



**Town Council of Mammoth Lakes**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**July 16, 2025, 4:00 p.m.**  
**437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes**

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

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**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**

Police Chief Dan Casabian led the flag salute.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Brianna Goico, President & CEO of the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce, gave an update regarding current Chamber activities.

Betsy Truax, Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) Vice President of Community Engagement, showed the posters for the new marketing campaign and announced information regarding the upcoming Community Coffee.

**4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

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

Office of Outdoor Recreation Manager Lawson Reif gave an update regarding current office of outdoor recreation activities.

Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown gave an update regarding current parks and recreation activities.

Finance Director Megan Chapman gave an update regarding the launch of the Certified Properties App.

**6. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

**6.1 Presentation from Hunden Partners to commence work on the Destination Stewardship Plan initiative.**

Bethanie DeRose, Hunden Partners Executive Vice President, gave a presentation regarding the Destination Stewardship Plan initiative. There was discussion among members of Council and Ms. DeRose.

**7. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

**7.1 Presentation of Sales Tax Analysis for the Town of Mammoth Lakes provided by HdL Companies**

Finance Director Megan Chapman introduced Bobby Young, HdL Client Services Director. Mr. Young gave a presentation regarding sales tax trends. There was discussion among members of Council, staff, and Mr. Young.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

Town Manager Rob Patterson requested that Agenda items 8.3 and 8.4 be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

Moved by Councilmember Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember John Wentworth

Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

- 8.1 **Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 2, 2025.**
- 8.2 **Accept the Project Closeout Report for Volcom Brothers Skate Park Maintenance.**
- 8.3 **Approve the resolution finding emergency circumstances justify the award of an emergency contract for replacement of the Whitmore Pool roof.**

This item was removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

Public Works Director Haislip Hayes outlined the information in the staff report for Agenda Items 8.3 and 8.4. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Moved by Councilmember Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember John Wentworth

Approve the resolution finding emergency circumstances justify the award of an emergency contract for replacement of the Whitmore Pool roof.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

- 8.4 **Approve the resolution finding emergency circumstances justify the award of an emergency contract for installation of an above-ground waste oil tank at 299 Commerce Drive.**

This item was removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

Moved by Councilmember Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember John Wentworth

Approve the Resolution finding that emergency circumstances justify awarding a contract for installation of an above-ground waste oil tank and decommissioning of the existing, noncompliant underground waste oil tank.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

**8.5 Approve the agreement with Whitebark Institute for Town funding (\$610,000) to ensure that high-priority fuel reduction activities can proceed to mitigate wildfire risk near the Town of Mammoth Lakes.**

**8.6 Approve the resolution authorizing the temporary closure of Town roads for the Mammoth Festival of Beers and Bluesapalooza.**

**8.7 Accept Check Register 6/26/25 in the amount of \$386,275.83. Accept Check Register 7/3/25 in the amount of \$1,890,502.27.**

**9. POLICY MATTERS**

**9.1 Ordinance to Renew Town's Military Use Policy.**

Police Chief Dan Casabian 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

Approve the possession or use of any military equipment through the Town Council's passing of an ordinance renewing the Town's Military Equipment Use Policy pursuant to Government Code Section 7071 (AB 481) at the next, regular, open meeting.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

**10. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember Sauser attended Fourth of July events.

Councilmember Truax attended Fourth of July events.

Mayor Pro Tem Rice attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Eastern Sierra Counseling and the Eastern Sierra Community Housing Board meeting.

There was discussion among members of Council and staff regarding power outages and road closures for construction.

Councilmember Wentworth attended the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District meeting, the Fourth of July Parade, and met with Hunden Partners regarding the destination management initiative.

Mayor Bubser attended the California Climate and Energy Conference.

**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.**

At 5:52 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 6:30 p.m. and announced that there was no reportable action taken.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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Jamie Gray, Town Clerk