

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT  
TOWN COUNCIL  
STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
JULY 14, 2015, 2:00 P.M.**

**A STUDY SESSION OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015, AT TOWN HALL AT 2735 S. STATE ROUTE 69, DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA. MAYOR TERRY NOLAN PRESIDED.**

1. **Call To Order.** The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Jack Hamilton presided.
2. **Roll Call.** Town Council Members Arlene Alen, Mark McBrady, Dennis Repan, Doug Treadway, Nancy Wright; and Vice Mayor Jack Hamilton were present. Mayor Terry Nolan was absent.
3. **Study Session.** No legal action to be taken.

**3.1. Citizen Survey proposal by Yavapai College Regional Economic Development Center (REDC) and next steps.**

Alexandria Wright, Director of REDC Yavapai College, was in attendance and discussed the process for the citizen survey. She answered questions regarding how to obtain the survey responses; avoiding duplications; refinement of survey questions.

Council reached consensus to move forward with having REDC/Ms. Wright conduct the citizen survey and instructed staff to put this on a future agenda for formal approval and to prepare a letter of intent.

4. **Special Session.** Legal action can be taken.

**4.1. Modification of Dewey-Humboldt Town Code 30.107 Time of Adjournment.** [CAARF requested by CM Repan]

Councilmember Wright recommended changing the first paragraph to read: These times shall be referred to as the normal times of adjournment. A majority of the Council may vote to consider some or all of the remaining agenda items.

Councilmember Alen made a motion to replace the current code with the amended code recommendations, seconded by CM Treadway. It was approved unanimously (6-0 vote).

**4.2. Modification of Dewey-Humboldt Town Code 30.109 titled “Protocol at meetings”.** [CAARF requested by CM Repan]

Councilmember Repan gave an overview and spoke on the most recent changes to this portion of code not being reflected in this recommendation (Ordinance 15-111), but incorporating it in prior to approval.

There was discussion on reasons for adjusting the code (proactive, not reactive); addressing prior concerns with meeting protocol in the code; where this wording came from (Mesa example). Councilmember McBrady spoke on his concerns with these changes being similar to the ethics code with disturbing verbiage and limiting the Mayor specifically. If this code amendment is approved at this meeting it will still come back to Council in the form of an ordinance for approval at a regular meeting.

Councilmember Treadway made a motion to approve the amended code with the inclusion of “or any other member of Council” and incorporating changes made with Ordinance 15-111, seconded by Vice Mayor Hamilton. It was approved by a 5-1 vote in favor, Councilmember McBrady voting against.

**4.3. Modification of Dewey-Humboldt Town Code 30.031 titled “Mayor and Vice Mayor; Appointment, Power and Duties”. [CAARF requested by CM Repan]**

CM Repan explained Mayor Nolan had asked him if Council would hold off on reviewing this agenda item to a future meeting where he could be present for the discussion. CM Repan asked the Council’s preference on this request. Council members Alen and Wright both indicated they wanted to proceed with discussion of this item at this meeting.

CM Repan gave an overview explaining it gives more detail of what is expected of the Mayor and how he operates in his realm. He explained how he researched this subject, and stating he had problems with two of the paragraphs (C & D). CM McBrady spoke on how stringent this wording is and not seeing anything this strict in other cities and towns in the area.

Other Council members spoke on problems with sections C & D as well.

Councilmember Wright made a motion to send this to the attorney to bring back as an ordinance, seconded by CM Repan. The motion was withdrawn and a second motion was made to send these modification to town code 30.031, to the Attorney to come back to Council in the form of an ordinance, but leave off sections C & D.

Public comment was taken on this item.

Shelley White spoke on the importance of council deliberations and decisions being done in public.

A vote was taken on the motion, which passed by a 5-1 vote in favor, CM McBrady voting against.

Councilmember Repan made a motion to give Sections C & D to the Town Attorney for an opinion, especially how it applies to the code of ethics, seconded by CM Wright. It was approved by a 5-1 vote in favor, CM McBrady voting against.

**4.4. 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.

No Council member indicated a need to hold an additional session so none shall be scheduled.

**5. Comments from the Public.**

Shelley White spoke against the Council’s decision to limit public speaking and participation. She spoke in support of getting feedback from the public for deliberation on town issues.

**6. Adjourn.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

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Terry Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Judy Morgan, Town Clerk