



Town Council of Mammoth Lakes

Minutes of Regular Meeting

October 4, 2023, 3:00 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

1. RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

- 1.1 **At 3:00 p.m. the Town Council will conduct a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Town's community tennis courts located at 1000 Forest Trail and new pickleball courts located at 416 Sierra Park Road.**

Members of the Town Council participated in two ribbon cutting ceremonies.

2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sergeant Heilman led the flag salute.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Brengle, Executive Director of the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce, announced that on October 24 at Mammoth High School there would be a Career Expo for students from Mammoth, Coleville, and Lee Vining High Schools.

5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

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

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

Acting Community and Economic Development Director Nolan Bobroff gave an update regarding current community and economic development activities.

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler reported that the Town had applied for grants for a biomass facility and that the Town had executed a contract for economic analysis of short-term rentals.

6.1 October 2023 Public Works Engineering CIP Update.

There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

6.2 Did you Know? Dogs (August 2023).

6.3 Did you Know? Recreation Investments (September 2023).

There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

6.4 Planning update on potential federal shutdown.

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler gave an update regarding partnership opportunities in the event of a federal government shutdown. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

7. INTRODUCTIONS

7.1 Introduce new Police Department K9 Jax.

Interim Chief of Police Dan Casabian and K9 Officer Matt West introduced Mammoth Lakes Police Department K9 Jax. Town Clerk Jamie Gray administered the oath of office to Jax.

8. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Recognition of Town Manager Daniel C. Holler for ten years of service.

Mayor Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Sauser, and Town Attorney Andrew Morris thanked Mr. Holler for his years of service.

9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

9.1 October Community Recreation Center (CRC) Update.

Public Works Director Haislip Hayes and Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown gave an update regarding the Community Recreation Center (CRC). There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser
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)

10.1 Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 6, 2023.

10.2 Accept the Project Closeout Report for the Ballfields Rehabilitation Project.

10.3 Approve the resolution authorizing the Town's participation in the CSCDA Commercial Open Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program to provide commercial property owners access to financing for renewable energy and building efficiency upgrades.

10.4 Accept Check Register 8/30/23 in the amount of \$530,400.24. Accept Check Register 9/7/23 in the amount of \$793,992.39. Accept Check Register 9/14/23 in the amount of \$3,433,620.93. Accept Check Register 9/19/23 in the amount of \$44,574.68. Accept Check Register 9/27/23 in the amount of \$1,689,112.75.

11. POLICY MATTERS

11.1 Waive the reading and introduce by title only the ordinance amending Municipal Code Chapter 10.12 Parking.

Deputy Airport Manager Sierra Shultz 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 Amanda Rice

Waive the reading and introduce by title only the ordinance amending Municipal Code Chapter 10.12 Parking, as amended to change references to "his" to "his/hers."

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)

11.2 Inyo National Forest OSV Subpart-C Engagement & Public Comment.

Office of Outdoor Recreation Manager Lawson Reif gave a presentation regarding OSV Subpart C. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Page, Executive Director of Winter Wildlands Alliance, spoke about the process and timeline, and gave his comments regarding the proposed action.

CONSENSUS:

The Town Council agreed to an overall comment regarding safety and quality experiences for all users.

The Town Council supported the Trailhead at New Shady Rest dump station paring area, the High Elevation Staging Area (Cinder Shed), the Scenic Loop Staging Area, and the Sherwin's Working Group Recommendation.

The Town Council supported delineating uses on the way to Minaret Vista.

The Town Council agreed that the Snow Depth Requirement seemed reasonable.

The Town Council supported Compliance with OSV in the Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Development Project.

The Town Council agreed to an overall comment that more regular review was needed as conditions could change dramatically.

11.3 Council finds and determines that Emergency Work Authorized by Resolutions 23-29 and 23-54 continues to be necessary for public welfare and safety.

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler gave an update regarding the emergency work.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember Chris Bubser

Find and determine that emergency work authorized by Resolutions 23-29 and 23-54 continues to be necessary for public welfare and safety.

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)

11.4 Review of Town Manager Recruitment Information and Schedule.

The Mayor called a recess at 6:04 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 6:11 p.m.

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler introduced Roberta Greathouse, Peckham & McKenney Executive Recruiter. Ms. Greathouse outlined the language in the proposed brochure. There was discussion among members of Council, staff, and Ms. Greathouse.

12. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Rice attended the Mammoth Lakes Housing Board meeting.

Councilmember Bubser attended the two Forest Service meetings regarding OHV Subpart C.

Mayor Pro Tem Sauser attended the League of California Cities annual conference and the Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meeting.

Mayor Wentworth attended the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District meeting, Town to Trails meetings, the Whitebark Financial Advisory Team meeting, the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District Board meeting, and the League of California Cities annual conference.

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler announced the Chamber of Commerce's Business Excellence Awards Gala would be held on November 1.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Jamie Gray, Town Clerk