



Town Council of Mammoth Lakes

Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 3, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes

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

Members Absent: Councilmember Sarah Rea

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Bubser 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. **INTRODUCTIONS**

5.1 **Introduce new Police Chief Dan Casabian.**

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler introduced Chief Casabian to the Council and the community.

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

Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown gave an update regarding current activities at the Community Recreation Center (CRC). There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Administrative Services/Finance Director gave an update regarding the STR Advisory Committee. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

6.1 January 2024 Public Works Engineering CIP Update.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember John Wentworth
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chris Bubser

Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (4 to 0)

7.1 Approve the minutes of the special meeting of December 13, 2023.

7.2 Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 20, 2023.

7.3 Agreement with Whitebark for use of \$150,000 in Town funding for Fiscal Capacity Support Grant.

7.4 Waive the reading and adopt by title only the ordinance amending Municipal Code Chapter 8.15, adopting a single-use plastic water bottle prohibition.

7.5 Waive the reading and adopt by title only the ordinance adopting Municipal Code Chapter 10.24 regarding vehicles on Trails.

7.6 Accept Check Register 12/14/23 in the amount of \$577,373.66. Accept Check Register 12/20/23 in the amount of \$462,296.96. Accept Check Register 12/28/23 in the amount of \$1,042,965.00.

8. POLICY MATTERS

8.1 Appeal of Penalties, Interest, Tax Fraud, Enforcement Charges, Administrative Citations, and Health Code Violations for TOT enforcement – 2251 Meridian Blvd Unit 117.

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

Moved by Councilmember John Wentworth
Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

Make a finding of noncompliance with the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code and uphold the Notice of Determination amount due of \$41,535.49 for TOT, TBID, tax fraud, penalties, interest, enforcement charges and health code violations. Judgement from the hearing officer for administrative citations is included in this amount.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (4 to 0)

8.2 Agreement between the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mammoth Lakes Housing to provide \$2.2 Million in funding for the Access Apartments Project.

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

Moved by Councilmember John Wentworth
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chris Bubser

Approve the agreement between the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mammoth Lakes Housing (MLH) providing \$2.2 million in funding for the Access Apartments Project and authorize the Town Manager to sign the agreement subject to final legal review and MLH Board approval.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (4 to 0)

8.3 Support letter for Whitebark Grant request under the Cal Fire Forest Health Program.

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

Laura Beardsley, Executive Director of the Whitebark Institute, answered questions from Council about the project. There was discussion among members of Council and Ms. Beardsley.

Moved by Councilmember John Wentworth
Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

Authorize the Mayor to a sign letter of support for Whitebark' s Grant Request to the Cal Fire Forest Health Program.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (4 to 0)

9. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Bubser met with Kendra Knight from Mammoth Disposal about current sustainability initiatives.

Councilmember Wentworth attended the Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meeting.

10. MAMMOTH LAKES MUNICIPAL SERVICE CORPORATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Town Council held a meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Municipal Service Corporation.

11. CLOSED SESSION

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

At 5:31 p.m. the Mayor announced that the Council would be entering into closed session for the purposes as stated in the agenda.

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Council reconvened from closed session at 7:00 p.m. and announced that there was no reportable action taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Jamie Gray, Town Clerk