



Town Council of Mammoth Lakes

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 15, 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 Sarah Rea,
Councilmember Amanda Rice

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A member of the public led the flag salute.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A member of the public said she was having an issue with her landlord who was not renewing her lease and converting a commercial building to Airbnb.

David Eichman, City of West Hollywood, introduced himself to the Council.

4. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

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

Office of Outdoor Recreation Manager Lawson Reif gave an update regarding current outdoor recreation activities. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Administrative Services/Finance Director Rob Patterson gave an update regarding current Airport and finance activities. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Community and Economic Development Director Sandra Moberly gave an update regarding the Main Lodge Project. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler gave an update regarding the new radio system, the Housing Now! Bridge Program, and the Fire Safe Council fuels reduction work in the Lakes Basin. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

5.1 February 2023 Public Works Engineering CIP Update.

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Town Budget Structure and Process.

Administrative Services/Finance Director Rob Patterson gave a presentation regarding the Town budget structure and process. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser
Seconded by Councilmember Chris Bubser

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)

7.1 Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 2023.

7.2 Approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 25, 2023.

- 7.3 **Approve the resolution re-authorizing the Town Council to meet virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic declared emergency.**
- 7.4 **Adopt the Resolution Declaring the Town's Intention to Establish a Community Facilities District, Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes, and Set the Public Hearing for April 5, 2023 for Community Facilities District No 2023-1 (Town of Mammoth Lakes Maintenance Services).**
- 7.5 **Accept Check Register 1/05/2023 in the amount of \$99,000. Accept Check Register 1/12/2023 in the amount of \$1,422,948.85. Accept Check Register 1/18/2023 in the amount of \$561,266.73. Accept Check Register 1/25/2023 in the amount of \$160,777.27. Accept Check Register 2/02/2023 in the amount of \$410,428.94.**

8. **POLICY MATTERS**

- 8.1 **Consider the request for an additional \$400,000 contribution to the Mammoth Lakes Housing Innsbruck Lodge Affordable Housing Project.**

Community and Economic Development Director Sandra Moberly and Senior Planning - Housing Coordinator Nolan Bobroff outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patricia Robertson, Mammoth Lakes Housing (MLH) Executive Director, spoke in support of their request for additional funds.

Councilmember Rea joined the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

Jennifer Kreitz, member of the MLH Board, spoke in support of the project.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

Adopt the resolution approving an additional \$400,000 contribution to the Mammoth Lakes Housing Innsbruck Lodge Affordable Housing Project contingent on the specified terms.

For (5): Mayor John Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser, Councilmember Chris Bubser, Councilmember Sarah Rea, and Councilmember Amanda Rice

Carried (5 to 0)

8.2 2023 Youth Sports Funding Recommendations.

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 2023 Youth Sports Funding Recommendations as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission in the amount of \$45,000.

For (5): Mayor John Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser, Councilmember Chris Bubser, Councilmember Sarah Rea, and Councilmember Amanda Rice

Carried (5 to 0)

8.3 Authorization of agreements to expand Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

Public Works Director Haislip Hayes outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A member of the public asked questions about the power used for the charging stations. Mr. Hayes responded.

Moved by Mayor John Wentworth

Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Rea

Authorize the Town Manager to execute a lease agreement between the Town and Electrify America for space at the Hillside Parking Lot for electric vehicle charging stations. Authorize the Town Manager to execute a lease agreement between the Town and EV Range for space at the Park n' Ride lot on Tavern Road for electric vehicle charging stations. Authorize the Town Manager to sign a "Site Verification Form" supporting a grant application by EV Range. The agreements are approved pending final review by Town counsel.

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

Against (1): Councilmember Chris Bubser

Carried (4 to 1)

8.4 Resolution Opposing the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act Ballot Initiative (AG# 21-0042A1).

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler and Town Attorney Andrew Morris 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 Chris Bubser

Adopt Resolution opposing the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act (AG# 21-0042A1).

For (5): Mayor John Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser,
Councilmember Chris Bubser, Councilmember Sarah Rea, and
Councilmember Amanda Rice

Carried (5 to 0)

The Mayor called a recess at 6:14 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 6:22 p.m.

8.5 Subpart C, OSV Use Designation Process, Collaborative Alternative Team Comments, and Direction to enter into an MOU with the Inyo National Forest as a cooperating Agency through the completion of the process.

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

CONSENSUS:

Directs staff to bring back for approval at the next meeting a Cooperating Agency MOU with the Inyo National Forest through the completion of this process.

9. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Bubser attended the League of California Cities Conference, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) meeting, and the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) Board meeting. She toured ESTA facilities with ESTA Executive Director Phil Moore.

Mayor Pro Tem Sauser attended the employee appreciation luncheon, the League of California Cities Conference, the Mammoth Trails Committee meeting, and the ESTA Board meeting. He reported that tomorrow he would be attending the Desert Mountain Division League of California Cities meeting in Apple Valley.

Councilmember Rice attended the Mammoth Lakes Housing meeting and the League of California Cities Conference.

Mayor Wentworth attended the Integrated Climate Adaption and Resiliency Program (ICARP) Technical Advisory Council meeting, the farewell celebration for Trails Manager Joel Rathje, and the ESCOG Board meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Jamie Gray, Town Clerk