



## **Town Council of Mammoth Lakes**

### **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**March 1, 2023, 4:00 p.m.**

**437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes**

Members Present: Mayor John Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser,  
Councilmember Chris Bubser, Councilmember Amanda Rice

Members Absent: Councilmember Sarah Rea

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

District Ranger Fred Wong led the flag salute.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments given at this time.

**4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**5. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND/OR DEPARTMENTS (AS NEEDED)**

Public Works Director Haislip Hayes gave a presentation regarding an Update on Snow Related Operations. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Office of Outdoor Recreation Manager Lawson Reif gave an update regarding current outdoor recreation activities.

Administrative Services/Finance Director Rob Patterson gave an update regarding Airport operations during the storm events. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) Executive Director John Urdi gave an update regarding today's MLT meeting. There was discussion among members of Council and Mr. Urdi.

Acting Police Chief Dan Casabian gave an update regarding current police activities.

## **6. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS**

### **6.1 Recognition of Police Officer Daniel Hansen for a 15-year anniversary award.**

Acting Police Chief Dan Casabian thanked Officer Hansen for his years of service.

## **7. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

### **7.1 Update on Reds Meadow Road Project.**

Public Works Director Haislip Hayes outlined the scope of the project and introduced Dustin Robbins, Federal Highway Administration. Mr. Robbins gave an update regarding the project.

District Ranger Fred Wong said that they were working on the Forest Service communications plan.

National Monuments Site Manager Rebecca Carr said that their concerns were ensuring that there was efficient transportation and a good experience for visitors.

There was discussion among members of Council, staff, Mr. Robbins, and Mr. Wong.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Cleland Hoff outlined her concerns with the project.

**7.2 Quarterly Presentation by Airport Core Management Team – Winter 2022.**

Administrative Services/Finance Director Rob Patterson and Deputy Airport Manager Sierra Shultz gave a presentation regarding the Airport Quarterly Update. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

**7.3 Quarterly TOT Enforcement Update – Second Quarter FY22-23.**

Administrative Services/Finance Director Rob Patterson gave a presentation regarding the quarterly TOT enforcement update. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Councilmember Chris Bubser  
Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

Approve the Consent Agenda.

For (4): Mayor John Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser, Councilmember Chris Bubser, and Councilmember Amanda Rice

Absent (1): Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (4 to 0)

**8.1 Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 15, 2023.**

**8.2 Accept Check Register 02/15/2023 in the amount of \$318,970.51.**

**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**9.1 Transit Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2013-3 Annexation No. 7.**

The Mayor called for written protests, and no written protests were received.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m.

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler outlined the information in the staff report.

With no members of the public coming forward to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

Moved by Mayor John Wentworth  
Seconded by Councilmember Chris Bubser

Adopt the resolution authorizing the annexation of territory into Community Facilities District No. 2013-3 (Transit Services), authorizing the levy of a special tax, and submitting the levy of special tax to qualified electors.

For (4): Mayor John Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser,  
Councilmember Chris Bubser, and Councilmember Amanda Rice

Absent (1): Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (4 to 0)

Town Clerk Jamie Gray announced the result of the property owner vote.

Moved by Mayor John Wentworth  
Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

Adopt the resolution declaring the results of a special annexation landowner election, determining validity of prior proceedings, and directing the recording of the seventh amendment to notice of special tax lien for Community Facilities District No. 2013-3 (Transit Services).

For (4): Mayor John Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser,  
Councilmember Chris Bubser, and Councilmember Amanda Rice

Absent (1): Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (4 to 0)

Moved by Mayor John Wentworth  
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser

Waive the reading and introduce by title only the ordinance authorizing the levy of special taxes in Community Facilities District No. 2013-3 (Transit Services), including certain annexation territory.

For (4): Mayor John Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser,  
Councilmember Chris Bubser, and Councilmember Amanda Rice

Absent (1): Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (4 to 0)

## **10. POLICY MATTERS**

### **10.1 Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Inyo National Forest Designating Town of Mammoth Lakes as a Cooperating Agency for Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) Planning Efforts under Subpart C of the Travel Management Rule.**

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler outlined the information in the staff report.

District Ranger Fred Wong outlined the Forest Service's practice of using an MOU.

There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Page, Winter Wildlands Alliance, spoke in support of the proposed MOU.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

Approve and Authorize the Town Manager to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Inyo National Forest Designating Town of Mammoth Lakes as a Cooperating Agency for OSV Planning Efforts under Subpart C of the Travel Management Rule, subject to final USFS approval. Direct the Town Manager to notify Mono County that the Town was taking this action.

For (4): Mayor John Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser, Councilmember Chris Bubser, and Councilmember Amanda Rice

Absent (1): Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (4 to 0)

The Mayor called a recess at 6:35 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

**10.2 Agreements with Mammoth Unified School District (MUSD) and Mono County Office of Education (MCOE) for a one-month lease extension and a five-year lease to convert the existing Ice Rink Site to a Community Pickleball and Multi-Use Complex.**

Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

Approve the agreements with Mammoth Unified School District (MUSD) and Mono County Office of Education (MCOE) for a one-month lease extension and a five-year lease to convert the existing Ice Rink Site to a Community Pickleball and Multi-Use Complex and authorize the Town Manager to sign those agreements.

For (4): Mayor John Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser, Councilmember Chris Bubser, and Councilmember Amanda Rice

Absent (1): Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (4 to 0)

**10.3 Agreement with AllSport America, Inc. for the installation of a Sport Court Modular Overlay Surface on Community Tennis Courts 5/6 and the installation of 6 regulation Pickleball Courts on the existing ice rink site.**

Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

Authorize the Town Manager to execute an Agreement with AllSport America, Inc. for the installation of a Sport Court Modular Overlay Surface on Community Tennis Courts 5/6 and the installation of 6 regulation Pickleball Courts on the District/MCOE Ice Rink/RecZone site in the amount of \$275,000 that includes a contingency of \$10,600, and if funds are left then authorize the use of those funds for replacement of backboards and basketball court at Shady Rest Park.

For (4): Mayor John Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser,  
Councilmember Chris Bubser, and Councilmember Amanda Rice

Absent (1): Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (4 to 0)

**10.4 Presentation on budget performance through the second quarter of FY22-23 and approval of Budget Amendments.**

Administrative Services/Finance Director Rob Patterson gave a presentation regarding the second quarter budget update. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember Chris Bubser

Adopt the proposed resolution amending the Fiscal Year 22-23 budget as recommended in Attachment A – Budget Adjustments.

For (4): Mayor John Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser,  
Councilmember Chris Bubser, and Councilmember Amanda Rice

Absent (1): Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (4 to 0)

**10.5 Ordinance Relating to Electronic and Paperless Filing of Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Campaign Disclosure Statements.**

Town Clerk Jamie Gray outlined the information in the staff report.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

Waive the reading and introduce by title only the ordinance adding Chapter 2.80 “Electronic and Paperless Filing of Campaign Disclosure Statements and Statements of Economic Interest” to the Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code.

For (4): Mayor John Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser,  
Councilmember Chris Bubser, and Councilmember Amanda Rice

Absent (1): Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (4 to 0)

**10.6 Approval of Updated Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc for provision of Public Safety Body Cameras, Data Storage, Software, Tasers, Taser Supplies, and related items in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 over a five-year period.**

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Moved by Mayor John Wentworth

Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

Approval of Updated Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc for provision of Public Safety Body Cameras, Data Storage, Software, Tasers, Taser Supplies and related items in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 over a five-year period pending final legal review and authorize the Town Manager to sign the agreement.

For (4): Mayor John Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser, Councilmember Chris Bubser, and Councilmember Amanda Rice

Absent (1): Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (4 to 0)

**11. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Sauser attended the Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meeting.

Councilmember Bubser attended the Town/County Liaison Committee meeting, thanked Matt Paruolo from Southern California Edison (SCE) for inviting her to learn more about how SCE operated in our community, and met with Janet Hatfield from the Whitebark Institute.

Mayor Wentworth attended the Local Transportation Commission meeting and listened to the Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meeting. .

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:56 p.m. the Mayor announced that the Council would be entering into closed session for the purposes as stated in the agenda.



- 12.1 **Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Council will hold a conference to consider evaluation of a public employee: Town Manager.**
- 12.2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph 1 of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: Jill Rudolph Et Al. v. Town of Mammoth Lakes (Case No: 22UCM102)**
- 12.3 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph 1 of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: Louis and Pimchan Cohen. v. Town of Mammoth Lakes (Case No: 22UCM103)**
- 12.4 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph 1 of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: Main Street Taxpayer Association v. Town of Mammoth Lakes**
13. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION**

The Council reconvened from closed session at 8:53 p.m. and announced that there was no reportable action taken.
14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

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Jamie Gray, Town Clerk