



**TOWN OF MAMMOTH  
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE MAMMOTH TOWN COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 29th, 2023, 11AM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Armenta called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Brewer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilwoman German  
Councilman Gallego  
Councilman Brewer  
Councilman Martinez - via phone  
Mayor Armenta  
Vice-Mayor Bustamante

**STAFF PRESENT**

Town Clerk – Giulia Lewis

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councilman Barcelo - excused

**STAFF ABSENT**

**4. CALL TO PUBLIC**

Debora Foster – Chair for Planning and Zoning and Jaime Deherrera were present to speak for the Property Clean Up – Urban Blight Project that was included on the list of Projects.

**1. Mayor Armenta read the following statement:**

Meeting to review and decide on ONE CDBG project from list provided during August 2023 Council Meeting. Application must be submitted to CDBG by FRIDAY DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. CDBG funds would be received in 2024-2025 Town Budget. (NOTE: the project that was asking for public crossing across Hwy 77 was NOT included because this requires approval by ADOT which cannot be obtained prior to submission deadline.)



5. Town Council members to PICK ONE CDBG Project from list provided during the August 17, 2023 Regular Town Council Meeting (reference Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting of Town Council on Thursday Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6pm.)

**Discussion:** Mayor Armenta asked to confirm that only 1 (one) project can be chosen. Town Clerk confirmed this is correct per CDBG guidance. Vice-Mayor Bustamante made a statement regarding his disappointment with ADOT because of the slow response from ADOT to address issues. Town Clerk shared how due to time constraints it would have been very difficult to obtain right of way from ADOT before CDBG submission was due. Town Clerk also shared recent interaction with ADOT regarding water leak in front of businesses and how ADOT addressed that issue. Vice Mayor Bustamante said that because we are a rural area, ADOT does not respond as quickly as they should.

Debora Foster spoke up about the Property Clean Up project stating that the Planning & Zoning Committee has already identified a number of properties that need to be clean up and demolished and that the CDBG funds would go a long way towards helping residence who otherwise either cannot afford to pay for clean up or are unable to clean up themselves. Discussion continued regarding specific properties in and around town including several burned-out properties. In addition, Councilwoman German stated that there is a property close to where she lives that is infested with animals causing a health concern. Jaime Deherrera shared that a resident told her that their homeowners insurance doubled because of the derelict property next door. Estimate from a Demolition Company was shared for a property in Town and discussed.

Discussion moved to the other projects and Vice Mayor Bustamante stated that the charging station would be something that we could look at in the future since the prevalence of electric vehicles in our area is small. Multiple discussions regarding whether this would be an appropriate project for our town.

Councilman Brewer brought up the Paving Street Project suggestion and there was discussion around this but felt that it would be best to save the monies for roads until after the Water Project is completed because the Water Project grant does not include monies to repave the streets. The Town Clerk shared that there some left-over PC Excise funds from last years budget that can be used to help purchase asphalt to repair our streets that are in urgent need of repair.

Councilman Martinez spoke and shared that he agreed with all of the information presented that showed our Town's greatest need is to clean up our blight.

Town Clerk asked if we should talk about the Project of Purchasing the Elementary School, but shared that the maintenance and restoration required is not included in this budget and the Town really does not have the monies to manage that property. Councilman Martinez and Brewer shared details about the school property. Mayor Armenta said that earlier this year grant funds had become available for Mammoth to purchase the school but that efforts



to contact the school district by Town Clerk and Town Attorney were unsuccessful, so request was dropped.

Councilman Gallego stated that he believed the school project should be considered because of the rental potential. There was discussion regarding ideas around future town growth but no consensus on how the town would fund restoration and maintenance on the building once purchased.

Vice-Mayor Bustamante brought up the Bus Service Project and explained what the intent was behind this suggestion. Having reliable transportation would be beneficial to some of our population, but we have to consider what is the most urgent needs of our town.

Councilman Brewer made a motion to select the Property Clean Up as the project. Councilwoman Irene 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Town Clerk ask for a role call for each project. Results are below.

Councilman Gallego - Purchase School Project  
Councilman Brewer - Property Clean Up – Urban Blight Project  
Councilwoman German - Property Clean Up – Urban Blight Project  
Councilman Martinez - Property Clean Up – Urban Blight Project  
Vice Mayor Bustamante - Property Clean Up – Urban Blight Project  
Mayor Armenta - Property Clean Up – Urban Blight Project

Discussion regarding other potential grant funds that might be available to purchase the school. Town Clerk stated she would look into out Pinal County funding that might be available and would also reach out to the School District to see if purchasing the property is even an option.

5. Motion to adjourned made by Councilwoman German, Councilman Martinez 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All members voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 11:33m.

The undersigned certifies that a copy of this notice was posted at the Mammoth Town Hall on Nov. 30 2023, by 6:00 p.m.

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