



Town Council of Mammoth Lakes

Minutes of Special Meeting

March 22, 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**

Stacey Powells Lyster led the flag salute.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Urdi, Executive Director of Mammoth Lakes Tourism, gave an update regarding their special meeting discussion related to infrastructure priorities for the community.

Stacey Powells Lyster outlined snow storage issues in her neighborhood. She asked that Mill Street become a Town road.

Anne Gimpel said that all private roads should become Town roads. She outlined snow removal and snow storage issues on Mill Street.

Bobby Tanner, Reds Meadow Resort and Pack Station, outlined his concerns regarding the Reds Meadow Road Project and stewardship of the valley.

Sarah Sindell supported her neighbors' comments regarding Mill Street becoming a Town road.

4. POLICY MATTERS

4.1 Council Action and Management Response to Extreme Weather Declared Emergency.

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler introduced members of the emergency response team.

CalOES Assistant Chief/Coordinator Jeff Adams, Los Angeles County Deputy Chief Robert Harris, and Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District Fire Chief Ales Tomaier gave an update regarding current emergency response activities.

Tom and Jason Sigler, Eastern Sierra Propane, outlined issues with snow on propane tanks.

Matthew Paruolo, Southern California Edison, outlined public safety issues around their infrastructure.

Councilmember Rea joined the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Mr. Holler and Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown gave an update regarding the current emergency response.

There was discussion among members of Council, Chief Tomaier, and Mr. Paruolo.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stacey Powells Lyster outlined her snow storage and propane tank issues.

Steve Searles spoke about animosity and distrust in the community.

There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Karen O'Kelley asked about where the Town can truck snow to. Mr. Holler responded.

Moved by Councilmember Chris Bubser
Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Rea

Approve \$200,000 of matching funds to the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation for emergency snow removal efforts.

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 5:35 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 5:47 p.m.

4.2 Discussion and Direction on Town Council Strategic Priorities and Key Objectives for FY23-24.

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

5. CLOSED SESSION

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler noted that Agenda Item 5.1 was not necessary at this time.

At 6:38 p.m. the Mayor announced that the Council would be entering into closed session for items as stated in the agenda.

5.1 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Council will hold a conference to consider evaluation of a public employee: Town Manager.

5.2 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.(a), Conference with Labor Negotiators, the Council will meet with its representatives, Town Manager Daniel C. Holler, Administrative Services/Finance Director Rob Patterson, and HR Manager Amanda Pelham, with respect to the following Employee Organizations: Mammoth Lakes General Employees Association, Mammoth Lakes Management Employees Association, and the Mammoth Lakes Public Works Employees Association.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION

The Council reconvened from closed session at 7:53 p.m. and announced that there was no reportable action taken.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Jamie Gray, Town Clerk