

**TOWN COUNCIL OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
SPECIAL STUDY SESSION MEETING NOTICE**

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 2:00 P.M.

**COUNCIL SPECIAL STUDY SESSION MEETING
2735 S. HWY 69**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL
DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA**

AGENDA SUMMARY

1. **Call To Order.** Mayor Nolan called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Town Council Members Jack Hamilton, Doug Treadway, Victoria Wendt, Vice Mayor Mark McBrady, and Mayor Terry Nolan were present. Council Members John Hughes arrived late to the meeting. Council Member Amy Timmons was absent.
3. **Study Session.** No legal action to be taken.

3.1. Diabetes Month Proclamation.

Mayor Nolan read the proclamation and declared November as Diabetes recognition month.

3.2. Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society Report. [per Accountability Contract]

David Nystrom, President of the Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society gave an overhead presentation of the committee updates. He stated that with the loss of the museum building the Historical Society was thrilled that the Town Council amended their contract allowing reimbursement for moving and set-up expenses in the quest for a new museum. On a sad note, the society recently lost newly appointed President Carl Marsee and wished to thank everyone for their condolences. He also spoke of appreciating the Town's recognition of Mr. Marsee as recipient of the 2016 Volunteer of the Year award.

Councilmember Hughes arrived to the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Mr. Nystrom gave updates on the closure of the museum and the effort going forward to find a new location. He thanked the town for their participation in the Agua Fria Festival and will return after the first of the year to give a full report in January. One of the upcoming events is the Craft Fair to be held on December 2, 2017. He also showed an overhead, which showed the diagram of the placement of the mining equipment display on the Town's Second Street lot.

Mayor Nolan spoke of having recently met with officials from the State Park commission and the possibility of a state park at the smelter site and that it hopefully a building could be considered for DHHS.

Councilmember Treadway expressed his appreciation for the Historical Society's efforts and encouraged relocation as displays and exhibits having a tendency to walk off when placed in storage.

4. **Special Session.** Legal action can be taken.

4.1. Town Manager Appointment.

- 4.1.1. Recess into and hold an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(1)** for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, or salary of Thomas Wilson as Town Manager and pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(4) for discussion or consultation with the Town Attorney in order to consider its position and instruct the Town Attorney regarding the Town's position regarding an employment contract with Thomas Wilson as Town Manager that is the subject of negotiations.

Councilmember Treadway made a motion to go into Executive Session.

Attorney Smiley asked the Mayor to advise the public why Council was going into Executive Session.

Mayor Nolan spoke of Council going into Executive Session to discuss the possible employment contract of Thomas Wilson for Town Manager.

Councilmember Hamilton spoke of being in support of 2:00 p.m. work sessions, however, does not feel issues requiring legal action should be scheduled during Work Sessions. He also spoke of not being in favor of discussing the employment contract in Executive Session. The attorney has already talked with the client and he has come back with his minimum. He does not think this will be open to further negotiation. Once the document is signed, it is a public document. So, it is take what is negotiated or go with a new person. If Council is not going into negotiations, then Council should not be going into Executive Session.

Mayor Nolan explained the reason this item was scheduled on the Work Session agenda was to prevent having to schedule a second meeting in the evening, which the attorney would not be able to attend, as she needed to leave for another meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Nolan seconded Councilmember Treadway's motion. The motion passed by a 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Hamilton voting against.

The Special Study Session was closed at 2:26 p.m.

Mayor Nolan called the Executive Session to order at 2:28 p.m. and closed the Executive Session at 2:49 p.m.

4.1.2. Reconvene Special Session.

The Special Study Session was reconvened at 2:51 p.m.

4.2. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of employment terms, contract and appointment of Thomas Wilson as Town Manager.

Councilmember Treadway moved that we approve the employment terms, contract and appointment of Thomas Wilson as the Town Manager for Dewey-Humboldt and to approve the contract, seconded by Councilmember Hughes. The motion passed unanimously.

4.3. Review of 2018 Meeting Schedule and any holiday events.

Mayor Nolan recommended the cancellation of the Tuesday, January 2, 2018, Regular Council meeting, as the new Town Manager would not be able to attend. He noted there were three other Tuesdays in January for scheduling; the 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Mayor Nolan also recommended the cancellation of the Tuesday, July 3, 2018, Regular Council meeting due to the Independence Day holiday.

Councilmember Hamilton was not in favor of cancelling this meeting, rather revisiting this issue in June. Mayor Nolan noted that with the cancellation there were still three Tuesdays to work with in July.

Councilmember Wendt noted that she would prefer the January 16, 2018, meeting be held at 6:30 p.m. as she had a CAARF presentation scheduled for that date.

Attorney Smiley noted that if the Work Session were pushed back it would be difficult for them to attend. Councilmember Hamilton asked if the attorney's presence was required. Attorney Smiley did not believe it was a requirement.

Mayor Nolan suggested that they hold two meetings in January, the Work Session scheduled for January 9th and the Regular Council Meeting to be scheduled on January 16th of 2018. If another meeting is necessary, they can schedule it for the 24th.

Mayor Nolan also recommended cancelling the January 1, 2019, Regular Council Meeting, which falls on the first Tuesday of the month.

Councilmember Hamilton spoke of still disagreeing with cancelling the July 3, 2018, meeting. He made a motion to do away with the Regular session on January 2, 2018, and the January 1, 2019, meetings, seconded by Councilmember Wendt. The motion passed by a 5-1 vote, with Vice Mayor McBrady voting against.

Councilmember Treadway made a motion to cancel the July 3, 2018, meeting, seconded by Councilmember Wendt. The motion passed by a 5-2 vote with Councilmember Hamilton and Vice Mayor McBrady voting against.

4.4. Discussion and possible action on holding a 3rd round of water testing-limited budget to \$7,000.00. [CAARF submitted by Councilmember Treadway]

Councilmember Treadway gave an overview of his CAARF. He discussed this program with Community Planner Brown who reported it was a good program and that he has received several calls from citizens requesting that it be run again. There are funds budgeted for it and Councilmember Treadway thinks this is a good idea to approve it.

Public Work Director Ed Hanks spoke of this proposal coming in around \$7,000 and there are funds in the budget for this. Director Hanks spoke of the first program using 100% of the funds allotted and the second program came in at approximately 75% of the funds allotted.

Councilmember Hamilton spoke of delaying this until budget time in 2018.

Mayor Nolan spoke of the funds being available now and encouraged moving forward with the project. Director Hanks spoke of the funds not being used and available at this time.

There was further Council discussion resulting in Council consensus to move forward with the testing at this time. Director Hanks spoke of Community Planner Brown put together a calendar schedule and the parameters of the program, prior to advertising.

Councilmember Treadway made a motion that we approve a round of water testing with a \$7,000 cap on the amount that would be spent, seconded by Vice Mayor McBrady. The motion passed unanimously.

4.5. Whether to hold additional special session(s) this month and whether to cancel the November 21, 2017, Regular Council Meeting. This is an established agenda item for Council's discussion on whether to add an additional special study session and if so, to set the date.

Mayor Nolan spoke of the November 21, 2017, being just before Thanksgiving and that the new Town Manager would just be arriving the day before.

Councilmember Treadway moved that the November 21, 2017, Regular Council Meeting be cancelled, seconded by Councilmember Wendt.

Councilmember Hamilton asked about the scheduling of the Vice Mayor appointment. It is on the December 19, 2017, Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Nolan called for the vote on the motion to cancel the November 21, 2017, Regular Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Adjourn.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.