



Town Council of Mammoth Lakes

Minutes of Regular Meeting

March 6, 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 4:02 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Daniel C. Holler led the flag salute.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Former Town Manager Daniel C. Holler and Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown presented the Council with a picture of the LA Kings Ice at Mammoth Lakes Puck Drop.

Brianna Goico, Assistant Director of the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce, gave an update regarding current Chamber activities.

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

5. INTRODUCTIONS

5.1 Introduce and swear in new Mammoth Lakes Police Department Sergeant Wes Hoskin.

Police Chief Dan Casabian introduced Sergeant Hoskin to the Council and the community. Town Clerk Jamie Gray administered the oath of office to Sergeant Hoskin.

6. WORKSHOP

6.1 Joint workshop with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Parks and Recreation Commissioners Greg Newbry and Scott Reif and Chair Dan O'Connell were in attendance. Vice Chair Silver Chesak arrived at 4:30 p.m. Commissioner Ben Wisner arrived at 4:40 p.m.

Chair O'Connell outlined his concerns regarding the state of the community center tennis courts. There was discussion among members of the Commission and Council.

Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown outlined the Parks and Recreation Department 2024 Strategic Priorities and Key Objectives. There was discussion among members of Council, the Commission, and staff.

The Mayor called a recess at 5:10 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 5:19 p.m.

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

7.1 Did you Know? Styrofoam Ban.

Councilmember Bubser asked for an update regarding the ban.

Assistant to the Town Manager Pam Kobylarz gave an update regarding the status of the implementation of the ban.

7.2 March 2024 Public Works Engineering CIP Update.

7.3 March 2024 Office of Outdoor Recreation Update.

Office of Outdoor Recreation Manager Lawson Reif outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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)

8.1 Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 21, 2024.

8.2 Authorize the Town Manager to execute an Agreement with Ms. Luna Tello (Contractor) for the operation of a Food Truck at the Community Recreation Center, subject to final legal review and approval by the Contractor.

8.3 Award contract for the S.H.A.R.P. Trailhead Facilities Project to Spiess Construction Co., Inc.

8.4 Accept Check Register 2/22/24 in the amount of \$661,292.92. Accept Check Register 2/28/24 in the amount of \$212,616.98.

9. POLICY MATTERS

9.1 Waive the reading and introduce by title only the ordinance amending Municipal Code Chapter 3.12 – Transient Occupancy Tax and 5.40 Transient Rental of Residential Units.

Town Manager Rob Patterson outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dan Sherby asked about the definition of the local emergency contact. Mr. Patterson responded.

Moved by Councilmember John Wentworth
Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

Waive the reading and introduce by title only the ordinance amending Municipal Code Chapter 3.12 Transient Occupancy Tax and 5.40 Transient Rental of Residential Units.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

9.2 Waive the reading and introduce by title only the ordinance to terminate the moratorium on the issuance of Short-Term Rental Certificates.

Town Manager Rob Patterson outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Morris, Chair of the STR Advisory Committee, said that we needed to pass the ballot measure in November to increase TOT to fund housing.

Moved by Mayor Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember John Wentworth

Waive the reading and introduce by title only the ordinance lifting the current moratorium on the issuance of new short-term rental registration certificates pursuant to the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code Title 5.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

9.3 Appointment of Town Council Representative to the Mono County Local Transportation Commission.

Town Manager Rob Patterson outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Moved by Councilmember Amanda Rice

Seconded by Councilmember John Wentworth

Appoint Mayor Pro Tem Bubser in place of Councilmember Rice as the Town Council Representative to the Mono County Local Transportation Commission.

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 Wentworth attended the Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meeting, the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP) meeting, the California Jobs First HRTC meeting, former Town Manager Dan Holler's retirement party, and the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Bubser attended the California Jobs First HRTC meeting.

11. CLOSED SESSION

At 6:18 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 6:57 p.m. and announced that there was no reportable action taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Jamie Gray, Town Clerk