



**TOWN OF MAMMOTH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAMMOTH TOWN COUNCIL
APRIL 21, 2022**

**These are the Minutes of a Special Meeting held by the Mammoth Town Council
On April 21, 2022, 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 7:05 PM Mayor Armenta**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Chief Mueller**
- 3. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT MEMBERS

Mayor Armenta
Vice Mayor Bustamante
Councilwoman Martinez
Councilman Martinez
Councilman Dietz
Councilman Brewer

PRESENT STAFF

Attorney S Cooper
Town Manager, J. Schempf
Chief Mueller
A. Sanchez

ABSENT MEMBERS

Councilman Ponce-Excused

Mayor Armenta stated Councilman Ponce notified her and the town manager that he was unable to attend the meeting, as a result he was excused.

4. PRESENTATIONS/ SPECIAL GUEST

Representatives from the Saddlebrooke Rotary Club of spoke to the Council. They explained that they are interested in helping the local communities. Their rotary club would like to know if there were any projects the Town of Mammoth would like to submit for funding. The council suggested providing funding for food boxes and for the seniors in Mammoth.

5. 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

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public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public.

Irene German asked about the pool, if it would be opening this year. The Town Manager stated that there is an ad in the Miner and the Tucson paper for a Pool Manager.

Catalina Herrera resides at 102 Owens Place in Mammoth. She stated that she works at the meat market, and she is having issues with the ladies from the business next door. They have been harassing her and complaining about parking at the businesses. Ms. Sanchez stated that the Town Manager sent a letter to both businesses stating that it is a town building and all of the parking is public parking. The town manager stated he and the Chief Mueller would go to the business to address the issue.

Ernest Bustamante stated that a neighborhood watch meeting was held and there were some items discussed, such as the basketball court clean up, there is a water leak at Isidro Park and BBQ grill needs to be repaired. They were concerned about brush along the streets that needs to be cleaned. They also discussed the Fire District's reorganization and welfare checks by the police department, as well as activities for the residents.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Staff Recommendations and Reports

- 1. Town Manager Report**
- 2. Police Report**
- 3. Public Works Report**
- 4. Library Report**
- 5. Planning and Zoning Report**

B. Approval of Accounts Payable for Payment and Filing

- 1. Accounts Payable Items from February**
 - a. Dooley Enterprises, Inc. for \$12,129.59**
 - b. Mickelson & Ray for \$2,480.00**
- 2. Accounts Payable for March**

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- 1. Special Meeting of March 24, 2022**

Motion to approve the consent agenda, including staff reports, accounts payable and minutes from March 24, 2022, special meeting.

Motion by: Councilwoman Martinez

Seconded by: Councilman Martinez

Motion Passed- 6-0

The Town Manager stated that he has drawn water directly from the town's wells and asked the council to taste the water. He stated that the water is very clean and does not have a bad taste. He stated that they are checking the lines and tanks to see where the bad taste is coming from. He stated that the town received some of the money from the grant and paid the engineers and

the water project should be out to bid very soon. He also stated that property in the town is being bought up for development. He is working on the CDBG project which have to be done by June.

Vice Mayor Bustamante explained that there is an article regarding the RTA. Steve Cooper the town attorney explained that the Arizona Supreme Court ruled that the fee was approved by the voters, but the tax was not set up correctly. They are in the process of deciding who and how the funds will be distributed.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Consideration of 2022 elected Council members term of Office. Staff is recommending the three (3) elected Councilmembers who receive the most votes serve a four (4) year term of office and elected one (1) councilmember who receives least amount of votes and is elected to office serve a two (2) year term of office.**

Discussion according to the League of Arizona Cities and Towns the following Council seats are up for election:

Annie Martinez.

Ernest Bustamante, Volunteered for two-year term

Juan Ponce since he was appointed to serve as councilmember.

Joe Dietz since he was appointed to serve as councilmember.

The voters will also decide whether to directly elect a Mayor for a four (4) year term of office beginning in the 2024 election cycle.

Motion to approve the submission to the Pinal County Elections for the direct election of the mayor.

Motion by: Councilwoman Martinez

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Bustamante

Motion Passed- 6-0

Councilwoman Martinez stated that she did not agree with the term of two years for the next election. She stated that the council is not out of compliance and until the election is over the council should not be addressing the issue at this time. Councilwoman Martinez asked Steve Cooper the town attorney why he felt it was necessary. Steve Cooper the town attorney stated that if the direct election of the mayor passes then the council will have to pass an ordinance to set a term. He stated that staff saw there was a possible issue and was just trying to address it. If the council does not want to, it is their right. Vice Mayor Bustamante stated he was just trying to provide a solution by volunteering to take the two-year term. Councilman Brewer stated that at some point in time the council will have to address the issue and it should be done now. Councilwoman Martinez stated that the issue has resolved itself with resignations, death, etc. in the past. Councilman Dietz agreed with Councilwoman Martinez.

Motion to leave the election process as is and bring it back into compliance when it becomes necessary.

Motion by: Councilwoman Martinez

Seconded by: Councilman Diets

Motion Passed- 5-1

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Pilot Bus Project

Vice Mayor Bustamante stated that he would like the town to look for funding from the infrastructure bill to fund a bus service from Mammoth to Oro Valley. He stated he would like to use an old van that the town owns to take residents to see if there is enough interest in the program. Councilwoman Martinez stated that she was concerned with the liability of such a program. Councilwoman Martinez stated that the town should do a survey at the town hall to see if residents would use the service. The mayor asked staff to check on the On the Go Express to see if it is still in service.

Motion to take no action.

Motion by: Councilwoman Martinez

Seconded by: Councilman Martinez

Motion Passed- 6-0

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Approval to Allow the Tri-Community Little League to Use the Mammoth Little League Facilities

Mr. Schempf the town manager asked if the town could pay a third of the cost of the lights. Councilwoman Martinez stated the town should limit the contribution to encourage them to be responsible and set it at \$250 for the season.

Motion to approve the request for the Tri-Community Little League to Use the Mammoth Little League Facilities and pay \$250 towards the lights for the season.

Motion by: Councilwoman Martinez

Seconded by: Councilman Martinez

Motion Passed- 6-0

B. Discussion and Possible Approval to Advertise and Hire a Pool Manager for the 2022 Swim Season and Set Salary

Mr. Schempf the town manager stated that he does not want to set the salary at this time and base it on qualifications. The mayor stated that the Saddlebrooke Community Outreach will help pay for swimming lessons. Councilwoman Martinez suggested to work with Community School to run the pool. Councilman Diets suggested approaching the former pool manager to help with the pool. The town manager stated that she was not interested.

Motion to approve to advertise and hire a pool manager for the 2022 swim season with the salary to be set based on qualifications.

Motion by: Councilwoman Martinez

Seconded by: Councilman Martinez

Motion Passed- 6-0

C. Discussion and Possible Approval to Advertise and Hire a Part-Time Planning and Zoning Specialist and Set Salary

Mr. Schempf, the town manager stated the town needs to hire a zoning person to take over that duty because Sharon can no longer handle it. Councilwoman Martinez asked why the company the town hired to do the building permits is not doing the zoning. Mr. Schempf stated they only issue permits and the town needs someone to do the zoning. The mayor stated that there is a volunteer who has offered to do the zoning for free. Vice Mayor Bustamante stated that it is important to have a zoning to clean up the town. Councilwoman Martinez suggested they use the volunteer first. Ms. Sanchez stated she would inquire if the County would be willing to allow the volunteer to train with zoning in Florence. The town manager asked if the council would consider paying mileage for the volunteer.

Motion to advertise and pay mileage for someone to go to Florence for training to do zoning.

**Motion by: Councilwoman Martinez
Motion Passed- 6-0**

Seconded by: Councilman Martinez

D. Discussion to Consider a Tiered or Sliding Scale for Water Service for Hardship

Discussion Only

Councilwoman Martinez stated that a sliding scale is a good idea but since Mammoth is a low-income community half of the population will qualify. She suggested using a tiered scale and evaluate. Steve Cooper, legal counsel explained that changing the water rates could jeopardize the water project funding. He suggested that the town get a list of organizations that will help with water bills. Staff agreed to put together a list/flyer for residents who need help.

E. Discussion and Possible Approval to Provide Helicopter Service to all Town of Mammoth Employees at a Cost of \$375

Mr. Schempf the town manager stated that he wanted the town employees to also receive the free helicopter service for a cost of \$375 per year.

Motion to Approval to Provide Helicopter Service for 9 Town of Mammoth Employees who live outside the town at a Cost of \$375

**Motion by: Councilwoman Martinez
Motion Passed- 6-0**

Seconded by: Councilman Martinez

F. Discussion and Possible Approval to Pay \$2,000 to the Town of Kearny for the Mammoth Fire Department's Dispatch Contract for One (1) Year

Councilwoman Martinez stated that the Fire District receives tax revenue, and they should be responsible for the cost of the dispatch service. Steve Cooper, legal counsel stated the cost was \$8,000 per year and that there would not be a violation of the gift clause if the town can prove that it is in the best interest of the residents of Mammoth. Ms. Sanchez stated we should look at their budget before the town pays. Councilman Brewer stated the council does not have the funds. Councilwoman Martinez stated that the Fire District was very good to let the police

department use their tower. The town should wait to see if they can handle this themselves and revisit this if it becomes necessary. The Chief stated that they could possibly use the towns dispatch center and equipment to run their dispatch until they can find a solution. Mr. Cooper stated that there should be an IGA to protect the town.

Motion to take no action.

Motion by: Councilwoman Martinez

Seconded by: Councilman Martinez

Motion Passed- 6-0

G. Discussion and Possible Approval to drill a new water well as part of the water project

Councilman Brewer express concern about the quality of the water and issues with the current well. He stated that the residents deserve to have quality water. He stated that the wells are not in good shape and the town should be exploring drilling new wells to get better water. Mr. Schempf stated that an engineer has inspected the wells and they are in good condition, and it is not necessary. Councilwoman Martinez suggested the town sample the water throughout the town and test it to find out where the issue is at, because there is an issue, and it must be addressed.

Motion to direct the town manager to direct Bowman to put in a new well

Motion by: Councilwoman Brewer

Seconded by: no second

Motion died for lack of a second.

H. Discussion and Possible Approval to Establish an Employee of the Quarter

- 1. Set Criteria; based on attendance, work performance, customer service, teamwork, positive attitude and work ethic.**
- 2. To be determined by Department Heads and Town Manager
(Dept. Head do not qualify)**
- 3. Set amount; \$100 per quarter and gift certificate for dinner for two at a local restaurant)**
- 4. Set Award Schedule; June, Sept. Dec. Mar. to be present at council meeting month following**

Motion to approve request to establish an Employee of the Quarter in the amount of \$200 and gift certificate for dinner for 2

Motion by: Councilman Martinez

Seconded by: Councilwoman Martinez

Motion Passed- 6-0

9. Council Comments

Councilman Brewer suggested to put it on the agenda to move the meetings to the town hall. Councilwoman Martinez asked for the rest of the bank statement. She also stated that there should be repercussions for town employees who come to the council meetings and verbally attack council members.

Councilman Martinez asked when the urinal in the men's restroom will be fixed.
Vice Mayor Bustamante stated that there is a lot of funding out there for transportation and the town should be trying to get some of those funds.

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:20 PM

Motion by: Councilman Martinez

Seconded by: Councilwoman Martinez

Motion Passed- 6-0

I certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the Town of Mammoth Council Meeting held April 21, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.

John Schempf, Interim Town Clerk