



Town Council of Mammoth Lakes

Minutes of Regular Meeting

May 7, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes

Members Present: Mayor Chris Bubser, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice,
Councilmember Brent Truax, Councilmember John Wentworth

Members Absent: Councilmember Bill Sauser

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kim Getchell led the flag salute.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Eichman, Interim 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. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Introduce new Program and Facilities Administrator Emma Lane.

Recreation Manager Kat Kelly introduced Ms. Lane to the Council and the community.

5.2 Recognize promotion of Danny Earls to Accounting Manager.

Town Manager Rob Patterson recognized the promotion of Mr. Earls.

5.3 Recognize promotion of Ben Manning to Revenue Accountant.

Town Manager Rob Patterson recognized the promotion of Mr. Manning.

5.4 Approve proclamation declaring May 4-10, 2025 as Public Service Recognition Week.

Mayor Bubser read the proposed proclamation.

Moved by Councilmember John Wentworth

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice

Approve the proclamation declaring May 4-10, 2025 as Public Service Recognition Week.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Bill Sauser

Carried (4 to 0)

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

Police Chief Dan Casabian and Police Officer Matthew West gave an update regarding MLPD K9 Jax.

Public Works Director Haislip Hayes gave an update regarding the Golden State Connect Authority broadband project. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Assistant to the Town Manager Pam Kobylarz reported on the Meet a Truck event held yesterday at the Community Recreation Center (CRC). There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Recreation Manager Kat Kelly gave an update regarding current parks and recreation activities. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Office of Outdoor Recreation Manager Lawson Reif gave an update regarding current office of outdoor recreation activities. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Town Manager Rob Patterson gave an update regarding the Dog Park.

6.1 May 2025 Public Works Engineering CIP Update.

7. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Mono Region Broadband Strategic Plan Update presented by Scott Armstrong, Regional Broadband Coordinator.

Regional Broadband Coordinator Scott Armstrong gave a presentation regarding the Mono Region Broadband Strategic Plan Update. There was discussion among members of Council and Mr. Armstrong.

7.2 2024 Community Sentiment Survey Presentation presented by Mammoth Lakes Tourism Vice President of Community Engagement Betsy Truax.

Vice President of Community Engagement Betsy Truax presented the 2024 Community Sentiment Survey. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember John Wentworth

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice

Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Bill Sauser

Carried (4 to 0)

8.1 Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 16, 2025.

8.2 Award the annual contract for publication of legal notices to The Sheet.

8.3 Award contract for Volcom Brothers Skate Park Annual Maintenance to Primary Concrete, LLC.

- 8.4 **Approve the agreement with Rink Systems, Inc for the conversion of the ice rink and installation of a custom curling sheet.**
- 8.5 **Accept the 2023 and 2024 Annual Planning Reports (APRs).**
- 8.6 **Approve the Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Aviation Insights, LLC for one additional year of Airport Management Support Services at Mammoth Yosemite Airport.**
- 8.7 **Accept Check Register 4/10/25 in the amount of \$328,213.87. Accept Check Register 4/11/25 in the amount of \$3,040,082.18. Accept Check Register 4/17/25 in the amount of \$867,006.51.**

9. **POLICY MATTERS**

9.1 **Accept the Town's 2023-24 Independent Auditors Report.**

Finance Director Megan Chapman outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Moved by Councilmember Brent Truax

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice

Accept the Town's 2023-24 Independent Auditors Report as presented.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Bill Sauser

Carried (4 to 0)

9.2 **Fiscal Year 2025-26 Preliminary Budget (Department Requested).**

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

CONSENSUS:

Direct excess Measure A Tourism allocations to remain in the Tourism reserve.

The Mayor called a recess at 6:47 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 6:59 p.m.

9.3 **McCoy Arts and Cultural Center (MACC) update and approve amendments to the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Mammoth**

Lakes Foundation to acquire property located at 100 College Parkway.

Councilmember Truax recused himself due to a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Luan Mendel, Mammoth Lakes Foundation (MLF) Board President and Chair, and Kendra Knight, MLF Executive Director, spoke in support of the agreement.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice
Seconded by Councilmember John Wentworth

Authorize the Town Manager to make current and future amendments and execute a purchase and sale agreement with the Mammoth Lakes Foundation (MLF) for the acquisition of real property located at 100 College Parkway.

For (3): Mayor Chris Bubser, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice, and Councilmember John Wentworth

Conflict (1): Councilmember Brent Truax

Absent (1): Councilmember Bill Sauser

Carried (3 to 0)

Councilmember Truax returned to the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

9.4 Agreement with the Mammoth Lakes Performing Arts Foundation to administer an endowment to support operations and management of the McCoy Arts and Cultural Center (MACC).

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

This item will be brought back for approval at the next Town Council meeting.

9.5 Award consulting contract to Kimley-Horn and Associates to develop a Safety Action Plan.

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

Moved by Councilmember Brent Truax

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice

Authorize the Town Manager to execute an agreement with Kimley Horn and Associates Inc. to develop a Safety Action Plan, and execute amendments to the contract, within the available funding, as necessary to advance project design.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Bill Sauser

Carried (4 to 0)

9.6 Resolution to approve the FY2025-26 project list to be submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funds under Streets and Highways Code Section 2034.

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

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice

Seconded by Councilmember John Wentworth

Adopt a resolution approving the 2025-26 project list to be submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funds under Streets and Highways Code Section 2034.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Bill Sauser

Carried (4 to 0)

10. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Truax attended the Valentine Reserve dinner, the Lodging meeting, the Meet a Truck event, and the sundae social at the Town Offices.

Mayor Pro Tem Rice attended the groundbreaking ceremony at Mammoth Hospital, the Meet a Truck event, the Town County Liaison meeting, and the Eastern Sierra Community Housing (ESCH) Board meeting.

Councilmember Wentworth attended the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) meeting, the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (GBUAPCD) Board meeting, and the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP) meeting.

Mayor Bubser attended the groundbreaking ceremony at Mammoth Hospital, the ESCOG meeting, and the Wildfire Resilience Action and Financial Team (WRAFT) meeting.

11. CLOSED SESSION

11.1 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.(a), Conference with Labor Negotiators, the Council will meet with its representatives, Town Manager Rob Patterson, Community and Economic Development Director Nolan Bobroff, and Human Resources Manager Amanda Pelham with respect to the following Employee Organizations: Mammoth Lakes Police Officers Association and the Mammoth Lakes Sergeants Association.

At 8:03 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 AFTER CLOSED SESSION

The Council reconvened from closed session at 8:55 p.m. and announced that there was no reportable action taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Jamie Gray, Town Clerk