

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2015, 6:30 P.M.**

A SPECIAL STUDY SESSION MEETING OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015, AT TOWN HALL AT 2735 S. STATE ROUTE 69, DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA. MAYOR NOLAN PRESIDED.

1. **Call To Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Town Council Members Arlene Alen, Mark McBrady, Dennis Repan, Doug Treadway, Nancy Wright; Vice Mayor Jack Hamilton; and Mayor Terry Nolan were present.
3. **Study Session.** No legal action to be taken.

3.1. Discussion and consensus on going forward with a new town survey. Who would do the survey, what questions, a sampling or the whole community and the like info. [CAARF requested by CM Wright]

Councilmember Wright gave an overview; item was placed in the budget and it has been almost 5 years since the last survey (ICMA surveys done in 2008 and 2009). She spoke on the structure and response of the survey. Council discussed looking at the trends of the community with a new survey using the old surveys as a benchmark; and whether changing the survey would be beneficial.

Public Comment was taken on this item.

Jerry Brady spoke on using a baseline survey; distribution of survey through the newsletter; Boeing Scan 8 system.

Karen Brooks spoke on targeting a higher number of citizens for the survey; distribution through the newsletter; questions regarding infrastructure and those subjects the public has been looking at.

There was discussion on the problems with distribution through the newsletter; having a large enough sampling for better accuracy. Council provided direction to contact ICMA to get a proposal of a citizen survey for the town (National Citizen Survey).

3.2. Future Budget priority discussion with the community and Council [directed at the February 3, 2015 meeting]

Public comment was taken on what citizens would like to see incorporated into the budget.

Jerry Brady spoke on looking at how Yavapai County and Prescott Valley proceeded with budgeting when incorporated.

Karen Brooks recommended continued support of the Library, Historical Society Museum and considering a chamber of commerce manned by the D-H Historical Society.

Patrick McGill spoke on the citizens wanting their animals without regulation; paving dirt roads; taking care of the people as part of the town's role.

Jim Coggins spoke on animal issues; road maintenance/safety issue on his road (Lazy River/Rancho Place).

John Young spoke on having a permanent place for the museum; volunteer support for museum; long-time residents of the town.

There was Council discussion on the suggestions made; challenges with road maintenance due to funds available.

Mr. Coggins responded with a statement about safety of children on his road and making the road safer.

Jerry Piper spoke on unsafe roads in the Blue Hills area and bringing the problem to the Council's attention.

Mayor Nolan explained many roads are private, but the Council is aware of the public's concerns.

3.3. FY 15-16 Budget Calendar. Council direction and scheduling of FY 15-16 budget meetings.

Town Manager Kimball asked for the Council to review the schedule of budget meetings and provide their input on availability to ensure a quorum of attendance.

There was discussion on the process for decision making at these meetings and adjusting the schedule as needed as they go through that process.

4. Special Session. Legal action can be taken.

4.1. Whether to hold additional special session(s) this month. 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.

Council reviewed the Town Manager's list of items that might need an additional meeting or not, depending on whether Council deems them time-sensitive (Code of Ethics Ordinance and Principles of Sound Financial Management). Town Manager Kimball spoke on requesting the Attorney at that additional meeting.

Councilmember Repan made a motion to add an additional meeting for March 24, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Alen. It was approved unanimously.

5. Comments from the Public.

Jerry Brady spoke on the Council's fiduciary duties and due diligence research; town being governed by the taxing authority and regulation of interstate commerce.

Karen Brooks requested the budget workshops to be held in the afternoon, not morning; staff budget reports being done at a regular council meeting; background of access for Chaparral Gulch neighborhood and Old Black Canyon Highway.

6. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Terry Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy Morgan, Town Clerk