



**TOWN OF MAMMOTH
MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
AND SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE MAMMOTH TOWN COUNCIL
JUNE 30, 2021**

**These are the Minutes of a Public Hearing and Special Meeting held by
The Mammoth Town Council
On June 30, 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 6:00 PM Mayor Armenta.**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT MEMBERS

Mayor Armenta
Vice Mayor Martinez
Councilman Bustamante
Councilman Martinez
Councilman Adams
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 Adams
Councilman Bustamante

Councilman Adams provided written notice that he would be unable to appear and has been excused, Councilman Bustamante is also excused and has called in, and both are excused by the Council for the meeting of June 30, 2021.

Agreement by Council to have a Special Meeting Presentation concerning the Bowman (Engineers) Update on July 15, 2021 at 6 PM. Also to Schedule the Regular Meeting for July 22, 2021 at 7PM Requested by Mayor Armenta.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

A public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting subject to a three minute limitation to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. At the conclusion of the call to the public individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who address the public body. They may ask staff to review a matter or have the matter be put on a future agenda. However members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public.

There was no one registered for Call to the Public.

Opening of Public Hearing on 2021-2022 Budget at 6:17PM

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A Sanchez Town Clerk-Okay, so everybody should have a copy of the PowerPoint. I'm just going to, I use this so that we don't have to go through every single one of these 35 pages of the budget. But when we're done, if there's anything that you saw in this budget that you have questions about, please ask me, I'd be happy to explain anything or add any comments and answer any questions you have. So I wanted to start out this by talking about the we just provided you the FY 2020 audit, and I thought that it may be if I if we go over that for a second, it would give you a better picture of where we are, why we're where we are right now with our current budget. Okay. So, if you would go to Page Six of your bound, the bigger bound copy of your audit. And on page six, you will notice that this is the last fiscal year, FY 2020. Okay. And in the FY 2020 audit, that audit reflects here a negative general fund balance of (\$355,038). It also references here, a general fund owed HURF \$818,868. The general fund owed excise tax \$237,275. The water fund was negative (\$748,350). The cemetery fund was negative (\$160,000). PAGE 10 will give you the water/sewer. So page if you go to page 10. At the very bottom of the page where it says net position, very bottom net position. Okay, you'll see there in parentheses (\$748,350), that's the water fund negative. The sewer fund was positive \$273,656, the sanitation fund was positive \$204,853. And the cemetery fund was negative (\$163,484). For a total of all of that have a negative (\$433,325). Kind of grim right? Okay, so the reason I tell you all this is to tell you that things are much better, much, much, much better. Okay, so that's the bad news. Here's the good news. The good news is that we heard from the Auditor General's office, they have completed the audit of our excise tax, and they have deemed our balance to be ZERO, our balance due is ZERO, it was \$237,275. And it is now zero, we owe them nothing. And they've agreed to and recommend that our excise tax monies be released. So that is excellent news. And the thing is, it was all about just paperwork and arguing our position. And I seen that there's going to be an invoice from our forensic accountant for about \$5,000. But we gained over \$300,000 in that. So, she worked her behind off and she helped a lot. And we both just work together. And I dug up all the paperwork and all the receipts. And she helped put the pieces of the puzzle together. And we were able to negotiate our way out of that entire full balance. That was a six year debt that the Auditor General told us in our meeting with them, that he has been here six years, and that we have been in debt to excise tax for the whole entire time he's been in his position. There's also did you know that there's also something called the Mammoth Rule. And it has to do with expenditures and misuse of funds? And that's in the last the Arizona law. Okay. It's unfortunate. But you know what he said that this is the first time that they have seen the Town of Mammoth out of excise tax debt and in a bright light. Oh, don't worry, we're going to get an article on the Minor, because they said that we will probably have to appear before the legislature. It's that big. Two weeks ago, we still owed \$189,000 in excise tax. And we were like waiting. That's not acceptable. We are not going to accept that. Nope. We fought for every single penny. And we got it. You know what he said? He said, No one has ever fought for Mammoth the way we had this year. And that's the reason that we're in the position we're in. He said he just didn't get any cooperation. That's why the whole just kept getting deeper and deeper. Because there just wasn't any cooperation on this side of the table. Oh, yes. And the HURF FUND we owed at the start of the year we owe HURF \$818,868. And we were able to negotiate that down by \$123,000. So now our HURF debt is at \$695,427. And we are going to work on that, we are going to work very hard. It was \$818,868 and it's now \$695,427. Not only did we get rid of \$237,000 worth of excise tax, but we also knocked out \$123,000 in HURF debt. And you'll see in our budget that we have budgeted a payment they put us on a payment plan of \$45,000 a year and we are we are going to stick to that and so anything extra we have worth throwing into HURF. Because of what happened with excise taxes, they made an agreement to pay, and then they didn't. They reneged on the agreement they couldn't pay it or didn't pay it. And that's what got us in the situation we were in where they were holding our funds. It was not good. So I just wanted you guys to know that we started this year in a in a huge hole. But we have been able to dig ourselves out over \$300,000 worth. So we are working towards a positive that you can tell the people on Facebook, be happy to tell them, they want to know what their Clerk is doing. That's what we're doing. Okay, so now I'm going to move on to the budget. And I just want to talk about a couple of things first, when it comes to revenues. So I wanted to focus on food tax and property tax, this budget reflects a decrease in our food tax from 4% to 2%, which you asked for. And we were able to do that. It also reflects a slight decrease in property tax revenues. There's no change in the property tax rate, it remained the same last year it went up. And it did not go up this year, it stayed the same, we did not increase our property tax. But, the property values did go down. So, the overall property tax revenues are decreased by a very small amount and went from \$51,586 to \$51,544. Okay, so the other thing about the food tax. This is a very long process to repeal a food tax. So it probably won't go into effect until November. So, we have to finalize the budget. And then we start working towards getting that that tax reduce. So they said it probably won't take effect until November. By then, I'll be schooled on the process. So next fiscal year, when we get ready to get rid of the rest of that 2%, I'll be able to expedite that process.

There was a comment concerning the Senate actions and Flat Tax.

A Sanchez Town Clerk-Okay, the flat tax. We are going to take a small hit for that. The good news is that the American Recovery monies came in a little higher than what we expected. So, I think we'll be okay, we have lots of grant money. What they did was they kind of changed, they changed the allocation to the cities. So, it will be less of an impact on the cities. So it did pass, and it is going to impact us, just not as bad as we thought it was going to.

J Schempf Town Manager-The way it is set up now, we won't actually see it until about three years from now.

A Sanchez Town Clerk-By the time that happens, we're gonna have our HURF paid off, and we'll be in good shape. And we'll have our water plans straightened out. So it will be stuck in this drive. So we'll be in good shape. Okay, so next I want to do a budget overview to kind of let you know where we're at. So the general fund expenditures and revenues were balanced at \$1,360,461. That includes contingency reserve of \$174,406. That's our emergency money in case something happens. And I'm going to protect that contingency. That money we hope to use to buy down that \$355,000 that we're not going to owe. Because this year we are we're counting pennies to make sure we don't spend anything we don't have to, so that whatever we have in excess of \$100,000 left to put towards the deficit and then we'll have this \$174,000 to take care of the rest of it. So I think that by the end of this coming fiscal year, we'll be able to wipe that negative general fund debt away. This also includes a transfer over \$45,000 to cover our payment to HURF. It includes insurance and retirement for employees so that we can maintain our employees and turnover cost money.

Okay, so Retirement, our employees have never had it. Back in the day, I think only department heads had insurance or retirement offered. Now we, we are offering insurance and what we're doing is giving each employee \$200 per pay period, towards insurance. So, it will cost them a little bit, they will have to contribute some, but we will be contributing to help cover insurance for our employees, which is important. We have employees that don't come to work, and we can't, we can't even ask them for a doctor's excuse, because they don't have insurance. We can't keep people if we don't pay a decent wage, and we don't provide them insurance. Also, we should be participating in the State Retirement. And we don't, and it doesn't cost that much. And that's another way to retain employees. We pay we pay for retirement for our police department, but the rest of our employees are just out in the cold. We're not paying anything to anybody except the insurance carrier. So the insurance carrier and we're negotiating with them right now we're working with Blue Cross Blue Shield, and Cigna. So whoever comes in with the lowest bid is the one we're going to go with. But everyone's participating in the State Retirement because all full time employees should. Next, we wanted to let you know that we did do a reduction in force, we reduced our force by three positions. So that helps as far as salaries are concerned. And to be completely honest, those three positions made up the difference of the insurance and the State Retirement. This reduction, unfortunately, coming from one particular department, they were all public works. They were three full time positions in public works. Well, two full time and one part time from public works and one part time from police dispatch. Because we figured out the scheduling, they just had more than they needed. And I don't know why they had so many. And we were able to give the other part time employees more hours, which will retain them because you know, they if they don't get more hours, they leave we had someone who actually left because she didn't she wasn't getting enough hours. Two people left and we didn't replace them. The thing is that that frees up some money in the budget so that if we need to hire an engineer to help us, or we need to hire a somebody, you know, with special skills, we can bring someone in with special skills on a contract or fee for service basis. So I mean, I think it's better to take away two vacant positions that weren't even filled right now. So we're like, why not set that money aside into contingency? And maybe use that if we need special services?

Next, we moved quite a bit of expenses from the water fund to the general fund, because as you saw the water fund was negative \$700,000. And I believe that it was because the water fund was top heavy. They were putting everything in water fund. And I think that's just an old habit. And basically what it was doing was causing the water fund to be not only over budget, but we didn't really know at this point, what our water fund is costing us. We don't know, if we should raise rates, we don't know if we should lower rates because everything was piled into the water fund. So, we moved a lot of expenses, which we didn't feel were necessary in the water fund out of there. And then we're going to evaluate it this coming fiscal year and see what else we can move out of there into other places.

The question was raised concerning the past water rate increase not needing to be applied if this was the case.

A Sanchez Town Clerk-I have looked into that and I've heard that 100% increase before. And I looked at the rates before and I don't know where that 100% came from. Because I when I looked over the books, to me, it didn't look like a 100% increase, it looks more like a 22% increase was calculated. So I've heard that 100% you know, we're

round, and I'm not sure where that came from. Even if it was the facts, you could increase those water rates by 500% and you wouldn't be able to balance that water fund the way it was set up. I don't think was an accounting error. I think it was when the budget was set up. That's the way the budget was set up. And it was done like that, honestly, I believe because there was no input from staff.

We have it pretty close to balanced, we did have to schedule some transfer out from the from the sewer Fund, which we got balanced and had a little over so we're able to pull stuff out of the sewer fund as well. So the water fund is close to being balanced. And as we evaluate where it's at, we're gonna watch expenses, see what we can do with controlling over time. And I think there was a lot of things contributing to why the water fund is the way it was. We also created a better list of accounts so that we can divide things out and better track what we're putting things and so that we can account for things. So just have a better idea of what's going on budget.

The last thing is and I'm super proud of, probably more than the excise tax, I'm proud that we were able to put \$5,000 into planning and zoning for community cleanups, and for enforcement, so that we can get this town cleaned up, our property values are dropping like crazy. And we need to do something. So I think this \$5,000 is going to go a long way to helping us clean up some of the stuff we've got going on here. The planning zoning board, which I'm a part of now. So, we created a review form. So we are going to start, we have a meeting this month, we have a meeting the first part of next month, and first week of July, and we're going to divide up the town. And then we're going to start assessing every single property that either had or has violations and what they are or if there's no violation. So we're going to assess the entire town and what we want to know is how many empty building, how many empty houses we have? How many need cleanup? How many are health hazards? What can we do to get these things cleaned up? So there's a fire hazards with brush and stuff. So we're evaluating everything, and then we're gonna take them and we're gonna prioritize them and start with the worst, get them out of the way a little bit at a time and then move on to the next until we until we get through the whole list.

First of all, we're reviewing our planning and zoning ordinances. And I have made contact with a couple of people, one person in particular who works for the county as planning and zoning inspector and she's been there for a very long time like over 25 years. She knows her stuff. She lives in this area just outside of mammoth. So we think that she would be ideal, I just don't know if she's willing to do that and it would only be one day a month so we're in negotiations and want to find out what she would like as a salary and for that. We're gonna have a cleanup pig today. Yes, yes, we're working on doing a community cleanup at the end of August.

J Schempf Town Manager-We're hoping it is more than one day, we're going to try to pick up tires one day, and metal scrap, the next you know might be a week later maybe or something and then you know big clean up with everybody and get the rest of the brush and everything.

A Sanchez Town Clerk-The next thing I want to talk about was, if you'll go to the next page, I have a couple of graphics here that I wanted to kind of go over with you. Just to give you an idea of where we're at as far as percentage of general fund. So we talked about the general fund. 14% of the general fund is attributed to public works. What we did was we took the parks and recreations and we turn parks into public works, because basically it's public works responsibility, so we combined the parks and public works together and we moved some of those some of those expenses from the water into public works. So Public Works, has 14% makes up 14% of the general fund. Legal Services is 3%. The magistrate is 2.7% the library's 4% planning and zoning is .2%. The mayor and council is .1% administration is 30%. And the police department is 46% of the general fund budget. Next is salaries. So, I did a review of the salaries for all of the funds, because we have funds spread out between the water, sewer, administration, magistrate, so like administration, our utility clerk, part of her salary comes out of the water department because she does work for them. So, it's that kind of thing. And then public works. Some of the public works comes out of excise tax. So out of water, some out of sewer and some out of the public works department. The salaries 15% of the overall salary budget, comes from the water department was attributed to water, 13% to sewer, 12% to administration, 2% to magistrate, 7% to HURF and Excise Tax, we needed to be very, very careful about what we attribute as far as salaries to excise tax. So we've reduced that, that was 22%. And we reduced it to seven. We just need to be careful. 8% for Public Works, 4% for library, and 39% for the police department.

Finally I wanted to because our grant money is a hot topic out there on social media. I wanted to address this specifically. Okay. So the grant fund revenues are, we started out with the water grant that is \$7.4 million, and we have budgeted \$3 million of that, if it's released, we have not received that money yet. So anyone who asked what happened to the \$7 million, nobody spent it. We have not received it yet. Literally it's not available for us to get yet. So, that \$7 million is still there. We just can't touch it. We haven't even received it yet. Not \$1. Okay, American Recovery Act. That's the COVID monies that we're getting from the federal government that's \$250,000 this year and \$250,000 next year, which can be used for a variety of things. We can use it to reimburse the general fund for

the salaries for the employees who we paid them when they were out for COVID. We can use that for all of the utilities that the back utilities that we're left unpaid. Due to COVID. Some people we did get quite a bit from CAHRA and they actually gave us that last payment so we got the last of that money from CAHRA, that last \$1200 we got all that from CAHRA. But there were a lot of people who just didn't even bother to respond. So this money allows us to recoup those losses as well, because people didn't pay because of COVID. We stopped charging late fees, and we stopped shutting people off. So their bill just increased and increased and increased. So we'll be able to use that money for that. Okay, so next is CDBG, and that's \$385,000. I put for parks because a portion of that is to go for park lighting and to upgrade our parks. But, there's a portion that for water to upgrade the water system. The next is a congressional direct spending, we have \$140,000 for two F-150 pickup trucks, new, for our police department, and we need those desperately. So that's all it takes us somebody to spread some rumors, yeah, rumors that will hurt us from getting that grant. And I'm telling you that we are close, we're very close to getting that grant, and also I'm going to be contacting each of you and asking you to write a letter in support of that grant.

Vice Mayor Martinez-I put a reminder out, and I just stated that they need to educate themselves before they run around and spread rumors. And attending the meeting and hearing firsthand is how they educate themselves, and then they can walk around and spread out the truth.

A Sanchez Town Clerk-But that would really hurt us because Senator Kelly is directly over this congressional spending. So that's going to hurt us by her contacting him and saying that we're misusing funds when we're not.

Next is the one million dollars for the school project. So, also out of that direct congressional funding is we asked for a million dollars to purchase the school and rehab the school. Next is \$1,000 grant for library, \$1,000 grant for a police department, they're both working hard on. Then we have \$1.5 million that we have set aside, we budgeted in case we get it, if we don't get it, then we're not going to worry about it. But if you don't budget for it, you can't spend it if it comes in. So, that's just, who knows extra COVID money, whatever's out there, we're still looking for grants. So normally, it can take six months, sometimes a whole year, you can apply for a grant and you won't get it until the next fiscal year.

Vice Mayor Martinez-So, do we know when we expect to hear back on the school project.

A Sanchez Town Clerk-They should be making a decision, they said probably by the end of July, the first of August, we should know about that. And then the American Recovery money, should fall in our account any day, we just got the approval letter. So, we should be getting that \$250,000 very soon. And then finally, I just wanted to mention that our total grants, we have been working hard, both John and I for grants this year, and our total is \$6,277,000. In grants. That's more than the last 10 years put together, except for this minus the \$7 million. So that's all I have. Do you have any questions?

Councilman Brewer-I do actually. I see that you saved a town a lot of money, how much you actually did you save us in excise tax and HURF, and all that?

A Sanchez Town Clerk-That was over \$300,000 that we were able to save. And I'm not going to take full responsibility for that because our accountant, she is amazing. So every time I called her and said, you know, this isn't good enough. We need to do more. We need to find more. There has to be more and more digging through paperwork. Every time I call her she was right there ready to help, she is amazing. It's Sandy from Clifton Larson. She's amazing.

Councilman Brewer-So, you saved us all that money, what is this going to accomplish? What is what gonna accomplish?

A Sanchez Town Clerk-The actual audit is already paid for, but Sandy, we just got her bill the other day and its \$5,000. So, we were spending \$30,000 for accounting services, \$30,000, and this year we budgeted \$10,000 and that \$5,000 is part of us already together cleaning up the GL. So we're I don't even think we're gonna hit 10,000 this fiscal year for accounting.

Vice Mayor Martinez-Police Department budget, and I didn't see anything in here for vehicles, I could see that we have capital outlay equipment, and you put down \$12,000 for this upcoming fiscal year, but it's going to cost a lot more than \$12,000. Right?

A Sanchez Town Clerk-\$12,000, I am trying to direct us away from leasing vehicles. I don't think that the leases the way to go, because it started out sounding great. And then they decided that we needed to purchase more vehicles because it needed to be a fleet. And it was a fleet situation. It started out great at first, and then it just kind of spiraled. It went to something that we just could not afford. So we moved away from the leasing idea where we're kind of putting all of our eggs in the grant basket, but we did budget \$12,000. I know is not a lot. But hopefully we'll be able to use that to purchase some vehicles from other cities, other towns, the county, it'll give us some extra money to hopefully purchase or rehab what we already have. We do have that other money and contingency that if we absolutely have to use it, we can. But we're going to do the best we can to get those two new vehicles, we're kind of working on that \$12,000 to, hopefully it's going to be used to rehab the quarters that we're going to use for the police department. That's what that \$12,000 was meant for and to buy a utility shed to put all the records and the evidence locker in.

Questions concerning the purchase of police vehicles?

A Sanchez Town Clerk-So, we're still waiting to hear from them. So, we might get some money from them as well. So, we've also asked for a police vehicle, a new police vehicle from them as well.

Vice Mayor Martinez-So if we don't get the grant for the police department, that is still going to be okay?

A Sanchez Town Clerk- Unfortunately, we don't have the money, a new vehicle is about \$70,000 fully loaded for the police department. So given our financial situation, if these two grants don't come in, then we're gonna have to look for used vehicles until we dig ourselves out of this HURF and our negative general fund and then we can look at purchasing vehicles. But honestly, to get the vehicles, it's going to have to come from grants. \$70,000 just doesn't fall out of the sky. And that's the problem, we looked at used vehicles, and right now even to buy a used vehicle, just financially, it isn't a good idea right now, given the situation. So, we're hoping that things will get better. But we are fighting for that for that congressional grant. So, we really need those letters. And we need to shut that lady down.

Vice Mayor Martinez-Are we going to go ahead and do the auction on the Hummer, and the other vehicles that we have down there to try to get some extra money to throw towards the police vehicles? And I know we keep talking about it.

A Sanchez Town Clerk-We are working on that. Our issue is that we're trying to locate titles for all of these vehicles. Okay, and right now, that's our biggest issue. That's our biggest hurdle. We have to have titles in order to sell these at auction. And we've only found two or three titles. That's what we have to do, we're gonna have to get an abandoned title or file a request a new title. So we've been in contact with MVD. He, actually went on his day off to go to motor vehicle to submit an application so that we could get a new title. The problem is that it's like six weeks out to get a new title. So, we're turning over every rock to figure out where those titles might be. They have to be there somewhere. Everyone said there in the safe, but they weren't in the safe. We took everything out.

Vice Mayor Martinez-So the other question that I have for you is animal control. I see that we have that in the budget. I see that you have \$4,000 down. Where are we with that IGA, have we any new updates.

A Sanchez Town Clerk-I spoke with her today actually. Well, I spoke with her yesterday and then I got an email from her today and she is drafting the IGA, we should have it by the 15th. So that it can be approved by the Council, and this reflects what they're going to be charging us. So the \$4,000 should cover a flat rate of \$2,000. For all services, Monday through Friday, eight to five, and then we budgeted an extra \$2,000 for after hour emergencies. But that \$2,000 covers a sweep once a week for the entire year, and it covers all impound fees, that's even for emergency coverage. So all we have to pay for, emergency wise is the employee to. So, we're paying the over time for weekends and after hour time. She really came to the table to work with us. So, she did a great job. She was really awesome.

Vice Mayor Martinez- Another question that I have. So, on the jail fee. You have a budget \$3500 for this upcoming year. But I know that a change came out at the end of last year at some point and all of our rates were changed. So, we have that proposed staggered rate that was going to go into effect as far as our jail inmates being held. Does this \$3500 take that into consideration?

A Sanchez Town Clerk-Yes, that's why we increased it to \$3,500. But, that's like hitting a moving target. So it's hard to know what we're going to pay as far as that's concerned. But we have that money in contingency. If we need to move it, we can move it for that. So we're protecting that money. But if we have to use it, it's there.

Vice Mayor Martinez-That was the only questions I had, Thank you very much.

The Council Members all thanked The Town Clerk and The Town Manager for all their hard work on this budget and for the Town of Mammoth.

A Sanchez Town Clerk-So I think that's all I had as far as the budget is concerned. So, I wanted to talk to you just briefly about Truth and Taxation. So, I put this in your packet. We're not required to do this. But I figured it's smart to do our due diligence. So, I went ahead and prepared the Truth and Taxation analysis to show that statutorily we are not required to publish this if our taxes did not increase, and they did not. But, I prepared this so that you could see that it did not increase. And we're going to go ahead and post that on our website with our budget documents so that we don't have issues later. And that's about it. We did already go over property taxes and the values. And so if you want to take a look at that, that kind of gives you a little more information about what our net assessed value was and how they calculate what our property tax revenues are going to be. So our final budget amount is \$8,784,427, which was our tentative budget ceiling. We stayed at that. And there were just a few adjustments. And that was just moving some salaries around and adjusting to make sure that we didn't over budget in the water department. So we moved as much as we can move out of the water department over into public works and into the general fund. We did this to make sure that we're getting a better idea of what our water fund is costing us. Other than that, the tax levy we've already discussed. In the budget presentation that our tax levy for this fiscal year is 2.0251. And that's the same tax levy it was last year so we did not increase and our overall property tax evaluations revenues is \$51,544. Did anybody have any questions about that? We did have new construction of a \$1,066 somebody must have built a shed? I'm not sure. So if nobody has any other questions, then I guess we're ready to close the public hearing.

Closing of Public Hearing on 2021-2022 Budget at 7:00PM

Open Special Meeting of the Town Council June 30, 2021 at 7:01PM

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration and Possible Adoption of Resolution 2021-06 confirming the Final Budget For Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$8,784,427**

Motion to Accept Adoption of Resolution 2021-06 confirming the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$8,784,427

Motion by Councilman Brewer

Second by Vice Mayor Martinez

Motion Passed 5-0

- B. Consideration and Possible Approval for providing "Take Home Vehicle" for Mammoth police Chief, a 2010 Chevy Impala**

Motion to Accept providing "Take Home Vehicle" for Mammoth police Chief, a 2010 Chevy Impala
Motion was made and a council discussion was addressed. Motion was Continued and a Second was made.

Motion by Vice Mayor Martinez

Second by Councilman Martinez

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman Brewer NO

Councilman Martinez YES

Councilman Ponce NO

Vice Mayor Martinez YES

Mayor Armenta YES

Motion Passed Vote 3-2

- C. Direct Staff to Evaluate Available Space in Town Hall for Living Quarters for Police Personnel not to exceed \$12,000**

Vice Mayor Martinez- So I asked that we put this on here because the last meeting, we were looking at doing like a travel trailer and after thinking it over, travel trailers have their own kind of, they're not as secure as an actual brick and mortar building. And then we run into issues when I was speaking with Angie about the sewers, there's no sewer line down there. There's no utility hookups for something like a travel trailer, we have an evidence room that really can't be relied on for evidence, because it's not secure enough. But if we would use the money that we were going to pay for a travel trailer, for housing, and just use some of that money to rehab that evidence room, we can turn the room downstairs in the town hall booking into a like temporary living quarters and apartment that the officers can stay there overnight. I bring this up because it's kind of twofold. So there are times when it was brought up on social media, where we don't have an officer on duty here right now they're in between shifts, or there is nobody here. If we have an officer that is asleep downstairs in the room downstairs, they're on their night off and are coming back to work tomorrow morning, but we don't have an officer on duty and an emergency happens. We can call Pinal County and have them respond. But you can also just call whoever's downstairs and be paid "call out" or something and they can at least immediately respond. So we're not in as bad of a situation as like we have a shooting and now we're waiting for somebody from Florence to come. So it's kind of a good thing. And I had as you put \$12000 down, because I don't know how much it would cost to rehab that room and turn it into living quarters. But \$12,000 is what we were budgeting for the travel trailer. So I had her ask for the \$12,000. But it would be up to that amount.

J Schempf Town Manager-we're looking at buying a storage container, a 20 footer, putting it behind the police department for the records, and primarily for the Evidence Room. It would be more secure than what we have, put a window and air conditioner inside of it. And it meets the requirements for the security. It's a metal it's a completely metal building, except for the floor. The bad thing is the prices storage containers has doubled due to Covid. But I've checked it out and we can get this delivered for five grand.

A Sanchez Town Clerk-as far as the room downstairs, we're gonna be probably about maybe \$3,000. Down there they have a lot of like storage and some bicycles and stuff and then the back is evidence locker, there's a restroom there, so all we need to do is put in a shower, and then we can put in counters with a mini refrigerator and microwave, put a bed back there, maybe a futon couch, TV, I have a TV I'll donate a flat screen from my house. So I mean honestly I think, we're not looking to buy all this stuff new, we will of course buy a bed and mattresses new and futons are not that much. But like we can get those mini fridges and you know we can get that stuff really cheap if we buy it secondhand and it'll be fine. So we think that we can do this for a lot less than what we're asking for right here the \$12,000 and believe me we will be as frugal as we can. So yeah, we're gonna make sure that we make the best use of our money.

Motion to Direct Staff to Evaluate and Proceed with Available Space in Town Hall for Living Quarters for Police Personnel not to exceed \$12,000

Motion by Vice Mayor Martinez

Second by Councilman Martinez

Motion Passed Vote 5-0

D. Consideration and Possible Approval to Establish and Finalize Police Department Objectives, Expectations and Goals for Chief of Police Evaluation in 6 Months as set by Council

J Schempf Town Manager-I asked for this because technically, you hired him, you'll be evaluating him. So, but we'd like to work together. And, I would suggest you're going to need some criteria to decide how well he's working. I'm sure it'll be great. But what do you really expect? So there's a list of things. And, feel free to change, add or reduce. Councilmember Brewer did mention that he thought that putting 25% traffic citations increase sounds like a quota. And that's probably illegal. So we may want to just say, increase. But this is open for anybody and everybody. The chief has this. So he's had this for a day or so.

Vice mayor Martinez-I have looked this over. And I have a couple of things that I just wanted to point out. So obviously, under objective number six, actively work to reduce the incidence of criminal activity, obviously, that's what they're there for. So it's kind of like a given. But I don't think that we really need to spell that out. I think that's what everyone expects, it is part of their oath of office when they get sworn in and get certified. Under expectation, number nine, it says ensuring no criminal activity is taking place during the shift. Obviously, if they can ensure that there's no criminal activity taking place on the shift, we wouldn't need a 39% budget for the police department. That's kind of like, if we could prevent crime, we wouldn't need them. So that's kind of like redundant. I also have the same thing that Joe did with the traffic citation increased by 25%. You're setting quotas and it is not legal to do that. Also, under suggestion, it says number three says non incident citizen interactions in person or by phone blog mentality to average. The reason that I bring that one up is because we have patrol hours increased to 50% of each shift. I think it's fair to say, that for me at least, I would like to be our patrol officers out on patrol. I think that you

need to be out there running the streets, you need to be driving up and down. You need to be going in and talking to businesses, letting people see you in the business checking in and making sure that they're doing okay, that they haven't had anything that needs to be watched or anything. Obviously coming up and checking on the pool, especially on the night swims. You've got a lot of teenagers and they are doing things they're not supposed to. So just being a presence, I think is good. I don't think we should put it to 50% of their shift. I think it just be you need to be patrolling. Like, if you've got paperwork or something that you're doing, if you're going to take your lunch break, something like that, that you're going to go sit down at, you know, the office, if you're filling out an incident report on something, obviously, you're going to do that at the police department. But if you're not doing any of those things, you should be in the car and you should be patrolling. That's what we kind of paid them to do. A big part of community policing is letting people see we've got an officer out and about. We can't have them, increase their patrol, and then expect them to log and tally, every citizen interaction that they have. Because if Chief Muller is driving down the street, and he sees a kid walking down the street, kind of late at night, he pulls over... Hey, how's it going? Are you coming from the Little League Field or whatever? Yeah, what's your name? And then he has to write a report about that. Where do you think he's gonna go? Right back to the town hall office, he's going to go inside, sit down and write a report on having an interaction with a 15 year old kid coming back from playing basketball. So they should only log calls when it comes into the 911 dispatch system, or if somebody calls the non-emergency number. If they're out cruising around, and they see people and they stop them, talk to them, if people stop them, at the Dollar store, and somebody comes up to him and says, Hey, I live around San Pedro drive, we've got this drug house that you need to look at, can you take a look, I can give you the address, they have a lot of traffic coming through, that's a call that didn't go through dispatch, there's no log of that. If he has to log that, back, there's a report that's generated and he has to come back, obviously, they're going to be taking notes. And they're going to be making a note of this so that they can pass it along. But to say that they need to log every interaction, that's just going to generate way more paperwork, and it's going to deter from them actually being out patrolling. So I think that we need to really be careful with which ones we go for.

A Sanchez Town Clerk-Can we just put an increase in non-incident citizen contact, we just want to make sure that they're out there and talking to people on the street, they know who's doing what to who, it's a small town. That's just the way it works around here. So when you talk to people, and people feel comfortable around you and feel comfortable with our officers being part of the community, I think is more of what we're looking for. They are officers who don't live here. So if people don't know them, you have to go that extra mile to be part of the community and be accepted. Come on, we know people who, who moved here 10 years ago, and were like, Oh, yeah, they came here from so and so they're not from Mammoth, they're from wherever, you know, we want them to be part of the community so that people feel safe and empowered to be able to come to a police officer or the department when there's an issue, or to know that they're there if they need help.

Vice Mayor Martinez-What I would like to see, some of the things that I would like to see on this list are obviously increasing the patrol, increasing the citizen interaction, like you're talking about, but I don't think they need to log every single one of those, I think that they should definitely be doing it. One of the things that I've seen work in a lot of the communities where I have worked in the past is the "buy a cop a cup of coffee", or "have a cup of coffee with an officer" having those days where you got an officer and it can be a different officer every week. Hold it at one of the Restaurants, just for residents to come in and sit down so that if somebody does have a concern they're able to go in, they're able to do that, it would be a way to get all of the officers even our reserves, face to face interaction with people in the public, it gets our officers familiar with who the people are in the public. And then if obviously, if they get a call in the middle, because we're not going to pay them to do it on their off time. So it would be kind of nice during one of their shifts. If they get a call, obviously they have to leave and whatever restaurant can say, Hey, you know they had an emergency, they'll be back I can get your number, come back or whatever. But I think something like that would help.

Ernie's neighborhood watch program. So he started that and he's done a great job getting that to where it is now with the flyers and the stickers. One of the ways neighborhood watches work is if it's a cohesive effort between everybody. So that's gonna mean getting our chief of police and some of our officers to attend a sit down with me, maybe have them here at the community center on a designated night every month, or you hold a neighborhood watch program night, where officers can come people can come just like Town Hall, they can voice concerns that they have with what they're seeing in their neighborhoods, the officers can tell them, okay, look, these are the things that we're going to need in order to try to act on them. Whatever the information is, they can work with the citizens to get that out. And I think that's another way that you're going to build citizen interaction is by having these things separate. So for me, what I would like to see is our officers out on patrols, obviously, a big, big percentage of their time, I would like to see them doing more citizen interactions, at our restaurant and at our events. Somebody can just pop in and say, hey, how it is going, you know, whatever. Because a lot of the people in Mammoth will approach

our officers if they see them out and about especially in a generalized relaxed setting. They'll be more forthcoming. So things like that maybe try to make an effort to have an officer attended. So I think if you could help get that facilitated, I think that would be great. And I think if you brought in a different officer at each of these meetings, I think that would be beneficial too. Because then that gets your neighborhood watch people familiar with all of our reserves, and everybody else.

**Motion to Approve the Establishment and to Finalize Police Department Objectives,
Expectations and Goals for Chief of Police Evaluation in 6 Months as set by Council
Motion by Councilman Brewer Second by Vice Mayor Martinez
Motion Passed Vote 5-0**

E. Discussion and Possible Action to Allow Arizona Youth Partnership a Nonprofit Organization to Utilize the Community Center free of charge for One Day during the Third Week of July 2021

Vice Mayor Martinez-I put this on here and the Arizona youth partnership leadership, people had done summer camp for kids over the age of nine. And they were doing them the full month of June, they left out the little kids. So kids that were like five to nine, they couldn't get to vote. And one of the things that they did, was if you look at the flyer they did like games and different things. They brought in Sheriff Lamb, So the kids got to meet the sheriff and made pictures and it was like this huge thing. But they kept hearing. Well, what about the little kids? And I was kind of ticked because they have every other city in the Copper Corridor but they don't have Mammoth. And so I'm on this board and I asked Damian. I'm like what's going on? Can we please get something and he said well next year, but when they got all of the ones for the little kids, he called us up first and said if we would do it, they would love to host a mini camp just like they did on these days. It'll be one day it'll be here and it'll include kids, age's five to nine from the entire area. So San Manuel, Hayden, Globe, Kearney, Oracle, anybody that's in the area. So I am here to try to see if we have a date. And some times that work so we can let them know, they're looking at the third week of July, just so that they can have time to get it out there, advertise for it, get the word out so that they can get registrations and have T shirts and stuff made and everything. So if you can approve them to use the community center for one day, I think it would be really great. It'll bring people in, it'll get our kids involved with some of their government leaders. Maybe if the chief was working that day he could make an appearance.

**Motion is to Approve Action to Allow Arizona Youth Partnership a Nonprofit Organization to Utilize the Community Center free of charge for One Day during the Third Week of July 2021
Motion by Councilman Ponce Second by Vice Mayor Martinez
Motion Passed Vote 5-0**

F. Discussion and Possible Action to Allow the Town Manager to Waive Fees for Worth While Not for Profit Uses Not to Exceed \$200 in value

**Motion is to Approve the Action to Allow the Town Manager to Waive Fees for Worth While Not for Profit Uses Not to Exceed \$200 in value
Motion by Vice Mayor Martinez Second by Councilman Martinez
Motion Passed Vote 5-0**

6. Adjourn

**Motion is to adjourn meeting at 7:30 PM
Motion by: Vice Mayor Martinez Second by: Councilman Martinez
Motion Passed Vote 5-0**

I certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the Town of Mammoth Council Meeting held June 30, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.

Angela Sanchez, Town Clerk