

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
TOWN COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2015, 2:00 P.M.**

A STUDY SESSION OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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 2:01 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Town Council Members, Dennis Repan, Doug Treadway, Nancy Wright; Vice Mayor Jack Hamilton; and Mayor Terry Nolan were present. Councilmembers Arlene Alen, and Mark McBrady were absent.
3. **Study Session.** No legal action to be taken.

Mayor Nolan requested to move agenda item 3.2 to item 3.1 to allow guest speakers from Wells Fargo Bank to give their presentation prior to having review of the Proposed Citizen Survey Questionnaire. Council members concurred with the request. Agenda item order changed.

3.1. Wells Fargo Presentation on investment funds. Todd Bowden and John Ikner, representatives from Wells Fargo Bank, spoke on Investment banking options for municipalities and provided handouts to Council which revealed numbers and various banking options; municipal savings accounts and security of funds; the structure of WFB and services provided; points, fees and guarantees; option of approving transactions through online portal.

Council asked questions about the services and requirements; how these accounts compare to LGIP accounts; credit cards and access to funds; building project funding options; town is not tax exempt. Council thanked Mr. Bowden and Mr. Ikner for coming and sharing investment options.

3.2. Proposed Citizen Survey Questionnaire review and possible direction. Council reviewed the proposed Citizen Survey Questionnaire and provided corrections and changes to the following:

#1 – TYPO: Correct last sentence Dewy to Dewey.

#11 – REMOVE: Street cleaning; Power (electric and/or gas) utility; Cable television

#13 – QUESTION: What D-H specific info are you looking for. Council was unclear on this notation.

#15 – CORRECTION: “Go to Question...” numbers are not accurate and need to be corrected.

#21 – MODIFY QUESTION: Are you currently employed? (removing “for pay”) and removed “Go to Question” section.

#34 – REMOVE: This question is a duplicate of #27.

#37 – REMOVE: Entire question should be removed.

#39 – REMOVE: Entire question should be removed.

#43 – MODIFY QUESTION: Would you be willing to use your tax dollars to support the Dewey-Humboldt Historic Society? (Removing “public funding” and replace with “your tax dollars”. Removing “Town” and replacing with “Dewey-Humboldt”)

#44 – REMOVE: This question will be rolled into #45 (see below).

#45 – MODIFY QUESTION: Should the TOWN provide development incentives to encourage growth? (TOWN added)

Reduction of sales tax for a limited period.	Yes	No	No opinion
Creating expeditious Permitting process.	Yes	No	No opinion

Revamping local code restrictions. Yes No No opinion

None of the above Yes No No opinion

** (this is the general concept of combining questions #44 and #45)

#47 – MODIFY QUESTION AND ANSWERS: Should Dewey-Humboldt purchase or build a Town Hall or continue to rent? (remove “thus using public funds to build a permanent capital investment” and “to save initial capital investment needed”)

Buy/Build (removing “yes” choice)

Rent (removing “no” choice)

No Opinion

#53 – MODIFY QUESTION: Do you utilize a private water company? (remove “have city water”).

#54 – REMOVE: Entire question should be removed.

#55 – TYPO: Do your water levels vary? (Change you to YOUR)

NEW QUESTION: Do you think Dewey-Humboldt owned roads are being adequately maintained?

Yes

No

No Opinion

** (insert this question wherever it is appropriate)

Town Clerk Morgan reviewed the proposed changes with the council.

Public comment was taken on this item.

Jerry Brady spoke about unfunded liability; state-wide water emergency; federal and state gas funds; Mortimer farms being in the floodplain and cost for developing the land being higher.

Victoria Wendt spoke in support of distributing the survey to target all town citizens.

3.3. 2015 Volunteer of the Year (VOTY) program plan and expectations.

Town Clerk Morgan gave an overview of the current process for recognition: original intent was to have nominations submitted with committee review and selection of one individual to receive the award; changes have been made each year and staff is asking for decision of how the Council would like it done moving forward.

Ms. Morgan asked if the program is serving the intended purpose and for direction on whether the council has a desire to have Council recognition (at council meeting) or a community event, or both; and who should be involved in the recognition of the volunteers.

Councilmember Wright spoke about the initial process. Would like to see everyone recognized.

There were questions about a past recognition event for town committee/commission/board and council volunteers and how it was different from what is being done currently.

Council considered various components of this program: recognize one person as the Volunteer of the Year with recognition for the other nominees; hosting a picnic at the park for the event.

Councilmember Treadway spoke about this year’s VOTY picnic, stating he felt that everyone who attended enjoyed the event and the event was successful.

Councilmember Wright suggested selecting an annual date for the event and keeping it consistent each year. There was discussion on scheduling challenges and making sure each nominee can attend.

Council discussed the picnic event: whether to include the community or be limited to nominees and their guests, agency representatives, council and staff; involving the agencies where the nominees volunteer with their speeches of appreciation; catering the event for simplification.

Council considered the criteria for nomination and the selection process: council does not want to be involved in the selection or make any final recommendations or changes.

Suggested nominating requirements discussed were: the nominee must have volunteered in the year they are nominated for; requiring the person making the nomination explain how the nominee has contributed to the community; have one volunteer awarded as Volunteer of the Year (VOTY) and other nominees recognized through the council meeting awarding of certificates of appreciation; Council should not change the selection made by the committee or make additional recommendations.

Council gave suggestions on how the staff should select the committee members, having a diverse group of organizations involved from the community; it would not matter if they resided out of town jurisdiction as long as they are connected to the community; the one Council liaison on the committee serves only as an arbitrator and does not get involved with the selection process.

3.4. An update on the 2012 International Building Codes (I-codes) amendments adoption preparation.

Don Roberts, Building Official, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed changes for the 2012 I-codes. Code changes are for safety issues. Dewey-Humboldt will use Chino Valley's adoption of the 2012 I-codes as a benchmark. Most changes are for clarification purposes. Many codes will remain the same as the 2006 I-codes. The Town has chosen to adopt Category C for adoption of 2012 codes. The three main changes in the new code are Wall bracing/lateral analysis, Ark Faults, and smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Mr. Robert spoke about the purpose for wall bracing and confirmed they would require engineered plans. Due to the type of structures built in DH and the average wind load, we will not require the lateral analysis. Do not have tornados or earthquakes typically. County did adopt the requirement for lateral analysis but he does not feel it is necessary for our area.

There was discussion on Arc Fault requirements throughout the entire house, which will be a minimal increase in cost for the homebuilder, but it is a life safety issue.

Mr. Roberts spoke about the new requirement of combination of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, which is only required for attached garages and homes with fuel/fire source.

Mr. Roberts spoke about the Seismic D vs. the Seismic C codes. The County went with the Seismic D and we are going with C. Terrain, weather and wind speed are all a factor in making this recommendation. Most of the builders are already exceeding the current building codes now.

Mr. Roberts explained that conservation of grey water is acceptable and the town has handouts with information on the process to provide to homeowners currently.

VM Hamilton asked about requirements for foam along the edge of foundation. And using copper pipes for plumbing. Mr. Roberts replied that the requirement for foam is for areas with extreme low temperatures. Not necessary for our area. Alkaline can cause problems for copper pipe. Most contractors use plastic. Copper can be recommended. Cost is about the same. Recommendations can be made to help the homebuilder to help save on energy costs.

VM Hamilton commended Mr. Roberts for taking the extra step to make recommendations to help homeowners in the community.

Public comment was taken on this item.

Jerry Brady spoke about President Obama signing executive order amending the code for firefighter life safety. Violations in code restrictions could result in a civil or criminal liability.

Don Roberts spoke about the life safety requirements for building codes. Now the main focus for building codes. Commercial and high rise buildings have had this liability for a long time.

4. Special Session.

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

Council decided to not hold an additional special session this month.

5. Comments from the Public. None

6. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Terry Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy Morgan, Town Clerk