

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL “BUDGET” SESSION WORKSHOP #4 MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014, 3:30 P.M.**

A SPECIAL “BUDGET” SESSION OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 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 3:33 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.**
 - 2.1. **Town Council.** Town Council Members Jack Hamilton, Mark McBrady, Dennis Repan, Sonya Williams-Rowe, Nancy Wright; Vice Mayor Arlene Alen; and Mayor Terry Nolan were present.
3. **FY 2014-15 Budget Deliberation.** Legal Action can be taken. Council deliberation and possible action to modify Preliminary Budget content.
 - 3.1. **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).**

Public comment was taken.

Earl Goodwin spoke on a letter he wrote to the Council, complimenting the Manager on her work, and undecided items to fund and balance the budget. He spoke in support of the three volunteer requests, using savings from this year to fund things in next year's budget as the current savings is enough for the town.

WAC (Water Advisory Committee) Membership: Mayor Nolan spoke on the WAC membership and thinking the County will fund ½ fees for the WAC. There was discussion on the WAC membership and doing a water study for the town with WAC's data assistance. Council mentioned pros and cons of the WAC and a water study and ROI of the town's membership over the years.

Councilmember McBrady made a motion to approve continuing to fund WAC membership for another year for \$2000, seconded by Vice Mayor Alen. It was approved by a 4-3 vote in favor, Councilmembers Hamilton Repan and Wright voting against.

GPREP (Greater Prescott Regional Economic Plan) Membership: There was discussion of the benefits of regionalizing Economic Development, combining all community efforts, non-competitively, to assist all the communities in the area. There was discussion of how this would/could benefit Dewey-Humboldt with mostly a bedroom community.

Councilmember McBrady made a motion to approve funding the GPREP organization for this year, seconded by Vice Mayor Alen. The motion passed by a 4-3 vote in favor, Councilmembers Hamilton, Repan and Wright voting against.

Electronic devices for Council: There was discussion on whether this had already been decided. Upon investigation it had not. Questions were asked about how these might devices might change staff's workload, software available for this purpose, ROI, etc.

Councilmember Hamilton made a motion to not approve money for electronic devices for Council, seconded by Councilmember Wright.

It was suggested that a needs study could be conducted to determine what they might need or want next year.

A vote was taken on the motion, which passed by a 4-3 vote in favor, Councilmembers McBrady, Williams-Rowe and Mayor Nolan voting against. Electronic devices will be deleted from the budget.

Pick-up Truck purchase: There was discussion on the age of the current 2 vehicles and whether to purchase a new or used vehicle; which fund to use to purchase the vehicle; options for purchasing a used vehicle (County used vehicle). Town Manager Kimball explained she thinks \$15k is adequate to purchase a used vehicle. Council discussed budgeting more but purchasing a vehicle for less if possible.

Councilmember Hamilton made a motion to approve putting \$25k in the budget for a used truck, seconded by Councilmember Wright. It was approved by a 6-1 vote in favor, Mayor Nolan voting against.

Community Development Outreach - D-H Museum rent (\$7200); Agua Fria Festival (\$5k); Branding for Town (\$5k); Community-wide Survey (\$7500); Meals on Wheels (\$2500): Councilmember Repan asked about looking at the Strategic Community Partnership Program. Vice Mayor Alen spoke on bringing it back for modification, requiring the submittal of all information, especially 990 non-profit forms. There was discussion on when that program would be reinstated and how the timing works with this budget and whether to proceed with funding discussions for those already before the council for consideration.

Councilmember Hamilton made a motion to not allocate any funds for the strategic community partnership program. The motion failed for lack of a second.

D-H Historical Society Museum (rent - \$7200): There was discussion on the decision last year to not fund after last year's assistance. Councilmember Repan spoke on considering purchasing the property. Other councilmembers agreed this was something to consider and to look into it.

Councilmember Hamilton made a motion to approve allocating \$7200 for museum rent with the possibility of acquiring the building at a later time, seconded by Councilmember McBrady. It was approved unanimously.

Agua Fria Festival (\$5000): There was discussion on how the Lion's Club is running the festival this year and how the money for the festival will be handled (donation and profits).

Bob Greene was in attendance on behalf of the Lion's Club and the Agua Fria Festival. He spoke on the profits being split 50/50 between the club and the festival and that money being spent to assist the community. The festival has had an agreement to use its profits (anything over \$5k) to go toward a park. He spoke on the change in venue from the Highways 69/169 (Farm) location to Reata Pass South of Town Hall.

There was discussion on the success of the festival in previous years. VM Alen suggested they offer space at a lower cost for non-profits. Mr. Greene spoke on the cost to rent a space for both days and compared it to Prescott events.

Councilmember Repan made a motion to approve supporting the Agua Fria Festival for \$5000, seconded by CM Williams-Rowe.

There was discussion on the date and location of the festival.

Vice Mayor Alen offered a friendly amendment to set a condition that booths for 501C3's be at a cost of ½ the cost of for-profits. Mr. Greene responded by saying he had no objections to this but requested they leave the motion as is and he will guarantee booths for non-profits will be reduced to \$75. VM Alen withdrew her friendly amendment.

CM Wright made a motion to approve funding the festival for \$2500, seconded by CM Hamilton.

There was discussion on how much it takes to put the festival on and Mr. Greene listed some of those costs.

A vote was taken on the motion to fund the festival for \$2500, which failed by a 2-5 vote, Councilmembers McBrady, Repan, Williams-Rowe, Vice Mayor Alen and Mayor Nolan voting against.

A vote was taken on the motion to fund the festival for \$5000, which passed by a 5-2 vote in favor, Councilmembers Hamilton and Wright voting against.

3.2. Future meeting scheduling and additional budget-related discussion topics.

Council discussed when they would meet again to continue this meeting. June 17th at 2:00 p.m. was scheduled.

4. **Comments from the Public**. None.
5. **Adjourn**. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Terry Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy Morgan, Town Clerk