



Town Council of Mammoth Lakes

Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 17, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown 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. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Elections Update presented by Mono County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar Queenie Barnard.

Ms. Barnard gave a presentation regarding the upcoming election. There was discussion among members of Council and Ms. Barnard.

Councilmember Bubser arrived at 4:12 p.m.

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

Fred Wong, District Ranger of the Mammoth Ranger District, gave an update regarding current Forest Service activities. There was discussion among members of Council and Mr. Wong.

Administrative Services/Finance Director Rob Patterson gave an update regarding the STR Advisory Committee.

Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown gave an update regarding the Town's new website and the Community Recreation Center.

6.1 Did you Know? Short-term Rentals – Taxable Items.

6.2 Receive the monthly Parcel Affordable Housing Project Construction Update.

Engineering Manager Amy Callanan gave a presentation regarding the construction update for The Parcel. There was discussion among members of Council and staff. Shellan Rodriguez, SMR Development representing the Pacific Companies, gave an update regarding Phase 2 and Phase 3 of The Parcel.

6.3 Mammoth Main Base Redevelopment Project Update (“Evolving Main”) (Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge Area).

Jen Murillo, Lisa Wise Consulting, gave an update regarding the Mammoth Main Base Redevelopment Project. There was discussion among members of Council, Ms. Murillo, and staff.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember John Wentworth
Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

- 7.1 **Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 3, 2024.**
- 7.2 **Approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 10, 2024.**
- 7.3 **Authorize the Contract for the Design of the Airport Parking Lot Reconstruction Project to Brandley Engineering Inc.**
- 7.4 **Authorize the Contract for Construction Management During the AWOS Relocation and Upgrade Project to Brandley Engineering Inc.**
- 7.5 **Accept Check Register 11/11/24 in the amount of \$683,535.57.**

8. **POLICY MATTERS**

- 8.1 **Consider Adoption of the Second Amendment to the Solid Waste Services Agreement between the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mammoth Disposal Company related to rate adjustments.**

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler outlined the information in the staff report.

Mike Smith, Mammoth Disposal, spoke about the need for the contract amendment. There was discussion among members of Council and Mr. Smith.

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

Adopt the Second Amendment to the Solid Waste Services Agreement between the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mammoth Disposal Company related to rate adjustments.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 9.1 **Consider Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Solid Waste Disposal Charges and Rates for January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027.**

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 5:31 p.m.

Assistant to the Town Manager Pam Kobylarz outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Mike Smith, Mammoth Disposal, spoke about the fuels surcharge. There was discussion among members of Council and Mammoth Disposal staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Cage, Main Street commercial property owner, said that there were a lot of dumpsters in the area and asked if we could consolidate and reduce the number of dumpsters. There was discussion among members of Council and Mr. Cage.

Diana Hawkins asked about short term rentals.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:49 p.m.

There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Moved by Councilmember John Wentworth
Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

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

Carried (5 to 0)

10. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Rea attended the Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board meeting.

Councilmember Wentworth attended the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Board meeting, the STR Advisory Committee meeting, and the State Conference on Climate Change.

Councilmember Rice attended the Eastern Sierra Community Housing meeting and the STR Advisory Committee meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Bubser attended the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) Board meeting.

Mayor Sauser gave the "puck drop" to start the hockey season at the Community Recreation Center. He attended the ESTA Board meeting.

There was discussion among members of Council.

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

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION

The Council reconvened from closed session at 6:45 p.m. and announced that there was no reportable action taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Jamie Gray, Town Clerk