someone using the fire truck to fill up the pool, the Public Works employees not filling pool up right away and not putting chemicals in the pool. She also stated that it is possible to find others who can run the pool. She also stated that we should not let Wendy have full control of the pool. Town Manger stated that we do not have applications for anyone with CPO certification to run the pool. Also, Wendy has the ultimate control of the schedule but is willing to schedule parties but not on a last-minute basis. Councilman Adams stated that Wendy should not be dictating the terms of the contract as she is an employee. The Town Manager stated she is not an employee because she is not getting paid. Councilman Adams stated the town can get someone from Leslie's Pools to care for the pool. He also stated he would rather not have a pool than accept the contract. Mr. Ponce stated he used the fire truck, but he shocked the pool, and it was in good shape. He also stated he volunteered to help. He also stated he believes this was a personality conflict. Vice Mayor Martinez stated asked about adding clarifier. The Town Clerk stated that the reason the pool was in bad shape because the Town did not have certified staff to oversee the pool. Vice Mayor Martinez stated that this was not a personality conflict she simply did not agree with the terms of the contract. She stated that all the other facilities had to ask permission from the Town and that Wendy was not a representative for the Sea Lion and the Council should not sign the contract until someone from the Sea Lions is present. Councilman Bustamante objected to the discussion as it was out of order and the conversation had moved away from the subject. The Town Manager discussed all of the duties Wendy is willing to do without being paid. He also stated that Wendy needs control of the pool in order to open it quickly and it is running smoothly. Councilman Bustamante stated that the Town would not lose by accepting the contract because Wendy will take care of the water and the scheduling because it is late in the season, and we need to move quickly to get the pool open.

Pablo Rodriguez spoke and stated that the Council should grant the contract with Wendy because we are desperate to get the pool open. He also felt there was a bias for the lifeguards who are Sea Lions over those from Mammoth, so they do not have a fair shot at the jobs. Vice Mayor Martinez stated that the lack of parties, the admission fee of \$3 is too high. She also stated that the Town has to pay for all of the expenses, but the Town has no say in the schedule or hiring and firing of lifeguards. She also stated that the Lion's Club and Fire Department used to hold the July 4th event, but Wendy took over.

Vice Mayor Martinez made a motion to table the item and have staff go back and renegotiate the contract to address the Council's issues.

Motion by Vice Mayor Martinez		Second by Councilman Adams	
Councilman Bustamante	NO	Councilman Adams	YES
Councilman Martinez	YES	Councilman Ponce	NO
Vice Mayor Martinez	YES	Mayor Armenta	YES
Motion to Table Vote 4-2			

Mayor Armenta asked Legal Counsel for suggestions. Attorney Steve Cooper stated that the Council has already voted, and the Council's options are very limited. Councilman Bustamante stated that a member who was part of the majority must bring the vote back. The Council directed staff to meet with Wendy, Mayor Armenta, Angela Sanchez negotiate contract to benefit the Town of Mammoth and its residents. The Council asked to bring this item back either on Friday or Monday.

C. Discussion Consideration and Possible Approval of Resolution 2021-05, Approving Tentative Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$8,784,427

The Town Clerk provide an overview of the budget and explained that more than \$6,000,000 of the budget will be grant funded. She discussed the various revenue streams and stated that there will be not tax increase and the food tax will be reduced from 4% to 2% for FY2022. Staff has adjusted staff positions and reduced staff by 2 positions. Health insurance and state retirement for employees has been added. Final budget will be adopted on June 30th. Vice Mayor Martinez asked about a few of the budget items, including discussing animal control and gas being used by Public Works.

Motion to Approval of Resolution 2021-05, Approving Tentative Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$8,784,427

Motion by Vice Mayor Martinez		Second by Councilman Bustamante	
Councilman Bustamante	YES	Councilman Adams	YES
Councilman Martinez	YES	Councilman Ponce	YES
Vice Mayor Martinez	YES	Mayor Armenta	YES
Motion Passed Vote 6-0			

A. Consideration and Possible Action to allow the abandonment of a portion of E. Galiuro and pass ownership to Lee Katterman at 129 N. Main St. (Lee Katterman appeared by telephonic means.)

Mr. Katterman explained his request, he wants the Town to abandon the property between the old market and the building he owns. Councilman Ponce asked about flooding as the property is in a flood zone. The Council was concerned that he would block the drainage and cause flooding that the town would be responsible. Sharon explained it would be addressed in the zoning agreement. Council directed staff to ensure the flood issue is addressed in the agreement.

Vice Mayor Martinez made a Motion is to Direct Staff to begin process of abandonment of a portion of E. Galiuro and return to Council with resolution and surveys for final disposition.

Motion by Vice Mayor Martinez		Second by Councilman Martinez	
Councilman Bustamante	YES	Councilman Adams	YES
Councilman Martinez	YES	Councilman Ponce	ABSTAINED
Vice Mayor Martinez	YES	Mayor Armenta	YES
Motion Passed Vote 5-1			

D. Approve and Sign Letter of Intent for the Town of Mammoth to Participate in the Pinal County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Motion is to Approve and Sign Letter of Intent for the Town of Mammoth to Participate in the Pinal County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The Town Manager explained that the town has the option to receive their CDBG funding through Central Arizona Association of Governments or Pinal County. The towns portion is divided between the towns who participate. At this point there are only 4 communities, and we are the smallest, but we get an equal share which is \$130,000. The County is requiring us to sign up for the next 3 years and we have heard that they are inviting other communities to join. He stated that even with the additional communities we will still get a larger allocation through the County.

Motion by Vice Mayor Martinez		Second by Councilman Martinez	
Councilman Bustamante	YES	Councilman Adams	YES
Councilman Martinez	YES	Councilman Ponce	YES
Vice Mayor Martinez	YES	Mayor Armenta	YES
Motion Passed Vote 6-0			

- E. Consideration and Possible Approval of requiring All Staff Reports to be Written and Included in the Agenda Packets so that if a Council Member Wishes to Comment on Any Staff Reports, the Town Manager may be notified two days prior to the meeting.

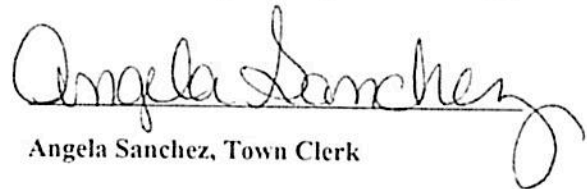
Vice Mayor Martinez stated that this item is to expedite the meeting process.
Councilman Ponce made a Motion to approve the item as written.

Motion by Councilman Ponce		Second by Vice Mayor Martinez	
Councilman Bustamante	YES	Councilman Adams	YES
Councilman Martinez	YES	Councilman Ponce	YES
Vice Mayor Martinez	YES	Mayor Armenta	YES
Motion Passed Vote 6-0			

5. Adjourn
Motion is to adjourn meeting at 8:54 PM
Motion by: Councilman Martinez
Motion Passed Vote 6-0

Second by: Vice Mayor Martinez

I certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the Town of Mammoth Council Meeting held June 2, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.


Angela Sanchez, Town Clerk