



## **Town Council of Mammoth Lakes**

### **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**March 5, 2025, 3:00 p.m.**

**437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes**

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice, Councilmember Bill Sauser,  
Councilmember Brent Truax, Councilmember John Wentworth

Members Absent: Mayor Chris Bubser

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#### **1. RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**

##### **1.1 The Council will participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new housing development project located at 60 Joaquin.**

Members of the Town Council participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the 60 Joaquin Housing Project.

#### **2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes.

#### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Truax led the flag salute.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Angie Tapley spoke about housing and how she had worked her way up the waitlist at Mammoth Lakes Housing. There was discussion among members of Council and Ms. Tapley.

Betsy Truax, Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) Vice President of Community Engagement, gave an update regarding current community engagement activities.

John Williams spoke about his public safety concern regarding the lack of paint striping on our roadways.

**5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**6. INTRODUCTIONS**

**6.1 Introduce new Recreation Supervisor Sydney Schulz.**

Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown introduced Ms. Schulz to the Council and the community.

**7. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS**

**7.1 Approve the proclamation declaring March 2025 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.**

Mayor Pro Tem Rice read the proposed proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mel Livermont, MS Ambassador, spoke in support of the proclamation.

Moved by Councilmember Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember John Wentworth

Approve the proclamation declaring March 2025 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.

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

Absent (1): Mayor Chris Bubser

Carried (4 to 0)

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

Office of Outdoor Recreation Manager Lawson Reif gave an update regarding State critical wildfire prevention projects, federal workers, and the next reduction in the workforce. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Sustainability Coordinator Anthony Otatti gave an update regarding the styrofoam ban and the single use plastic bottle ban.

Pat Foster, Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT), gave an update regarding current MLT activities.

**8.1 March 2025 Public Works CIP Update.**

**9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

**9.1 Mammoth Yosemite Airport Multipurpose Building Presentation.**

Deputy Airport Manager Sierra Waugh gave a presentation outlining the proposed Multipurpose Building to include the ARFF and snow removal equipment. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Councilmember Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember Brent Truax

Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Absent (1): Mayor Chris Bubser

Carried (4 to 0)

**10.1 Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 19, 2025.**

**11. POLICY MATTERS**

**11.1 Waive the reading and introduce by title only the ordinance amending Municipal Code Chapters 6.20 Feeding of Wildlife Prohibited, 8.12 Solid Waste Management and 8.13 Construction and Demolition Waste Management.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Email from Stacy Corless in support of the proposed ordinance.

John Williams said that he had a rental property with a dumpster and that responsibility was a problem and that education was good.

Moved by Councilmember Brent Truax

Seconded by Councilmember John Wentworth

Waive the reading and introduce by title only the ordinance amending Municipal Code Chapters 6.20 Feeding of Wildlife Prohibited, 8.12 Solid Waste Management and 8.13 Construction and Demolition Waste Management, as amended to remove the word "possess" from 6.2 b and e.

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

Absent (1): Mayor Chris Bubser

Carried (4 to 0)

#### **11.2 Review of Snow Management Policy.**

Public Works Director Haislip Hayes outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Williams thanked snow patrol for their efforts. There was discussion among members of Council, staff, and Mr. Williams.

Airport Operations Manager Soibian Spring thanked Public Works Director Haislip Hayes for the work that he put into the policy.

#### **11.3 Town Council Strategic Planning Series - Adoption of Town Council Strategic Priorities for 2025.**

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

Moved by Councilmember Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember Brent Truax

Review and adopt the final form and content of Town Council Strategic Priorities for 2025.

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

Absent (1): Mayor Chris Bubser

Carried (4 to 0)

**12. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember Wentworth attended the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Rice attended the Eastern Sierra Community Housing Board meeting.

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

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

At 6:46 p.m. the Mayor Pro Tem announced that the Council would be entering into closed session for the purposes as stated in the agenda.

**14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION**

The Council reconvened from closed session at 7:36 p.m. and announced that there was no reportable action taken.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

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Jamie Gray, Town Clerk