Town Council of Mammoth Lakes

Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 3, 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

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Councilmember Wentworth attended the meeting remotely from Home2 Suites by Hilton Redlands Loma Linda, 1342 Industrial Park Ave, Room 402, Redlands, CA 92374.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Office of Outdoor Recreation Manager Lawson Reif 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.

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

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

Police Chief Dan Casabian gave an update regarding Mammoth Lakes Police Department (MLPD) bear statistics. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

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

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

Town Manager Rob Patterson gave an update regarding information received from Southern California Edison regarding the recent power outages. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Flock Safety Update 2025.

Police Chief Dan Casabian and Police Sergeant Jason Heilman gave a presentation regarding the Flock Safety Update. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Wentworth requested that Agenda Item 7.4 be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice
Seconded by Councilmember Brent Truax

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)

7.1 Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 20, 2025.

7.2 Update and End Emergency Work Authorization Provided for in Resolution 25-47 for the Replacement of the Whitmore Pool Roof.

7.3 Approve findings to continue the authorized emergency installation of an aboveground waste oil tank as provided for in Resolution No. 25-48.

7.4 Approve the resolution authorizing the Town Manager to accept the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant award for development of a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

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

Councilmember Wentworth spoke about previous reports related to this effort.

Assistant to the Town Manager Pam Kobylarz responded to Councilmember Wentworth's suggestions.

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

Approve the resolution authorizing the Town Manager to accept the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Award for development of a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

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)

7.5 Waive the Reading and Adopt by Title Only the Ordinance Renewing the Town's Military Equipment Use Policy for 2025.

7.6 Accept Check Register 8/14/25 in the amount of $383,031.07. Accept Check Register 8/15/25 in the amount of $251,106.37. Accept Check Register 8/21/25 in the amount of $2,222,191.09.

8. POLICY MATTERS

8.1 Comprehensive Town-wide planning effort and Parks and Recreation Master Planning Process Update.

Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown and 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 finalize and execute a Professional Services Agreement with the selected consultant to develop a Parks and Recreation Master Plan in the amount of $299,981 and authorize the Town Manager to permit extra work by the consultant with a not to exceed amount of $60,000.

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)

8.2 Approve the Town of Mammoth Lakes Fiscal Year 2025-26 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

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

The Town Council had consensus to direct staff to move forward with the Davison Gate and Signage project and the Real Time Transit Information project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Urdi, President & CEO of Mammoth Lakes Tourism, spoke in support of the Real Time Transit Information project.

The Town Council directed that Restrooms would not be a new CIP project added at this time.

Mr. Urdi spoke in support of renovating the restrooms at the Welcome Center. There was discussion among members of Council and Mr. Urdi.

Soibian Spring said that more public bathrooms would help the community.

There was discussion among members of Council and staff regarding potential infrastructure projects.

The Town Council had consensus that Safety Projects were the highest priority, followed by Bus Shelters, and then the South Main MUP.

Moved by Councilmember Brent Truax
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice

Approve the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

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)

The Mayor called a recess at 7:16 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 7:23 p.m.

8.3 Town of Mammoth Lakes priorities for the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Inyo National Forest Program of Work.

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 Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice
Seconded by Councilmember Brent Truax

Approve the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) priorities for the FY25/26 Inyo National Forest Program of Work.

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. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Truax spoke about Deena Kastor.

Councilmember Wentworth attended the Integrated Climate Adaptation Resiliency Program (ICARP) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting in Sacramento and the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Rice attended the Whitmore Pool Party for season passholders.

Mayor Bubser attended the ESCOG meeting, the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) Board meeting, Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance subcommittee meetings, and the Wildfire Task Force community barbeque held in Old Mammoth.

10. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:39 p.m. the Mayor announced that the Council would be entering into closed session for the purposes as stated in the agenda.

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

10.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph 1 of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: Successors to Jesus Uribe Corona v. Mammoth Lakes Police Department (Case No: 25UCM62)

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION

The Council reconvened from closed session at 8:35 p.m. and announced that there was no reportable action taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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Jamie Gray, Town Clerk