

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT  
TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL “BUDGET” SESSION (WORKSHOP #1) MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014, 9:00 A.M.**

**A SPECIAL “BUDGET” SESSION OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014, 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 9:06 a.m. Mayor Nolan presided.

2. **Roll Call.**

**2.1. Town Council.** Town Council Members Jack Hamilton, Mark McBrady, Dennis Repan, Nancy Wright; Vice Mayor Arlene Alen; and Mayor Terry Nolan were present. Councilmember Sonya Williams-Rowe was absent.

3. **FY 2014-15 Budget Deliberation.** Legal Action can be taken. Council Deliberation and possible action to modify Preliminary Budget content.

**3.1. Overview of Proposed FY 2014-15 Preliminary Budget.**

Town Manager Kimball gave an overview, explaining the narrative is still being developed. The revenues are good, balanced and accounted for. Council indicated they would like to review the preliminary budget spreadsheets line by line.

**3.2. Review of Preliminary Budget by Funds and Departments (General Fund – Revenues, Expenditures: Town Council and Management, Town Clerk, Finance, Legal, IT, Magistrate Court, Public Safety, Engineering, Public Works, and Community Development, non-Departmental; HURF – Revenues, Expenditures: Engineering, Public Works; Grant Fund).**

**Revenues:** Town Manager Kimball reviewed the revenue projection and her conservative approach to that projection. Council reviewed the Building Safety Department revenue projection; investment fund and interest earned. There was discussion about the possibility of looking into long-term investments for some of those savings to earn higher interest. Ms. Kimball agreed research on several options could be done on this and be brought back to council at a later time.

**Miscellaneous Income:** Ms. Kimball explained there would be no impact fee revenues for next year’s budget. There was discussion about compensation for Mayor and Council and reimbursement for phones/technology.

Councilmember Hamilton made a **motion** to not have a Council stipend or telecom allowance for Council and Mayor and removing those two items from the budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wright. There was discussion on what other municipalities in the region do to compensate; and requirements of council if reimbursed for those things. A **vote** was taken on the motion which **passed** by a 5-1 vote in favor, Mayor Nolan voting against.

**Health Care:** Ms. Kimball spoke on a reduction in health insurance rates. Mayor Nolan suggested applying the amount budgeted but removed by the last motion for salaries/wages. Council will consider deliberation of the budget before addressing that suggestion.

**Dues and Membership:**

WAC Membership - Council discussed the WAC (Water Advisory Committee) and GPREP (Greater Prescott Regional Economic Partnership) memberships and whether they wanted to continue them.

There was discussion on the benefits of staying with the WAC for one more year.

Vice Mayor Alen made a motion to move forward with the WAC membership, seconded by Councilmember McBrady.

Councilmember Repan made a motion to table this until Mr. Rasmussen can come out to speak on the substantial benefit to investment made (ROI), seconded by Councilmember Wright.

There was discussion on the timing of the benefits for membership in WAC; the Town Manager's appointment to GUAC; and the reduction of membership fee the previous year.

Councilmember Repan withdrew his motion and seconder agreed. Vice Mayor Alen withdrew her motion.

Mayor Nolan recommended moving this decision on the WAC membership to a regular meeting when all Councilmembers are present.

Mayor Nolan made a motion to get out of the WAC (not expend funds for the WAC membership in the coming year), seconded by CM Wright. The motion failed by a tie vote, Councilmember McBrady, Vice Mayor Alen and Mayor Nolan voting against.

GPREP Membership - There was discussion on whether it was important to be involved in Economic Development for the Town. Council discussed surveying the citizens in town on whether they think it is important; the impact of not being a member; placing this on the future regular meeting with full attendance of Council for a vote.

Councilmember Repan made a motion to put discussion and all the decisions of the budget on hold until full membership of council, seconded by Councilmember Wright.

There was discussion on benefits of holding budget workshops with controversial issues being voted on by full membership of council.

Councilmember Repan withdrew his motion, seconder agreed.

#### Travel and Training:

There was discussion of reimbursement of Council travel expenses.

Councilmember Repan asked to remove the reimbursement for the YRMC meetings as he doesn't submit for reimbursement.

Councilmember Hamilton stated Newly Elected Officials training should only be for new members on Council, not those re-elected. Councilmember McBrady suggested the Attorney provide training for Board of Adjustment.

There was discussion on the reasons for the increase in this line item for the new budget; purpose for the Quad-cities Mayor/Manager breakfast meetings; reimbursements and taxes.

Town Manager Kimball recapped the consensus to remove the YRMC line and keep the rest the same.

Councilmember Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at noon, seconded by Councilmember Repan.

Town Manager Kimball asked Council to consider addressing 3.3 before adjourning and importance of staff receiving that feedback from Council (for staff preparation).

**3.3. Next meeting discussion topics.** (suggested: Public Works Department third employee justification presentation, Old Black Canyon Hwy. situation as it relates to FY 14-15 Budget)

Councilmember Hamilton spoke on not addressing OBC Highway at the next April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting since he will not be in attendance.

TM Kimball spoke on the budget meeting scheduling, April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will move the acknowledgement of tentative budget out to a later meeting, next possible date for a worksheet is May 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am the morning.

**4. Comments from the Public.** None.

**5. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

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Terry Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Judy Morgan, Town Clerk