



## Town Council of Mammoth Lakes

### Minutes of Regular Meeting

March 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

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#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes.

#### 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Wentworth led the flag salute.

#### 3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A lady thanked the Town for their efforts, but said she was concerned about the intersection of Rainbow and Mammoth Slopes and the parking issues there. She asked for more enforcement at that intersection. She asked for plow driver identification so that issues could be reported. She outlined her concerns about the lack of cell phone coverage.

Scott Armstrong, Regional Broadband Coordinator, spoke about verifying the FCC's map data. There was discussion among members of Council and Mr. Armstrong.

**4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

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

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

Acting Police Chief Dan Casabian gave an update regarding current law enforcement operations.

**5.1 March 2023 Public Works Engineering CIP Update.**

**5.2 Town Grants Update.**

**6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

**6.1 Recycling and Sustainability Update.**

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler introduced Kendra Knight, Mammoth Disposal Sustainability Coordinator. Ms. Knight gave a presentation regarding recycling efforts in Town. There was discussion among members of Council and Ms. Knight.

Rene Hallen, Buoy, outlined how their reusable food container system worked. There was discussion among members of Council, Mr. Hallen, Ms. Knight, and staff.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

**7.1 Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 1, 2023.**

**7.2 Approve the minutes of the special meeting of March 7, 2023.**

**7.3 Waive the second reading and adopt by title only the Ordinance authorizing the levy of special taxes in Community Facilities District 2013-3 (transit services), including certain annexation territories.**

**7.4 Waive the reading and adopt 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.**

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**8.1 2023/24 Parks and Recreation Department Fee Schedule Amendments.**

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 4:45 p.m.

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

With no members of the public coming forward to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 4:51 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

Approve by resolution the 2023/24 Parks and Recreation Department fee schedule amendments as presented in Exhibit B, including amendments as presented.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

**9. POLICY MATTERS**

**9.1 Agreement with Emanuels Jones and Associates for State Legislative Advocacy Consulting Services.**

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 Councilmember Chris Bubser  
Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

Approve and authorize the Town Manager to sign consulting agreement with Emanuels Jones and Associates for State Legislative Advocacy services.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

**9.2 Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget – General Fund Revenue Projections.**

Administrative Services/Finance Director Rob Patterson outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

CONSENSUS:

The Town Council confirmed the TOT revenue of \$18 million recommended for initial preparation of the operating budget.

**9.3 Letter of Support for Bioenergy Wood Innovations Grant.**

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

Moved by Councilmember Chris Bubser  
Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

Approve the letter of support for the Bioenergy Wood Innovations Grant.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

**9.4 Update and Direction on Response to Extreme Weather Declared Emergency.**

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler gave an update regarding the current state of emergency. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Arianne Weiner outlined parking lot issues and asked for consistent ticketing. She said we needed to educate and communicate more. There was discussion between Town staff and Ms. Winer.

**10. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember Bubser thanked Town staff and the community for all of their efforts during the emergency. She said she went on a ride along with the Town Manager and attended an Incident Management Team meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Sauser met with Congressman Kiley.

Mayor Wentworth attended the Local Transportation Commission meeting and met with Congressman Kiley,

**11. CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:08 p.m. the Mayor announced that the Council would be entering into closed session for the purposes as stated in the agenda.

**11.1 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 (Case  
No. : 23UCM82)**

**12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION**

The Council reconvened from closed session at 6:35 p.m. and announced that there was no reportable action taken.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.