

- B. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE For Payment and Filing for May 2021
- C. Approve substituting June 16th Special Meeting in Place of Regular Meeting June 17th, 2021 which will be cancelled by this motion

Motion to Accept Consent Agenda as stated.

Motion by Vice Mayor Martinez

Second by Councilman Martinez

Councilman Bustamante YES

Councilman Brewer YES

Councilman Adams YES

Councilman Martinez YES

Councilman Ponce YES

Vice Mayor Martinez YES

Mayor Armenta YES

Motion Passed Vote 7-0

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration and Possible Approval Clifton Larson Allen LLP Annual Contract for services to wit: Review of General Ledger and Transactions in Preparation for Required Annual Audit.

A Sanchez Town Clerk-I asked that this item be put on the agenda. Since I arrived we have eliminated a great majority of the accounting staff that we had on board. But this is someone that we need, we definitely need to keep. These are the auditors, these are people who help us at the end of the year to make sure that they present us in a positive light with the Auditor General's office. So, these people are very helpful. As a matter of fact, she has been acting on our behalf with the Auditor General and she called us today to notify us that we've received notice from the Auditor General's office today that they are officially going to recommend that their formal report will reflect that we have adequately taken care of all of the excise tax money that we owe, and that they're going to recommend that they release our excise tax funding that they've been holding. She's very, very valuable and her firm. She's done a lot of work to help us get that straightened out the Auditor General's Office lobbying on our behalf. So this is somebody that we need to keep on our side.

Vice Mayor Martinez-Do we know when we'll be getting the audit report?

A Sanchez Town Clerk -Actually, the audit report is done. It is in the office, so if you want to come by and pick one up there.

Vice Mayor Martinez-We usually get one as soon as they're done all the council members usually get one.

J Schempf Town Manager-That is the one for 19-20 and today we spoke to Sandy and we're hoping to get 20-21 much earlier than we've been used to getting them in the past. So we're hoping to get them before the end of the year. And that would be good because, that helps to show how we're doing.

Motion to Accept Clifton Larson Allen LLP Annual Contract for services to wit: Review of General Ledger and Transactions in Preparation for Required Annual Audit.

Motion by Vice Mayor Martinez

Second by Councilman Martinez

Motion Passed Vote 7-0

- B. Consideration and Possible Approval of Waiver of Swim Fees Plus Donation of \$250.00 for July 4th Town Pool Event.

Motion to Accept of Waiver of Swim Fees Plus Donation of \$250.00 for July 4th Town Pool Event.

Motion by Vice Mayor Martinez

Second by Councilman Martinez

Motion Passed Vote 7-0

- C. Consideration and Possible Approval of Issuing \$1.00 Off Coupons for Mammoth Residents Only to offset pool fees (Fiscal Impact estimated to be \$1500.00)

A Sanchez Town Clerk-Okay, I asked her to be here. But it actually was not my idea. This was Vice Mayor Martinez's idea. And I know that everyone was kind of concerned about the cost that it was you know that we raised the fees A while ago to \$3 on that the fee was kind of high given the economic situation here. So her idea was that

we could issue a discount coupon for \$1 off. And give them a discount coupon. So we would give them one each month. Then they can use that throughout the month. And it would be for their family that live in their household. So and it would only be for mammoth residents. So I think it would give a little bit of an incentive to have more people come to the pool, we're spending the money on the chemicals and the lifeguards, we want people to come there and enjoy themselves. We know the pool is not going to make money. We started too late to do anything about that. We're going to work on that in the future. But at this point, we want to make sure that people just get the enjoyment out of it since we're spending your tax dollars to run it.

Vice Mayor Martinez- And I think it I honestly think it's a good idea just because especially with those schedules that came out the mammoth kids aren't going to get to swim that much at the pool. So, I think if we did something where we gave them kind of half off, then I think that that was an acceptable trade off.

A Sanchez Town Clerk - And if you go to the website, those hours have actually been extended, so we're open every day except one day out of the week, the pool is open. That one day is Saturday, to leave that space open for pool parties.

Vice Mayor Martinez - you have opened swim not just for adults in the morning, but you have open swim every day Monday through Friday?

A Sanchez Town Clerk - Swim everyday not necessarily open swim, we have the adults swim four days a week. There's a morning swim that I think is three days a week from nine to 12 or 930 to 12 something like that more hours have been added.

Councilman Brewer- I would like to ask Mr. Cooper, if we were to approve this issue, the \$1 off coupon for Mammoth residence only. Is that gonna set us up for some kind of a Law suit for discrimination or something, because other people are not going to be allowed to get that?

S Cooper Attorney- The question was basically, can we give the town residents a break from outsiders? And could someone complain? Yes, somebody could complain. However, one of the things that you could argue that you're not discriminating, number one, residents of the town basically, pay property taxes, they pay sales taxes when they shop in the community. And our town because of the size, we don't have a lot of community events that help for seniors or the young people here, we just don't have the money to have a parks and recreation department or crew to basically have, you know, regulated softball facilities. And so, you can do that because of the fact that we are providing services to the communities that we would not ordinarily be appraised to it. And lastly, if we get enough people coming to the pool, you may get some people that say, you know what, I think I'm going to come again and may not have ever done it before, that they feel they have enjoyed and have had a good time. Plus, given how we know the weather is going to be, we might have a really big year with full attendance given the temperatures outside.

Motion to Approve Issuing \$1.50 Off Coupons for Mammoth Residents Only to offset pool fees (Fiscal Impact estimated to be \$1500.00)

Motion by Vice Mayor Martinez

Second by-NONE

Councilman Ponce-who's gonna handle this?

A Sanchez Town Clerk - I volunteered. I will be in charge.

Councilman Bustamante-Okay, are we okay? Because it's posted \$1.

Vice Mayor Martinez - it'll be like, one thing that they get. And they can use that coupon at the pool as many times as they want for residents of that house. So like you can't have your grandchildren in Oro Valley come down and use your home address to get into the pool. They have to have something from town hall (the coupon) showing that they do live here.

Bustamante- You're saying simply a discount coupon? I'm just asking because you mentioned \$1.50 and what the printed agenda says \$1. We're not in conflict by exceeding the motion. Is there any conflict with that?

Cooper-Okay, so the general rule is that you have a dollar amount and you try to stay with that, this really is not an expenditure, but is a discount. The better practice would have been to keep it at \$1. But if you want to do \$1.50, I don't believe that is going to be a significant problem, because we're not spending money. We're just basically adjusting the rate on there. And again, I think, I think staff pointed out to you, that they believe the fiscal impact maybe around \$1500 for the whole season.

A Sanchez Town Clerk -The reason we went out \$1 instead of \$1.50 was that it's easier, they don't have to make change. They don't have to carry as much change, that kind of thing. It just seemed to be a little more efficient to do \$1 or \$2. I think it is reasonable in Oro Valley their paying \$5.00, in Kearney, you're paying \$3.75, so I mean, I think \$2 is a good deal. Let's say we have the punch cards and stuff like that, that literally, if you buy a punch card,

it brings your discount down to under \$2.00. So if you if you use that every day for the month, so they have simply been given a lot of incentives. And I don't think that extra 50 cents is going to really hurt anybody.

Vice Mayor Martinez -So they can use the discount coupon, in addition to their punch cards, you're going to give them the adjusted rate for the punch card.

A Sanchez Town Clerk- No, we will be keeping the discount coupons separate from the punch card.

Vice Mayor Martinez -So yeah, I still think \$1.50

S Cooper Attorney -And there was no second motion. So there needs to be a second. And, if there was a second you vote on it. If there's not a second, then you can make another motion. (There was no second to the original motion)

Motion to Approve Issuing \$1.00 Off Coupons for Mammoth Residents Only to offset pool fees (Fiscal Impact estimated to be \$1500.00)

Motion by Councilman Martinez

Councilman Bustamante YES
Councilman Adams YES
Councilman Ponce YES
Mayor Armenta YES

Second by Councilman Adams

Councilman Brewer YES
Councilman Martinez YES
Vice Mayor Martinez NO

Motion Passed Vote 6-1

D. Consideration and Possible Approval of Waiver of Rental Fees for One-Time Use of the Community Center for June 18th from 8AM to 10AM for Community Yoga and ~~Discuss Approval of Manager/Clerk documenting and approving minor fee waivers of \$150.00 or less.~~

Vice Mayor Martinez -I asked this to be put on the agenda because there is a lady in Oracle that goes through all the communities in the copper corridor. And they do yoga in the park. And it's free of charge for anybody. You can bring little ones, toddlers, adults, goats, if you want to do goat yoga, they welcome everybody. Obviously, we're not going to be bringing goats into the community center, it's going to be limited to just people. But they were asking if they could use somewhere in the town of Mammoth for their next one. The last one wasn't horrible. But with the heat and everything, we thought it might be better for them to try to do like a community center or something with air conditioning. And so I asked that this be placed on the agenda. To just give them the Center from 8 to 10 to do yoga on the 18th of July, they will be providing all of the mats and all of the stuff, they will clean up everything when they're done. They are going to have insurance waivers that they're able to provide to the town to show that the lady who does this, is licensed and bonded, she's got her own stuff. So there's no real liability to the town to allow them to do this here. And then they've asked is that if we do approve this tonight, if we could please direct staff to put this on the website, so that they can help get more Mammoth Residents to hopefully come, rather than just the people that have been following her around. She's just trying to get more people out and about doing things to try to get people a little more healthy and get them out of the house. COVID is kind of on a downhill slope.

A Sanchez Town Clerk - think it's a great idea. It's so hot out there, that we'll give people something to do where it's cool.

Vice Mayor Martinez -And then if she gets a big enough following, and she starts doing this every month, it may turn into something where she's able to just rent it from us. Depending on when they do it, especially since we have an indoor facility, we might end up making some money off this in the long run.

A Sanchez Town Clerk - If people follow her and they come here from other places, they're going to spend money.

Council motioned to strike ~~Discuss Approval of Manager/Clerk documenting and approving minor fee waivers of \$150.00 or less**~~ from the above Agenda Item and Set it for a future meeting.**

Motion to Approve Waiver of Rental Fees for One-Time Use of the Community Center for June 18th from 8AM to 10AM for Community Yoga.

Motion by Councilman Bustamante

Motion Passed Vote 7-0

Second by Councilman Ponce

E. Consideration and Possible Action to provide Housing or Remuneration for Police Officers that have Long Commutes.

J Schempf Town Manager-We're taking a look at this in the office. And we realize that there's more than one police officer that comes at distance. We did some other checking, and it's kind of limited to the police department. I don't see anybody in any other departments. One of the suggestions that I think makes sense, and I brought and handed out information on this. We could put an RV trailer right behind the town hall, hooked up to town utilities. I have one that I handed out here, it's got room in there actually for five people. There's four bunk beds and queen bed, so that if we have more that wanted to stay over, or if we needed it for a situation where we had a need for any emergency situation, it would be available. The cost of this particular one is \$12,000. And it's been depreciated. So if we keep it up and we decide in a couple of years, we don't need it, we can get most of that back. It's something we could do literally next week. If so, we decided that it was at least worth discussing. Angie has also looked at a room in their building already, which maybe we could put a shower in and use that as well. Either way, the problem with that one is that it is not going to happen right away. This one, as I said, we can literally get it here next week. But it is just a suggestion.

A Sanchez Town Clerk-John and I talked about this. And we think it's a great idea that the council wants to help out the officers. Because, Lord knows we are having trouble retaining officers, especially for those 12 hour shifts. For officers that have a long way to go, you work 12 hours you got to turn around and drive another one to two and a half hours to get home and then turn around and come right back for another 12 hour shift that doesn't give you much time in between. So, I mean, I think that this is something that we need to address. But we could spend \$4,000 now, on a one time, quick fix. But if we were providing housing, if we could come up with a situation where we spend a little bit more money and provide some housing, in the long run, it's not just going to help one employee, it's going to help all of us in the long run, and it's going to help us retain officers. It's going to be something that will help us bring more officers here. And ultimately, in the long run, it's going to help this officer right here more than anybody because he's making that drive. I drove to Florence every day for 15 years, destroyed three cars, and destroyed the mileage life. So \$4,000 is not going to cover the wear and tear on his vehicle, it's not going to give back that time that is lost. So I mean, we think this is a better option. But of course, it's up to the Council and what you want to do. If you guys approve this, we'll figure out a way to make it happen, we'll find the money.

Vice Mayor Martinez-Can we hear from the chief because we had discussed when we approved his salary last month that we were going to discuss giving him a sign on bonus to help him cover his expenses for doing just that. We would like to hear what his thoughts are on that. Are we not doing that anymore?

A Sanchez Town Clerk-The reason that we decided that maybe we should do it a little bit different on the agenda was because we got a little pushback from other staff. They were like, hey, well, what about us, we drive to. So we were like, okay, maybe we should give you guys some options and not have just one option. So that's the reason that it's like this.

Chief Muller- Aside from the signing bonus, whether it's an RV, or it's actually a room in a building somewhere. One thing that's huge, and is a problem, as far as retaining officers in our PD. But, it goes beyond the retention. It's the recruitment alone, geographically, for applicant pool, we're just not going to get qualified applicants, and we're not going to get a lot of them. Once in a blue moon, somebody comes through. And typically when we get applicants there for reserved positions, a lot of retired guys, who are just looking for a place that they can continue to be able to have their certification and work off duty jobs in the valley or in Tucson. And they come in and they do their 16 hours a month. And it helps to have those people. But there's not a consistency with your officers that you have working the road, you're not going to see the same officers on a regular basis in the neighborhoods. So this is a benefit that is needed for the town. And if we're going to grow this police department, and we're going to be self-sustained, which is something I'd like to do. We've already adjusted the schedule thing, thankfully, that now County Sheriff's Office has helped us out, they stepped up and said, Okay, if you guys are going to cover these peak hours that you were able to figure out between 10am and 10pm, this is the majority of where our calls for service are, then we'll go ahead and we'll help you out with the rest. And I don't know how long we're going to be able to maintain that relationship with them. I mean, we have a good relationship. But are they going to carry that burden for a long time? I'd like to be able to have us get on track where we can, fix our own problems. I just hired one officer today actually, we finally finished the background. And he's coming from Chandler. And I mentioned that this was something we were working on. And he seemed like he was pretty enthused about not having to make that commute all the time. And if he's tired, he can get some rest. And it's not that bad. I've done it before. I've done it in other places. Now, I packed the bag and I stayed my work week and I actually felt rested, I was able to get through the shift without being tired. That's another thing we need to be concerned about. I know we don't have a lot of serious crimes here that often. I mean, there's been a couple of things recently that we've had to deal with. You never know

when one of my officers is going to be in a fight for their life. And for me, I'm a working chief, I work on the road too. So, you could have just that one person come into your town on the highway that has warrants for murder and you know, it turns into a serious incident and you don't want a tired officer, that we're having to bury because they just weren't rested enough and had they had the opportunity to get some rest it maybe would be a different outcome. Okay. So those are my concerns with it. I think it's needed. I've sucked it up for a while doing it. I've made the commute but, it's hard to do. This is something that would be definitely helpful for us. So that's my two cents. I know I got a little long winded there.

Vice Mayor Martinez-And so I have a question. So you said that you guys would be able to get something like this one right here that we're seeing now within a couple of weeks. So could we potentially do something like this, and then do maybe like \$1,000 signing bonus, but not payable until the end of July, since we did promise, basically, that we were going to be looking at a signing bonus for him?

A Sanchez Town Clerk-If the council wants to do that, that's within our power. We just thought that with our situation, we didn't want to give a \$4,000 bonus that we could use somewhere else, and then have that tie our hands to be able to do something long term for the town and our employees. So I mean, that's definitely do-able. So it's up to the Council on what you want to do.

Councilman Brewer-there is no word in the agenda item for discussion today about sign on bonuses.

Vice Mayor Martinez-you didn't come to that meeting. It was in the minutes, if you read the minutes then you know that we discussed looking at the possibility of a sign on bonus. It was part of setting his salary.

Councilman Bustamante- Mayor, the way I understand what we have approved, the item was base salary and that's all we acted on the last the last meeting was just agreeing to a base salary figure. And anything else, the other discussion about a sign on bonus, was not on the agenda. So we actually could not entertain that discussion. And I brought that up so that we would be within the point of order.

Councilman Brewer-Don't get me wrong. We had the money coming out our ears. Every one of these guys would be getting a signing bonus. But, it's just not in the books. I think realistically we can't do it, we just can't do it.

Vice Mayor Martinez-it was in the minutes that we were going to look at doing that. And the other thing is we're looking at giving every other employee in the town will raise right now, I'm not sure if you're aware of that Mr. Brewer, but they are looking at giving every other employee in the town a raise. He's taking over as a Chief and saving us money because he's a full time officer. We would have had to pay, had we hired the other candidate, at least \$89,000 a year, so you're already saving money just by promoting from within and going with what we have. I don't think saying we'll get housing for the entire police department is wrong. So we're not having to pay for wasted background checks, drug tests, physical, all of the other things that we're having to pay and giving him \$1,000 sign on bonus to stay here as our chief, I don't see where that's breaking the bank because we would have spent \$89,000. Have you had to go another route?

Councilman Adams-First and foremost. Any town council is only as good as their word... We told him we would do this, now we need to find the money. We told him that we would do it, we ought to do it. Thank you.

Councilman Ponce-From what I understand from the media we have is the chief would take whatever we offer him \$60,000 and bonus data. Just stay with it, because I guess we'll work something out where we can do this.

Vice Mayor Martinez-I was going to tell you if you just look at the minutes.

Town Recorder- it states motion is to employ Chief Muller as a full time salary employee at \$60,000 annual salary and direct staff to place our next meeting agenda, a \$4,000 signing bonus for possible approval.

Vice Mayor Martinez-So we did have several discussions on it. And we could not act on it because it wasn't listed on there. But we did discuss giving him that signing bonus for providing housing, I don't think it's like, going to break the bank if we do \$1,000. And if we push it until July, so we're not paying it like right now in this fiscal year. We're paying it at the end of July. And it's not going to hurt us to try to come up with that, especially when you're looking at giving every other employee help, and you're looking at giving them retirement.

A Sanchez Town Clerk-Okay, can I add a correction to that because we aren't giving all employees raises, all employees did not get raises. What we did was, we looked at the people who we have, dispatchers who make \$13 an hour. That's 50 cents more than our part time lifeguards make, their teenagers. That's why we can't keep dispatchers, so we did increase the pay for dispatchers. That's true. And then public works. I don't know why. But we were randomly giving raises to only a few a certain people. So we brought the others up to where they should be, there were like, five of them that were given \$1 an hour raise, and three were left out, we don't know why those three were left out. But we brought those three up to where they should be with everyone. So that we have a level playing field. And that's all, so we didn't give raises across the board, no admin staff got raises, the officers didn't get raises, no supervisors got raises. So just to make sure that you know that's not what happened.

Vice Mayor Martinez-But every employee is getting insurance and retirement.

A Sanchez Town Clerk-That is true. That is something that we were able to do in this budget because we let go two Public Works employees. And because we are getting extra grant money, we were able to manage to move some general fund monies around so that we would be able to do this. That's another reason we can't retain employees, because we don't offer health insurance and we don't offer any retirement, we're going to have someone who's worked with us for however many years and he's going to leave here, had he not be a police officer, he would leave with no retirement. And I don't know any other town that doesn't have retirement, actually I'm not sure how we get away with not doing it. But, I think that's important. I don't think we should get rid of that. But we have another meeting coming June 30th, to approve the final budget. If we put it on the agenda for June 30, it can be effective July 1. It falls into the next fiscal year and we can afford to do it then. That's completely up to the Council on what you want to do, I just want to make it clear that they did not give raises across the board we just brought up people where they were supposed to be.

Councilman Bustamante-But if I may, for a little bit more clarification, the base salary was approved at one meeting, by one action, one motion, and one vote. Any other goodies, I see that they can come up again, and be placed on the agenda, for the next meeting and acted on separately. So that would be the course that I would like to go.

Vice Mayor Martinez-And that's was the staff direction, they were directed to put that on this agenda.

A Sanchez Town Clerk-That was our error, because the discussion was that it was to compensate him for his travel, because we didn't have facilities for them to stay. So that why it was on here like that. So that's clearly our fault. So we can certainly add it back if you want to do an agenda action for it or at your direction we'll put it on the next agenda for the 30th. And the council can act on it then.

Vice Mayor Martinez-I guess I should, before I make a motion, the other concerns that I've had with you doing this. You're gonna park it down at the town hall, you do understand that, doing it this way, you are required to according to Arizona state law, you are required to keep that tagged and licensed. And you are also required to keep an automobile insurance as well as some type of homeowner's insurance policy because it is a travel trailer, not a mobile. So, you are aware there is going to be additional insurance costs involved with doing this. And we have sewer hookups that they can come in to where you plan on putting in sewer hookups?

J Schempf Town Manager-we know sewer is there. But there is no hookup. We also know there's water that is readily available.

Vice Mayor Martinez-So we would have to do a sewer hookup. Is that something that public works can just put an order in for and do? And do you think \$12,000 would cover the cost of doing this?

S Cooper Attorney-Mayor, Council Members, because it's not an expenditure listed there, I would feel a lot more comfortable if you directed staff to do this for the agenda on the 30th, which is essentially two weeks. So that basically they can have something in writing for you to approve that expenditure, to purchase that unit, for that certain amount, and then we'll have it posted. Also, if you're going to give a stipend to the employees, for new hires giving \$1,000. Think about how long they should have to stay here to get that \$1,000. Because if you give it to them on Monday, and they quit on Fridays we're not going to know.

Vice Mayor Martinez-So this one that you were looking at my next question then, based on that would this one that you were looking at right here is \$12,000? Is that something that is like a bid at an auction? Or is that something that you found this particular one in an offer, which is a website for cars and everything. And that is the bottom line?

A. Sanchez Town Clerk-I believe for \$12,000? Definitely my son in law just bought one for \$10,000. And it's very nice. So for \$12,000 we can get a decent one.

J Schempf Town Manager-we can get something that's a good price, we have about 5 here to look at.

Vice Mayor Martinez-So then could we could we motion to authorize John and Angie to procure (interruptions) can we do something like that to direct them to start the practice of getting housing?

S Cooper Attorney-You can direct him to do that. And then you could approve it at the June 30. Meeting. It appears that this is going to be you know it's going to happen. It's going to go there. You could authorize him to make that purchase, but we would need to ratify it at the June meeting. I feel a lot more comfortable if we had a specific agenda item authorize approval of the purchase of model session X dollars. Mayor, I don't think you need to have a motion on it. If you've corrected steps to do it. It will be done.

Motion is to Table this it and Direct Staff to Consider the purchase of temporary housing and the stipend and to relay that information to Council at the June 30, 2021 Meeting.

Vote 7-0

- F. Discussion of Water Conservation Needs and Possible Future Council Actions to Encourage:**
- 1. Policy/Requirement to Install Low Flow Faucets and Fixtures.**
 - 2. Policy/Requirement to Return Grass Areas to Desert Landscape (Sand and Gravel)**
 - 3. Other Ideas?**

J Schempf Town Manager-This is a courtesy of Councilmember Bustamante. And I do agree that Arizona has to look at water conservation and we're part of Arizona. The only thing I would say, is that if we do look at having policies for this, then we need to adhere to them as well. We have a town, and there are expenses. But there's some payback. We are paying for water too. So if we can save water, we don't spend so much buying water. But it's hard to enforce somebody having a low flow fixture when we don't have it ourselves. So I just wanted to mention that there may be some costs associated with it. As far as the desert landscape, you know, that's the one that I know you are specifically thinking about is the triangle island on the way in with the palm trees. We can still water the palms and not have to water the grass.

Councilman Bustamante-Yeah, that's basically what it is, there's areas of greenery that we don't need, let's go to a desert landscape, low maintenance, whatever we save in gallons, you know. Like the island coming in that's, you know, its desert. You can't have grass everywhere. We should try to do that, we have a nice Island in front of the Town Hall right there on the corner. It's a nice landscaped area with pavers that take the place of the grass, let's use this as a plan. We need to make everybody aware that this is a sizable area to look for water. And if you didn't have to water it would just be a savings to us in the town.

Vice Mayor Martinez-Do you have any idea any what it would be if we were to, I can think the biggest water that I can think of that the town has is the ball fields. The senior field has only dirt, there's been no grass up there forever. During Little League season, we've had to have the fire department come and hose the whole thing down because the dirt was so bad. But the Little League and Softball fields both have grass. And they're both being watered at least several times a week. I go there all the time, and they're constantly being watered, it looks really nice, by the way. But if we're talking about conserving water, we could possibly look at watering those fields maybe once a week for a little while, but then the tradeoff that you'd have is when it comes time for little league and softball next year, then the town's gonna have to do something to help, like reseed the field in order to grow that grass back. So, I don't know that there would be much cost paid out there. But I mean, if there was something like that, it might be something that the town might want to look at doing because I know that we've used a lot to water though.

A Sanchez Town Clerk-The other thing we could do also is with the requirements of the low flow faucets, we can add that to new construction. So, any new construction would require that when a new business comes in or somebody comes in and remodels a house in order for them to get their permit, we could require that. It would be a way that we could we could start to make some progress in that direction.

J Schempf Town Manager-Do we need to keep both fields green?

Vice Mayor Martinez-Yeah, so the little league field is a completely different organization from softball. They are completely separate, softball has its own field that they play on to follow Softball Specs. Little League has its own field with its Specs, but they're not the same by any stretch of the imagination. So, like even if you go down to like Oro Valley, they have designated baseball fields and designated softball fields, the mound sizes are different, bases are different. So all of that's different. Little League and Softball are done by different organizations when they need to use different fields. Because you'll have Little League games going on, like in San Manuel, up there where the old backdrop used to be up in the upper part, you'll have the baseball game going on at the lower field. And then at the upper field, you'll have them playing softball, there are two separate distinct fields, and there's honestly is a lot better than ours, but they're dealing with the county budget because they're part of the school district. So the county take care of those. Whereas we have to take care of ourselves

Councilman Bustamante-That's basically it you know. I can't see why that north island is watered, just go to a desert landscape and pavers and it will look just as nice. It's a savings, eliminated water costs. Maybe conservation measures with the water, people have to be reminded about the water, maybe later on have a continuing discussion.

Vice Mayor Martinez-And even if you come back from the watering, like every couple of days, I can tell you with the Little League, you really don't have to water that four times a week because honestly, in the past, they let it get watered about once a month during the offseason. And then when it hits like February, March, they start watering every day to get it back green. Entirely need of all new sod anyway. Little League just hasn't had the money to try to do it. We knew the town didn't have the money. But I mean, if we had to do something like that, which could definitely be done. And I'm sure it could be the same with Softball. But, you wouldn't want to stop watering them all together unless you had plans to help try and bring it back next year with new seed.

And honestly Little League and Softball aren't going to start anything down there on either one of those fields this year because we couldn't get field approved through the council with everything being shut down to the COVID this year. So the earliest the town would be looking at actually having people back down there doing those kinds of things, isn't going to be until most likely next year in like February, they'll probably come in for asking for fields again. I mean, with the exception of a softball tournament for a fundraiser, you're not really going to have very much going on there. So you probably could legitimately cut back the watering. I wouldn't cut it out completely, but you could probably cut back the water and I'm not just enough to keep it alive right now. The other thing I was going to suggest is up here at the cemetery, right here by the miners memorial, I'm constantly stopping on my way home, the kids go up there and they drink water and then jam that faucet on and the water will just be shooting up in the sky. There's nobody around nowhere. Now I know what it is now so I just turn it off. But we might want to lock that out. Because I mean obviously the kids are just using it to play in the water. So that might save some water there.

- G. Discuss and Approve Re-establishing the Dormant Parks and Rec committee as the New Arts, Leisure, Promotional, Cultural, Parks, Recreational, Sports, mental and Physical Fitness and Health, Festival etc.... Commission Board/Organization with Council, staff and citizen representatives and a budget.**

J Schempf Town Manager-I think what Councilman Bustamante is looking at is that we don't have Parks and Rec. And he has some ideas of how to expand that. And perhaps turn it into something that covers more than just Parks and Rec and may even get to the point where it can be doing things not only for our citizens, but for the area. And it might get to the point where we're charging admission. There might be some feedback, but I'll leave it up to you.

Councilman Bustamante-What it is I was thinking in the line of the parks and recreational activity, promotion, art and culture there. But with intramural activities, the fitness trail, Night Court basketball, one issue is that the way the courts need to be brought back into the park picture. You can start with one, and it was suggested that the nets be metal instead of the cloth because they wear out more slowly and get our courts back in shape. Also, you have some random remnants of an old fitness trail. A balanced beam that needs some repair and some monkey bars, a chin up bar. I also added if you see what I some of the things that I mentioned was a soapbox derby, very popular. But promotion is also because if you're going to have art, culture and music, you have new, festivities. Those are things which I believe they go on their own momentum once it started. And of course, maybe outdoor cover art. There's a couple of places where we could have a kids put up a mural just round up to kids and say hey what do you guys want paint, these activities could be year round, because once your pool season is done, basketball is year round. Your fitness trail is always going to be here. Even your horseshoe pits. It's easy to have horseshoe and it's big within the town. So it's basically bodies and commission to have some type of get your ideas together for brainstorming. I'm thinking that Parks and Recreation could just look at every part culture, intramural sports, maybe that would cover everything we just said.

Vice Mayor Martinez-Could we combine that with the Fiesta Committee

A Sanchez Town Clerk-I think that'd be a great idea because we're already struggling to get volunteers for planning and zoning. So if you already have a committee that we can combine, so yeah.

J Schempf Town Manager- I think it is worth exploring. Most towns our size managed to put together some kind of a parks and rec department. We're just finally figuring out how to fund public works. And the next challenge is, it would be nice to have a budget for Parks and Rec, and we can talk about basketball, fields, and what have you. But I like the idea that we are at least start to think about a structure and how we want to do it. Yeah, maybe a workshop or something, some gathering and kick it around a bit.

Motion is to Create Commission for Parks and Rec and install Councilman Bustamante as Committee Representative.

Motion by Councilman Brewer
Motion Passed Vote 7-0

Second by Vice Mayor Martinez

9. Mayor and Council Comments (No comments at this time)
10. Executive Session: To Receive Legal Advice on Open Meeting Law, Executive Sessions and Appropriate Conduct at Council Meetings
A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1),(3),(4) and (7) for legal advice for any Agenda Item above.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
June 16, 2021

Meeting called to order at 8:17 p.m. at Mammoth Community Center located at 101 W. 5th Street, Mammoth, Arizona.

Present for the Executive Session were Mayor Armenta, Vice Mayor Martinez, Councilmember Bustamante, Councilmember Brewer, Councilmember Martinez and Councilmember Ponce. Staff present were Stephen R. Cooper, Town Attorney.

The Admonition on Executive Session was given by the Town Attorney.

Legal advice was given by the Town Attorney on the following matters:

1. Open Meeting laws.
2. Executive Session laws.
3. Council conduct at Meetings as it relates to discussion and action on Agenda items.
4. Legal counsel addressing questions from the Council as to these items.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

STEPHEN R. COOPER, Town Attorney

10. Adjourn

Motion is to adjourn meeting at 8:35 PM

I certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the Town of Mammoth Council Meeting held June 16, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.

Angela Sanchez, Town Clerk