Town Council of Mammoth Lakes

Minutes of Regular Meeting

August 5, 2026, 4:00 p.m.
437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes

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

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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

Chris Bubser led the flag salute.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Bubser thanked the community for their support during her term as a member of the Town Council.

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. TOWN COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Recognition of Parks Maintenance Worker Juan Prieto for twenty years of service to the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown thanked Mr. Prieto for his years of service.

5.2 Recognition of Human Resources Manager Amanda Pelham for ten years of service to the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Town Manager Rob Patterson thanked Ms. Pelham for her years of service.

5.3 Recognition of Town Manager Rob Patterson for ten years of service to the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Mayor Rice thanked Mr. Patterson for his years of service.

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

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

Finance Director Lauren Warrem announced that S&P would be upgrading the Town's credit rating.

Public Works Director Haislip Hayes gave an update regarding the Red's Meadow Road Project and the Minaret MUP Project. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown gave an update regarding current parks and recreation activities. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Bill Sauser
Seconded by Councilmember John Wentworth

Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Carried (4 to 0)

7.1 Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 15, 2026.

7.2 Adopt the resolution authorizing the temporary closure of certain Town roads for special events.

7.3 Update and Request Approval to Continue Airport Emergency Contract Work.

7.4 Approve and authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract with Cisco for a new phone system.

7.5 Accept Check Register 7/16/26 in the amount of $2,065,974.30. Accept Check Register 7/23/26 in the amount of $2,338,507.13.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Ordinance to Renew Town's Military Use Policy.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 4:42 p.m.

Police Chief Dan Casabian and Town Attorney Andrew Morris outlined the information in the staff report.

With no members of the public coming forward to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 4:45 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Bill Sauser
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brent Truax

Waive the reading and adopt by title only the Ordinance renewing the Military Equipment Use Policy Pursuant to Government Code Section 7071.

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

Carried (4 to 0)

8.2 Hold a public hearing to discuss expenditures and accomplishments of the Town's 2022 Community Development Block Grant (22-CDBG-HA-10034).

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 4:45 p.m.

Housing Manager Marcus Sproll outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

With no members of the public coming forward to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 4:50 p.m.

9. POLICY MATTERS

9.1 Consider the ordinance amending Section 2.04.040 of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code related to Town Council Salaries.

Town Clerk Jamie Gray outlined the information in the staff report.

Moved by Councilmember Bill Sauser
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brent Truax

Waive the reading and introduce by title only the ordinance amending Section 2.04.040 of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code related to Town Council Compensation.

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

Carried (4 to 0)

9.2 Discuss the potential abatement of nonconforming signs.

Community and Economic Development Director Nolan Bobroff outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ken Sample, owner of Shell stations, said that what was required of Shell Corporate and the Town for signs was different. He outlined some of the history of this issue.

Greg Newbry outlined the history of the sign ordinance in Town. There was discussion among members of Council and Mr. Newbry.

There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

CONSENSUS:

The Town Council directed staff to work with the property owners to voluntarily remove nonconforming signs. Staff will develop a framework for

when the nonconforming signs must be removed. Staff will report to the Town Council regarding the outcome of the discussions with the property owners.

9.3 Consider authorization of the Professional Services Agreement with Kosmont Companies for the provision of financial advisory services related to the Mammoth Crossing project and the potential revenue sharing component of the project.

Community and Economic Development Director Nolan Bobroff and Town Manager Rob Patterson outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Carney, representing the developer, said that he agreed with Town staff comments and was available to answer questions.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Brent Truax
Seconded by Councilmember Bill Sauser

Authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Kosmont Companies for the provision of financial advisory services related to the Mammoth Crossing project and the potential revenue sharing component of the project, as amended to incorporate into the scope of services items that meet the needs and requested actions from the Town Council.

For (3): Councilmember Bill Sauser, Mayor Pro Tem Brent Truax, and Mayor Amanda Rice

Against (1): Councilmember John Wentworth

Carried (3 to 1)

9.4 Options for Filling Town Council Vacancy.

Town Attorney Andrew Morris outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Moved by Councilmember John Wentworth
Seconded by Councilmember Bill Sauser

Town Council directed staff to notice that the Town Clerk would receive applications (Application for Public Service Appointment) until 5:00 p.m. on Monday August 24th and that the Town Council will make the appointment

at the September 2nd meeting to fill the current vacancy on the Town Council.

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

Carried (4 to 0)

10. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Wentworth attended the Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Truax attended the Mono County Collaborative Team (CPT) meeting and the ribbon cutting event at Beast of the East.

Mayor Rice attended the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee meeting, the Eastern Sierra Community Housing Board meeting, Sierra Summer Nights, the Children's Fishing Festival, and the Clean Up the Lake Dinner.

Councilmember Sauser encouraged everyone to consider the Fire Safe Council as the Healthy Forest Council.

11. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Wentworth said that he had had discussions with the Town Manager regarding bear issues, having Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) give a presentation to Town Council regarding mussels and our local lakes, fuel treatment work lessons, getting a written document from the Town Council strategic session, North Village Specific Plan (NVSP) planning, and an update regarding the new Town Hall.

12. CLOSED SESSION

12.1 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, the Town Council will hold a conference with its representatives in regard to property negotiations pertaining to:

Property: 550 Mono Street, Unit C201 / APN 033-165-008-000

Agency Negotiators: Marcus Sproll, Nolan Bobroff, Rob Patterson

Negotiating Parties: Town of Mammoth Lakes and Eastern Sierra Community Housing

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

At 6:17 p.m. the Mayor announced that the Council would be entering into closed session for the purposes as stated in the agenda.

13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION

The Council reconvened from closed session at 6:31 p.m. and announced that there was no reportable action taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

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Jamie Gray, Town Clerk