

**TOWN COUNCIL OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
REGULAR MEETING NOTICE**

Tuesday, November 7, 2017, 6:30 P.M.

**COUNCIL REGULAR 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 6:32 p.m.
2. **Opening Ceremonies.**
 - 2.1. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Former Councilmember Dennis Repan led the pledge.
 - 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 Mark McBrady was absent.
4. **Announcements Regarding Current Events, Guests, Appointments, and Proclamations.**

4.1. 2017 Tax Credit Awareness Proclamation - Yavapai Big Brother & Big Sisters.

Mayor Nolan read the proclamation and acknowledged Lindsay Goswick of Big Brothers & Sisters organization and Dan Streeter, Superintendent of Humboldt Unified School District, who in turn thanked the Town of Dewey-Humboldt for their support over the past four years and reminded everyone that the Arizona Tax Credit Program is a way to keep their tax-deductible donations local.

4.2. Founding of the First Organized Little League of Arizona Proclamation.

Mayor Nolan read the proclamation and reminded the Council and Public that there is an upcoming fund-raiser event at the park to dedicate the fields and recognize volunteers, as well as raise funds for the Little League baseball fields. The Little League President arrived shortly thereafter, and Mayor Nolan re-read the Proclamation and presented it to Mr. and Mrs. Statler on behalf of the Little League organization.

4.3. Yavapai College Update. Presentation by Dr. Penny Wills.

Mayor Nolan introduced the Yavapai College President, Dr. Penny Wills. Dr. Wills shared that the National Soccer Tournament was being hosted by the college in Prescott Valley the next week with 11 teams from across the nation participating. Dr. Wills passed out materials to the Council. She gave an update on course offerings and programs that are coordinated with local schools. She noted that research shows that just 12 credits of college courses changes a person, making them less likely to be incarcerated and more likely to vote.

Public Comment

Mike Kessler inquired if Yavapai College would be offering Master degree programs. Dr. Wills explained that would not be available at their college.

Dr. Wills closed by saying she believes in education and quality of life and how it can make a positive difference in the world.

5. **Town Manager's Report.** Update on Current Events.

Interim Town Manager Lee Elliott reported that the Halloween event was a beginning process. While there were some children that stopped by, it was recognized that 4 – 6 p.m. is a difficult time for

working parents. He recommended extending the hours next year to accommodate families.

Public Works has completed their street work with the majority of it being in-house. Public Works Director Ed Hanks will be bringing his data to Council.

ITM Elliott is working with staff in regard to the transition of Town Manager duties. He noted there might be a special session scheduled soon to appoint the new Town Manager.

6. **Consent Agenda.** None.

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

Leigh Cluff spoke of hoping that Town Council supports the GED programs. Her family has history in this area and is glad the community supports these programs.

Mayor Nolan noted that he forgot earlier to share that he and Council Members Wendt, Hughes, and Timmons attended the Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority ribbon cutting at their new building dedication in Prescott Valley. The Mayor was unexpectedly called on to speak. He noted it was a nice event and the building is well organized. Councilmember Wendt said that she took photos, which were on the Town website. Councilmember Hughes spoke in favor of need of the new building and that it will benefit the citizens of D-H.

Attorney Smiley noted that it appeared that Mayor Nolan jumped back to Announcements in regard to his last comment. Mayor Nolan confirmed this to be an Announcement.

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.

Mayor Nolan recommended moving Item 8.2. ahead of 8.1.

8.2. Discussion regarding meeting frequency [Council direction at October 17, 2017, to continue discussion].

Mayor Nolan recommended a trial of changing the meeting frequency to two meetings per month, the first meeting being a Regular Council Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month and a Work Session being held on the second Tuesday of the month, citing this as beneficial to the community.

Councilmember Hamilton was not in favor of this being open-ended stating they need to set a date of how long they were going to do this to avoid having to change the Town Code. If they want to continue after the trial, then the Town Code could be changed. Mayor Nolan recommended a four month trial. Councilmember Wendt suggested six months and clarified that both meetings would be at 6:30 p.m. Councilmember Hamilton said he did not think this allowed enough time citing it is hard enough to complete current meetings by 10 p.m. If they try this, he will not vote to extend meetings beyond 10 p.m. nor will he approve special sessions, indicating they were trying to cram too much in one meeting.

Councilmember Treadway favored trying it. He did not approve of 6:30 p.m. Work Sessions, noting that Work Sessions should be a 2 p.m., where they can get more done and the public can attend. He stated that the issue being discussed is what provokes public interest, not the time of the meeting.

Councilmember Wendt disagreed with CM Treadway stating that they have at least one member on this Council that has a full-time job. Others are retired or have their own business and can break away. She feels it is important the working Council Members be here and spoke of the population that voted them in.

Councilmember Timmons said that while she believes CM Hamilton had a valid issue regarding time management, she believes that the proposed schedule would allow Council to start to manage meetings more efficiently and they won't run over the time limit. CM Treadway disagreed citing that there are issues that should be solved quickly take much longer. He foresees work sessions running past 10 p.m.

Public Comment

Leigh Cluff agreed with Councilmember Wendt that the citizens voted and they want the members at the meeting. She spoke of time being wasted on the same subjects and the need for Council to be more efficient.

Councilmember Wendt made a motion to go to two sessions, let's split the difference, you said four, I said six, let's try five months at 6:30 on the first and third Tuesdays, see how it goes, if it doesn't work out, we can revert back, seconded by Councilmember Timmons. The motion failed with a split vote of 3-3, with Councilmember Hamilton, Councilmember Hughes, and Councilmember Treadway voting against.

Councilmember Hamilton said why don't we make a motion to go to two meetings a month for four months, the time of the second meeting is not decided, the time of the Work session is not decided, just go to two meetings per month, one regular session and one work session a month.

Councilmember Wendt disagreed with leaving the time up in the air and that three months is not long enough a trial. She believes that all the Council Members should be here to represent the public at 6:30 p.m.

Interim Town Manager Elliott noted that there is a transition coming up, as well as the holiday season, and a month and a half will be lost right there.

Councilmember Wendt asked to change her motion. Beginning in January, once we are out of the holiday season, go to two meetings a month, for four months, on a trial basis at 6:30 p.m., at that time we will rediscuss, bring it back in and take a look at it, seconded by Councilmember Timmons. Councilmember Hamilton asked for a roll call vote. The motion failed by a 3-3 split vote, with Councilmember Hamilton, Councilmember Hughes, and Councilmember Treadway voting against.

Public Comment

Leigh Cluff told Council that this is what she is talking about, the yeah voters are offering plans, why don't the nay voters offer a plan or compromise.

Councilmember Hughes stated that when he signed up for this the hours were already there, the dates were already there. There is a new Town Manager coming on board that may have a better idea. We are going to start in January, there are a lot of things to discuss, and he does not believe it can be handled in two meetings. He put his name out to do this job and he will do the job, I'm not going to work around and do it when I feel like I am, because that's not good for the community. He spoke of it not being fair to staff to be here from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. at night. He has nothing against two meetings a month, but doesn't feel they will get it done. He would like the new Town Manager's input and wants his insight before he weighs in further on this subject.

Councilmember Timmons believes that in response to staff being here 18-20 hours, it was discussed previously, that can be worked around by staff coming in late or taking a long lunch. She spoke that in the world of business not everyone can be owners and make their own schedules, but they all do care about the community and will do what it takes to have a balanced and fair community.

Public Comment

Mike Kessler inquired about the status of the new Town Manager and what was the timeline surrounding the hire. He recommended that the new Town Manager be allowed to get his feet wet and get to know Council, work together, then address this issue, and then present these decisions to the Town at a meeting.

Councilmember Wendt recommended bringing this back when the new Town Manager was on board. Councilmember Treadway concurred.

8.1. Discussion regarding Work Session times [Council direction at May 2, 2017, to continue discussion].

This issue was addressed under Agenda Item 8.2.

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

9.1. Discussion to find out how we are going to pay for any road improvements in the Town? In which direction should we take. [CAARF submitted by Mayor Nolan]

Mayor Nolan gave an overview of his CAARF and noted that everyone talks about new roads but that without there won't be road improvements without a sales tax or property tax.

Councilmember Hamilton spoke of the Town spending over \$600K per year on roads while receiving only \$300K from HURF. He believes there will be a hit to funding after the next census as D-H is not growing as fast as the rest of the state. He estimated the loss to be at least \$50K and that everything will go downhill from there.

Councilmember Wendt spoke of a proposal received from Earl Goodwin this past spring and that Council should go back and look at it another time. No one wants to see property taxes, but we have to be realistic if taking on any private roads.

There was Council discussion regarding the plan that was presented by Mr. Goodwin.

Councilmember Timmons asked if they were saving money doing in-house maintenance and upkeep. ITM Elliot explained that you are increasing efficiency, getting more bang for the buck.

There was further Council discussion on taking over private roads and funding including the General Plan and Circulation Plan provisions.

Public Comment

Mike Kessler appreciates the dilemma that Town Council is sitting on. He spoke of a possible grading program two to three time a year. He also spoke of making the roads passable then people will move in and become taxpayers. There is no magic idea for financing but if there were an increase to property tax, gas tax or whatever is in order to make this work, he would stand behind Council and applaud their efforts.

Mayor Nolan recommended bringing this issue back once the new Town Manager was on board.

Councilmember Hamilton recommended this issue be brought back to a Work Session.

9.2. Presentation on West Yavapai Guidance Clinic Crisis Stabilization Unit. [CAARF submitted by Mayor Nolan]

Councilmember Treadway gave an overview of his CAARF and made a motion to have the West Yavapai Guidance Clinic Crisis Stabilization Unit come in to give a presentation, seconded by Councilmember Wendt. The motion passed unanimously.

9.3. Request permission for Ms. Carol Chamberlain, Regional Director of the Arizona Community Foundation of Yavapai County to address the Council explain the purpose of the foundation in administering a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public charity with collaborative and other types of charitable funds, and exists exclusively for charitable purposes. [CAARF submitted by Councilmember Wendt]

Councilmember Wendt gave an overview of her CAARF and said that she found this topic to be very informative and wonderful. She noted that the Firewise group has evolved and need to expand to help the community including fundraising. This foundation can assist the community by establishing a fund, which they administer. She requested that Carol Chamberlain be allowed to come in and explain the process to the Council.

Councilmember Treadway made a motion to allow Carol Chamberlain, Director of the Arizona Community Foundation of Yavapai County to give us a presentation on how they go about administering funds for projects like Firewise, seconded by Councilmember Timmons.

Councilmember Wendt requested to have this presentation coordinated with her January Firewise report. Mayor Nolan approved this.

Mayor Nolan called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

9.4. Mayor Nolan's report and possible discussion on meeting with Susan Black, Executive Director of Arizona State Park & Trails regarding smelter site park potential.

Mayor Nolan gave an overview of his CAARF sharing that Sue Black of the Arizona State Park & Trails Department, as well as her aide and ITM Elliott, went on a tour of the smelter site. The Department Staff seemed in tune with approving this as a state park. They will get with the EPA and find out what is needed to cover up the tailings and possibly establish a state park. They drove down from the mine site and as they drove down and saw the smelter site, Ms. Black mentioned that was the good spot for a state park.

ITM Elliott saw the meeting as a positive event, which could revive the downtown area.

There was Council discussion about the possibilities of this proposal.

Public Comment

Robert Baker commended the Council for voting on Ms. Wendt's request in Item 9.3. in regard to the 501 (c)(3). The Firewise committee were thinking outside the box on funding. He said it seemed too good to be true, but there was no catch. Part of being Firewise is the egress issue and maybe on the road issues as well, Council needs to think outside the box.

Attorney Smiley noted that this was off topic and this agenda item had previously been discussed.

10. Public Hearing Agenda. None.

11. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.