

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013, 6:30PM**

A REGULAR SESSION OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013, AT TOWN HALL AT 2735 S. HIGHWAY 69, DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA. MAYOR TERRY NOLAN PRESIDED.

1. **Call To Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Opening Ceremonies.**
 - 2.1. **Pledge of Allegiance.** The pledge was led by Frank Davidson.
 - 2.2. **Invocation.** Given by Councilmember Wright.
3. **Roll Call.** Town Council Members Arlene Alen, David Hiles, Mark McBrady, Nancy Wright; Vice Mayor Dennis Repan; and Mayor Terry Nolan were present. Councilmember Denise Rogers was absent.
4. **Announcements Regarding Current Events, Guests, Appointments, and Proclamations.** Announcements of items brought to the attention of the Mayor not requiring legal action by the Council. Guest Presentations, Appointments, and Proclamations may require Council discussion and action.

Mayor Nolan congratulated Councilmember Arlene Alen on her recently awarded fellowship to the Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy.

- 4.1. **Discussion with Jerome Police Chief Muma on the costs, challenges and any other pertinent information with regard to having our own police dept.** As Council & Staff start into the budget process they need information to make an informed decision on the cost comparison between starting our own police department and continuing with the Yavapai County inter-government agreement for services. [CAARF CM Wright]

Chief Allen Muma gave a PowerPoint presentation on what it would take to set up a police department rather than contracting with the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office (YCSO). He answered questions on how long it would take to implement it; availability of blanket policies; benefits and offering the State Public Safety Retire System for retention; startup costs and RMS systems; how to organize shifts for best coverage.

Public comment was taken on this item.

Earl Goodwin spoke on his knowledge regarding this issue and why the Town contracted with the County for their police services; cost comparisons; turnover and recruitment and other concerns with changing the Town's current arrangement.

Jack Hamilton spoke on forming a committee to study this issue; finding out how many retired police live in the area.

David Nystrom spoke on studying this issue carefully before making changes and concerns during implementation.

Lydia Chapman spoke on surveying citizens on the current services.

There was discussion on training of officers. Councilmember Wright explained why she put this on the agenda – thinks it could be cost effective and establish control over enforcement philosophies.

It was agreed to put this on a future work session and have staff research it.

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

5.1. HB 2657 TPT Simplification and its potential impact on future budgets.

Town Manager Kimball gave a brief overview on this and her concerns for a loss of revenue. She explained that she had just heard the bill was put on hold for now. There was brief discussion on how this might affect revenues for the town.

5.2. CYMPO Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan meeting.

Town Manager Kimball spoke on an MTAC meeting she would be attending and speaking to them regarding a traffic change at Main Street and Highway 69 intersection.

There was brief discussion on historical information on this effort.

6. Consent Agenda.

6.1. Minutes. Minutes from the February 5, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Wright made a motion to accept the Minutes from the February 5, 2013 Regular Meeting as presented, seconded by Vice Mayor Repan. It was approved unanimously.

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

None.

8. Public Hearing Agenda.

8.1. Public Hearing on Text Amendment to Town Code § 153.125-138 (Sign Code).

Public Hearing, discussion and possible action on amended Sign Code Amendments.

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:06 p.m. Community Development Coordinator, Warren Colvin gave an overview of what was modified on the sign code since the last time the Council addressed it: Billboards, square footage of signs, and illumination. There was discussion of limitations on electronic signs; billboard size; staying with parcel size rather than lineal footage when clarifying signage for commercial complexes; murals versus signage.

Councilmember Hiles spoke on increasing signage for businesses located on corner lots from 1 wall sign and 1 sandwich board to 3 wall signs and 1 sandwich board. There was discussion on this, and the inability currently to have an exception to increase the number of signs, in the code. Town Attorney Phyllis Smiley and P&Z Chair Clark spoke on these issues with the sign code.

Public comment was taken on this item.

Jack Hamilton spoke on this being a public hearing and not open for council discussion.

As there were no further comments the Public Hearing was closed at 8:49 p.m.

Councilmember Hiles made a motion to approve the sign code as presented with 1 exception to change on page 27 of 35, changing the third column from the left, first paragraph, the digit 2 to 4 for a total of 4 signs, and the digit 1 to 3 for the amount of wall signs, seconded by Councilmember McBrady. Mayor Nolan asked the mover if he would amend the motion to include changing the allowable size for billboards from 300 square feet to 600 square feet. A vote was taken first on the motion on the floor, which passed by a 5-1 vote in favor, Mayor Nolan voting against.

Mayor Nolan made a motion to increase the allowable size for billboards from 300 square feet to 600 square feet. The motion failed for lack of a second.

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

9.1. Ordinance 13-96 Sign Code Amendments repealing 153.125 through 153.138 and adopting 153.125 through 153.138 inclusive.

Councilmember Hiles made a motion to approve the ordinance with previously discussed changes, seconded by Mayor Nolan. It was approved unanimously.

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

10.1. Planning and Zoning Commission Activity update.

CDC Warren Colvin gave an overview. P&Z Chair, Claire Clark spoke on her recommendations to start with the top two items on the Council’s priority list and addressing them simultaneously to expedite the process.

Public comment was taken on this item.

Jack Hamilton spoke on Outdoor Storage needing to be addressed soon.

11. Comments from the Public.

None.

12. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Terry Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy Morgan, Town Clerk