

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 2016, 6:30 P.M.**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016, 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 6:30 p.m.
2. **Opening Ceremonies.**
 - 2.1. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Done.
 - 2.2. **Invocation.** Councilmember Nancy Wright gave the invocation.
3. **Roll Call.** Town Council Members Arlene Alen, Jack Hamilton, Mark McBrady, Dennis Repan, Nancy Wright; Vice Mayor Doug Treadway; and Mayor Terry Nolan were present.
4. **Announcements Regarding Current Events, Guests, Appointments, and Proclamations.**

Mayor Nolan announced the Horses with Heart Barrel Race on October 22, 2016, and shared information regarding this event.

Mayor Nolan thanked the Town Staff for their participation at the Trailhead and Traffic Light dedication events, as well as the Agua Fria Festival.

CM Wright announced a blood drive to be held October 11, 2016, at the Humboldt Bible Church.

4.1. ADOT presentation regarding ongoing/future ADOT projects relative to D-H and the speeding and speed signs etc. discussion items identified by Council at July 19th meeting. (Alvin Stump, P.E., Northwest District Engineer)

Alvin Stump was in attendance and gave a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Stump spoke on projects in this region occurring in the near future. He spoke on questions regarding the new traffic light. ADOT is studying and evaluating issues with the new light such as left turns, speed and signal timing.

Mr. Stump also noted that next year they will be working on a reversible lane project on I-17, wherein two south-bound lanes could have traffic switched over in the case of an accident or emergency closure.

There was Council discussion and comment regarding the traffic light issues, Mr. Stump's background, and questions regarding qualifications for turning lanes at busy intersections.

Mayor Nolan requested public input. There was no public input.

CM Repan asked about bringing the speed limit down to 55 on the approaches to the new traffic light.

Mr. Stump acknowledged that they are looking at this situation by taking into consideration how far the light is from the next one, the average speed driven in this area, and enforcement issues.

Mayor Nolan spoke of interest in having an electronic speed sign on the north and south side and would that be acceptable to ADOT.

Mr. Stump said an encroachment agreement could be worked out, but recommended moving it around as people tend to begin to ignore the stationery signs.

Public Comment – Ted Brooks spoke of understanding ADOT's position and agrees that

speed reductions can cause more accidents, rather than less, due to the mix of people responding to the posted speeds and those not.

Mr. Stump showed a short video of the proposed I-17 concept with south-end reversible lanes in the event of an accident and answered a few Council questions regarding ADOT funding.

CM Wright asked if there is direct phone number to call when the light is not functioning property.

Mr. Stump said there is a Traffic Operations Center number, which he could provide later. General questions or non-emergent issues could be directed to the projects@azdot website.

4.2. Yavapai College Presentation. (Dr. Ron Liss, Vice President for Instruction and Student Development – speaker)

Dr. Ron Liss, Vice President for Institution and Student Development gave an overview of Yavapai County Community College and handed out brochures on basic information about the college. There are new culinary programs being implemented in Sedona; Prescott campus is renovating their arts area; Sedona and Clarkdale are delivering shows as well; and there is construction beginning in Prescott Valley with the addition of a second floor for all programs. Dr. Liss spoke on working with NAU and ASU to develop third and fourth years and Master's Programs and shared other information pertaining to the area. Town Halls will be held in the future to hear from the community input on their needs. They will also be working with high schools to develop job training, as well.

Mayor Nolan inquired if there were any plans to locate a campus in Dewey-Humboldt.

Dr. Liss noted that he did not believe they are looking for new campus sites rather how to bring education to the community, such as online access, looking to libraries for example.

There was further Council discussion regarding community outreach.

5. Town Manager's Report. Update on Current Events.

Town Manager Kimball informed the Council that the EPA sent the latest fact sheet and citizens should be receiving it in the mail. The remedial investigation report for the Superfund sites is available for review in the Town Hall, as well as the Library. A representative of the EPA will attend the Council meeting on October 18, 2016, to provide a brief presentation. University of Arizona has provided a binder, as well, on the Iron King Mine and Smelter site. Both binders are available for public perusal at Town Hall.

6. Consent Agenda.

6.1. Minutes. Minutes from the June 14, 2016 Work Session, July 5, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and July 12, 2016 Work Session.

Mayor Nolan made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, CM Hamilton seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

7. Comments from the Public (on non-agendized items only). None.

8. Discussion Agenda – Unfinished Business. Discussion and Possible Action on any issue which was not concluded, was postponed, or was tabled during a prior meeting.

8.1. Current Private Roads transition (to Town-owned-and-maintained roads) policy and implementation procedures. Staff report and Council review and comment.

Town Manager Kimball gave a brief overview of why the item was being discussed at this meeting and not during budget season. Resolution 07-49 addresses the policy. There are not many requests for this, but it is a good time to clarify this matter and be on the same page regarding implementation.

There was extensive Council discussion with Public Works Supervisor Ed Hanks regarding the requirements and maintenance standards to transition a private road to public with many questions about the minimum road condition standards and legal requirements before a transition can occur. Supervisor Hanks shared that the standards are covered in Ordinance 152.09 and Resolution 07-49. Council discussed ways to ease the burden on citizens wishing to transition roads, but that there are limits in accomplishing this due to legalities and difficulties such as financial burden; surveys; road improvement to meet standards, mortgage company requirements, etc...

Public Comment – Ted Brooks spoke of the financial hardship and having property owners pay for this through a property tax.

There was also further Council discussion and questions about Road Improvement Districts, as well as the extensive time frame to accomplish private road transitions.

Public Comment – Ted Brooks inquired as to what an improvement district does and if the financial burden would be spread over a period of time and was informed it was like a loan.

CM Hamilton made a motion to approve having staff look into improvement districts to see what is involved (best practice), seconded by CM Alen, the motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion Agenda – New Business. Discussion and Possible Action on matters not previously presented to the Council.

9.1. Approval of Dewey-Humboldt Local Historical Area as defined by Planning & Zoning and discussed by Council from recommendation in Town Manager’s Report.
[CAARF requested by CM Alen]

CM Alen clarified that this was brought forth as there was confusion and error over the fact that a Local Historical Area (LHA) is being defined, not a Historical Area District. Just the title needs to be changed for clarity.

Mayor Nolan pointed out that Ms. Alen’s original CAARF referred to a historical district, but changing it to an “area” from “district” is fine. Mayor Nolan recommended that the Iron King Mine needs to be included in the LHA.

There was Council discussion regarding the Iron King Mine and the Smelter, as to which existed first, however, there was Council consensus to include it in the historical area.

CM Alen spoke that the areas included in Planning & Zoning recommendations were a good baseline, but there was discussion by the Commission that other areas could be added to the LHA by future Councils, as well.

Mayor Nolan made a motion to add the Iron King Mine to the LHA designation, seconded by VM Treadway.

CM Repan spoke of still being at a loss to understand the need for the LHA and why people need to have this defined.

CM Alen replied that if this designation had an impact on citizens, there would have been much more dialogue about this subject. CM Alen spoke of the LHA helping with history, education, tourism and not being able to move forward in this area without the designation.

Mayor Nolan asked CM McBrady if he had information about the train station that was located at Cherry Creek, near Highways 69 and 169, and if this could be defined as part of the LHA.

CM McBrady gave an overview on the history that he was aware of regarding the train station and that it would be appropriate to be included.

CM Hamilton spoke of the P & Z Commission having discussed including Young's Farm and the ranching area, however, they decided to start with the Humboldt designation.

Mayor Nolan asked to have the motion repeated by Town Clerk Morgan.

TC Morgan read back, "to approve adding the mine site into the LHA".

Mayor Nolan called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

CM Alen made a motion to approve the map of the Local Historical Area, including the mine site, seconded by CM Treadway, the motion passed unanimously.

9.2. Discussion to send letter to Property Owners along Prescott Dells Rd., Rocky Hill Rd., and Dewey Road for Private to Public Road Transition for the purpose of creating circulation roads through Blue Hills area. [CAARF requested by Mayor Nolan]

Mayor Nolan gave an overview of his CAARF and recommended that the policy regarding this issue be sent on Town letterhead to the property owners in these areas, to educate them on the process.

CM Hamilton spoke of there being many more people affected than just these specific residents mentioned recommending that the information be published in the newsletter.

Mayor Nolan spoke of the specific interest of the property owners mentioned in his CAARF and that addressing them directly would give them an opportunity to see how difficult the process may be. Mayor felt that this information would be too much for the Newsletter and recommended direct letters.

CM Alen inquired if this was the same area as petitions circulated earlier in the year, and recommended that the circulator of that petition could take information back to the petitioners, but is not sure that outreach shouldn't be global at this point.

Mayor Nolan spoke that information on Town letterhead would make it official, any other form of delivery to other individuals could be misconstrued.

CM Alen recommended that the information be sent to everyone, avoiding misinterpretation.

CM Repan felt that it would be a good gesture to respond to the petitioners, but felt both avenues of communication could be pursued.

PWS Hanks spoke of a number of citizens coming in to Town Hall to pick up the information available on private road transition and recommended proceeding with the staff directive to bring back information on road improvement districts before giving out any other information on this matter.

TM Kimball requested of Town Council to clarify the content of this intended communication and noted that the current resolution is already posted online, with no interpretation, included. Any clarification would be an explanation of the standards. Sending a letter is not a problem, but the content requires Council discussion. With Council consent she could make mention in the Newsletter that Council is considering possible

modifications to the road transition process. This could also include information to contact Staff or Council with any questions.

Public Comment – Lori Crofutt spoke of herself, as well as others, not receiving the Newsletter.

TM Kimball pointed out that the Newsletter, if not received through the bulk mailing, is available online and copies are also available at Town Hall or the Library.

Mayor Nolan said this matter of communication requested in his CAARF could wait to see if there are any modifications to the existing policy.

9.3. Big Brother Big Sister [request to hear future] Presentation. [CAARF requested by Mayor Nolan]

Mayor Nolan gave an overview of his CAARF explaining that Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to make a presentation and present a proclamation for the Mayor to read at the November 1, 2016, Regular Council Meeting. There is also an event scheduled for October 22, 2016, at Prescott Junction wherein the local Mayors will provide and auction pies in support of the cause.

CM Repan made a motion to allow Big Brothers Big Sisters to make a presentation and proclamation at the November 1, 2016, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by CM Alen, the motion passed unanimously.

10. Public Hearing Agenda. None.

11. Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Terry Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy Morgan, Town Clerk