

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2017, 6:30 P.M.**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017, AT TOWN HALL AT 2735 S. STATE ROUTE 69, DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA. MAYOR TERRY NOLAN PRESIDED.

1. **Call To Order.** Mayor Nolan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **Opening Ceremonies.**
 - 2.1. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Led by Councilmember Hamilton.
 - 2.2. **Invocation.** Given by Councilmember Timmons.
3. **Roll Call.** Town Council Members Jack Hamilton, John Hughes, Amy Timmons, Doug Treadway, Victoria Wendt, and Mayor Terry Nolan were present. Vice Mayor McBrady was absent.
4. **Announcements Regarding Current Events, Guests, Appointments, and Proclamations.**

Mayor Nolan and Councilmember Hughes attended a banquet for the Prescott Republican Women's Association on May 15, 2017, where ten scholarships were awarded. He noted that it was a nice event. Mayor Nolan attended a fundraiser event this afternoon for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. APS was a sponsor of this event.
5. **Town Manager's Report.** Update on Current Events.
 - 5.1. **Volunteer of the Year program** (newsletter announcement and program details).

Town Manager (TM) Kimball spoke of this project having been Council initiated in 2012. They have been recognizing, annually, the Volunteer of the Year since that time. There is an article in the Newsletter outlining details of the program. Anyone is encouraged to make recommendations for VOTY. Council appoints a citizen committee for review of the applications. Staff will continue the same process with Council's approval and bring the recommendations to Council.

TM Kimball presented a new plaque received from the FEMA organization. She acknowledged Public Works Director Ed Hanks and Building Official Don Roberts for their participation and work on this program.

TM Kimball announced that the Town chipseal project had begun and asked Director Hanks to speak on this issue.

Director Hanks spoke of the project starting this week, about 30 days earlier than normal. There were a couple resident concerns that were addressed immediately. He noted that the project would continue over the next week and it was noted on the Town website.
6. **Consent Agenda.**
 - 6.1. **Minutes.** Minutes from the March 21, 2017 Regular Meeting and April 11, 2017 Work Session.

Councilmember Treadway noted a correction on the April 11, 2017, Work Session minutes, on Page 27 under Item 3.3. that the Councilmember noted should be CM Wendt and CM Hughes, not CM Timmons.

Councilmember Treadway made a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 21, 2017 Regular Meeting and April 11, 2017 Work Session, with the noted correction, seconded by Councilmember Timmons. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Comments from the Public (on non-agendized items only).

Jerry Brady spoke of President Trump having issued two Executive Orders, which will affect the Town's business. The first instructed EPA to discontinue external communications in regard to ground field remediation sites wherein funds have not already been disbursed. The second order directs the EPA to return the lead agency to the states and their local political subdivisions. D-H will become the lead agency for the two sites and will have to come up with various plans for funding. The second order takes effect in 30 days.

8. Discussion Agenda – Unfinished Business. Discussion and Possible Action on any issue which was not concluded, was postponed, or was tabled during a prior meeting.

No unfinished business.

9. Discussion Agenda – New Business. Discussion and Possible Action on matters not previously presented to the Council.

9.1. Discussion and possible action by Council to re-adopt existing General Plan or forward to Planning and Zoning Commission for review and/or update. [CAARF requested by Mayor Nolan]

Mayor Nolan gave an overview of his CAARF and spoke in support of Planning & Zoning Commission (P & Z) receiving direction to work on this and have an outside consultant to assist them with the General Plan process.

Councilmember Hamilton asked why a consultant was needed to help with this project. Mayor Nolan spoke of it being provided for in the budget and that a consultant could help come up with a viable plan. Councilmember Hamilton spoke of previous professional help having imposing their ideas; having set agendas; and not actually being helpful. He recommended allowing P & Z to work on this and see what they come up with first.

Councilmember Treadway spoke of not being against the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuing this, but he does not think he could do this himself. He is not averse to hiring a consultant. He is open to suggestions on the best way to proceed on this.

Councilmember Wendt spoke of understanding Councilmember's Hamilton viewpoint on preconceived ideas of consultants. This past summer she believes that Yavapai College had a class that conducted a project which included D-H's General Plan. She believes that Community Planner Brown may have assisted in this and there was a Professor who came and spoke to Council. She asked for CP Brown's input. CP Brown explained that this Professor was with NAU and was teaching a course and wanted to give some graduate students that he wanted to gain experience in actual municipal planning. CP Brown gave them the task to evaluate the state of the art methods of evaluating a General Plan. He recommends evaluating what you have and focusing on the areas that are not performing for an update. Three different takes/recommendations were received from this group. Councilmember Wendt read the material and met the Professor and she was impressed with the work. She recommended starting there first with P & Z, also noting that she learned a great deal from these college student's notes. CP Brown noted that an independent body would be a good recommendation. Objectivity is needed and he would have a hard time divorcing himself from his community involvement.

Public Comment

Jerry Brady spoke of his military background and the Intermodal Transportation Conference that Mayor Nolan attended. He noted that D-H has not provided any input

subsequent to this conference. He feels it is important for Council to do their own plan unless they would like Mr. Brady to write it.

Mayor Nolan made a motion to instruct Staff to work with P & Z on the new General Plan and trusts that Staff has the knowledge to work on this and come up with some very good ideas that P & Z will work on. The motion did not pass due to lack of a second.

Community Planner (CP) Brown asked for clarification on whether Mayor was indicating to readopt or update. Mayor Nolan replied, Update. CP Brown asked who would be working with Council to do the update. Mayor Nolan indicated that this should be left up to the Town Manager and Staff.

There was further Council discussion regarding the process and public involvement.

Town Manager Kimball asked Council to give a collective direction as to what they want P & Z to work on. There are two options: Readopt or Update. Do you want P & Z to work on the process of how to update it?

There was further Council discussion with Town Manager Kimball again asking for clarification on what Council's decision was. There was Council consensus to update the current General Plan, not readopt.

Mayor Nolan asked Town Clerk Gibson to restate his motion. The motion was to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission to work on updating the General Plan.

Councilmember Hamilton made a motion to have P & Z do a road map of the General Plan, where they will take public discussion, where they see possible changes, so we can see how we will get this accomplished over the next couple of years. Councilmember Treadway seconded the motion.

Community Planner Brown clarified that what Council would see from P & Z would be a strategy; once you hire consultants, they work with the community to develop that more detailed process and timeline. P & Z would propose a strategy of who to hire, where to advertise, things like that.

Mayor Nolan asked if there was a second to Councilmember Hamilton's motion. Councilmember Treadway asked Councilmember Hamilton if he was amending his motion. Mr. Hamilton was not amending his motion.

There was further Council discussion regarding the process of hiring consultants.

Public Comment

Jerry Brady referenced CM Hamilton's question to CP Brown. He then spoke of NAU recently cooperating with the American Society of Civil Engineers in conducting the first engineering audit of Yavapai County in 15 years and shared the results of the study with Dewey-Humboldt scoring poorly. He explained the process to receive available funding pursuant to these study results.

Councilmember Hamilton restated his motion: To task P & Z to come back with a plan on their process to update the General Plan, seconded by Councilmember Treadway. The motion passed unanimously.

9.2. Discussion and Possible action on whether to amend Ordinance 30.017 Compensation, Bond & Financial Disclosure Statement to allow compensation for Mayor and Council. [CAARF requested by Mayor Nolan]

Mayor Nolan gave an overview of his CAARF and noted that this would not pertain to the current Council; it would pertain to the next elected Council. Mayor asked for comments.

Councilmember Treadway spoke of having mixed emotions but summarized that while he appreciated the Mayor's consideration, he was not in favor of a Council compensation.

Mayor Nolan spoke of his recommendation being a stipend rather than a salary. This would prevent people on the Council running for other positions and retaining their position even if they lost. They would have to resign their Council position to run for Mayor. This created problems in the past. He believes it is necessary to adopt this.

Councilmember Hamilton confirmed that he thought the main reason Mayor was bringing this forward was because Mayor did not like it when other Council Members have run against him in the past. He agrees with Councilmember Treadway that Council is serving on behalf of public interest. He would recommend this go to a referendum so that Council cannot change it in the future, it would be locked in.

Mayor Nolan spoke of Councilmember Hamilton wanting to spend \$12,000 for a vote when stipends would not cost the community \$12,000. CM Hamilton said the referendum would be on with the next general election, it would not cost a lot of money, and allow the community to vote on the issue.

Councilmember Wendt spoke of her family always having been involved in public service but not expecting compensation for it. She does not support imposing a stipend.

Councilmember Timmons spoke of not being in favor of a stipend. Volunteering is in your heart and based on giving to the Community.

There was further Council discussion on the pros and cons of compensating Town Council.

Public Comment

Jerry Brady spoke of the Constitution of 1890, which was repealed in 1912, that allowed elected officials to receive stipends for attendance at public functions. This is not legally a wage under the IRS or State. It was designed to encourage a wider range of participation than would be possible, if you did not provide reimbursement.

Councilmember Hughes falls on both sides of this issue, but does not think the Town is ready for this at this time.

Mayor Nolan recommended moving on to the next agenda item.

9.3. Council consideration to enter into a land swap agreement with Humboldt Unified School District (HUSD) and provide direction to prepare necessary documents. [CAARF requested by Mayor Nolan]

Mayor Nolan gave an overview of his CAARF and referred to a map on the overhead where he pointed out the property involved in this swap.

Director Hanks outlined on the map the lands involved and explained the reason behind the swap.

Mayor Nolan pointed out the property owned by the Town would be a good location for a school sign and that there would be an IGA, which would allow the sign posting. The property the Town would assume could be used for some recreational purpose.

Councilmember Wendt clarified that the Town would be trading two pieces of property for the area that the school is not using. She inquired about the liability of a potential skate park.

There was further Council discussion of the recreational use option of a skate park. There was Council consensus during this discussion to make the trade.

Councilmember Hamilton made a motion to approve the land swap agreement with Humboldt Unified School District (HUSD) and provide direction to prepare necessary documents, seconded by Councilmember Hughes.

Public Comment

Jerry Brady spoke of his conversation with the Humboldt Unified School District Maintenance Supervisor he became aware of another issue Council should be aware of. He spoke of the school bus parking lot's steep decline drainage and issues during the monsoon season and options available for bussing at that time in the case of flooding. This swap would also help in these emergency type situations. This is a good idea.

Mayor Nolan called for the vote, which was unanimous.

10. Public Hearing Agenda. None.

11. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Terry Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Gibson, Administrative Assistant