



Town Council of Mammoth Lakes

Minutes of Regular Meeting

November 6, 2024, 3:00 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. **RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**

The Town Council participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new dog park.

2. **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.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

John Urdi led the flag salute.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Betsy Truax, VP of Community Engagement for Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT), gave an update regarding the special events funding application period.

Richard Lawson, Patriot Long Haul Towing, said that he wanted to lease a portion of the Town's storage lot to have an impound/storage lot.

5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

6. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Recognition of Maintenance Superintendent Warren Boling for twenty years of service.

Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown thanked Mr. Boling for his years of service. Mayor Sauser presented Mr. Boling with a certificate of appreciation.

6.2 Recognition of Equipment Mechanic Lead Worker Luis Cepeda for twenty years of service.

Fleet Superintendent Lon Adams thanked Mr. Cepeda for his years of service. Mayor Sauser presented Mr. Cepeda with a certificate of appreciation.

7. INTRODUCTIONS

7.1 Introduce Riley Griesenbeck as the recently promoted Facilities and Asset Manager.

Public Works Director Haislip Hayes introduced Mr. Griesenbeck to the Council and the community.

7.2 Introduce Shaun Troy as the recently promoted Finance Analyst & Technology Coordinator.

Town Manager Rob Patterson introduced Mr. Troy to the Council and the community.

7.3 Introduce new Sustainability Coordinator Anthony Ottati.

Assistant to the Town Manager Pam Kobylarz introduced Mr. Ottati to the Council and the community.

8. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce Program Overview presented by Brianna Goico, President & CEO of the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

Brianna Goico, Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, Marcy Castro, Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce

Membership Manager, and Gina van Hest, Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce Communications Manager, gave a presentation regarding the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce Program Overview. There was discussion among members of Council and Ms. Goico.

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

Deputy Airport Manager Sierra Waugh gave an update regarding current activities at the Airport. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Town Manager Rob Patterson reported on the update to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

9.1 November 2024 Public Works Engineering CIP Update.

9.2 November 2024 Office of Outdoor Recreation Update.

9.3 Did you Know? Defensible Space.

9.4 Did you Know? Housing.

Councilmember Wentworth requested that the Housing Now! Programs note the source of their funding.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Chris Bubser
Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

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)

10.1 Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 2, 2024.

10.2 Accept the Project Closeout Report for Facilities Exterior Painting Project FAC 24-001.

10.3 Accept the Project Closeout Report for the 2024 Slurry Seal Project.

10.4 Approve and adopt Side Letter 01-2024 between the Town of Mammoth Lakes (“Town”) and the Mammoth Lakes Police Officers’ Association (“MLPOA”).

10.5 Accept Check Register 10/10/24 in the amount of \$524,046.13. Accept Check Register 10/16/24 in the amount of \$1,555,965.41. Accept Check Register 10/18/24 in the amount of \$6,000.00.

11. POLICY MATTERS

11.1 Authorize the Town Manager to sign a collection agreement with the Inyo National Forest for \$70,000.

Office of Outdoor Recreation Manager Lawson Reif 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

Authorize the Town Manager to sign a 5-year Collection Agreement with the Inyo National Forest, pending final review from the Town Attorney.

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)

11.2 2025 Town Council Strategic Planning Series introduction and review of public comments received from the Town’s 40th Anniversary Visioning Exercise.

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

12. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Wentworth attended the California Forward Economic Summit in Sacramento, the California Wildfire Task Force in Tahoe, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Board meeting, the Governor’s Office Land Use and Climate Initiative Department meeting, the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Board meeting, the virtual workshop for Climate Assessment for the State of California, and the Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meeting.

Councilmember Rice attended the Eastern Sierra Community Housing Board meetings and the Local Agency Formation Commission meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Bubser attended the Local Transportation Commission meeting and the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board meeting. She noted that the Town had joined Civic Well. Mayor Pro Tem Bubser reported on the low voter turnout and encouraged members of the public to vote.

Mayor Sauser attended the League of California Cities annual conference in Sacramento and the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Jamie Gray, Town Clerk