

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT  
TOWN COUNCIL  
STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
APRIL 12, 2016, 2:00 P.M.**

**A STUDY SESSION OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016, 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 2:02 p.m.
2. **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.
3. **Study Session.** No legal action to be taken.

**3.1. FY 16 Quarterly Financial Report (as of March 31, 2016) and introduction to OpenGov financial transparency module (OpenGov module is live on the town website).**

Accountant Deni Thompson gave her report and answered Council questions. There was discussion on OpenGov and when the data is updated (approximately 10 days after month end).

Public comment was received on this item from Jerry Brady who spoke on the report being in compliance with laws and commended staff on a good job.

Accounting Clerk Mickey Moore gave an overview and demonstration of OpenGov with the Town's live data now available online (on town's website home page [www.dhaz.gov](http://www.dhaz.gov), "OpenGov Link"). Council spoke on wanting more detail provided on OpenGov.

**3.2. 2011- 2021 Capital Improvement Plan review, assessment and direction for future implementation. (Continued from March 15th meeting).**

Council discussed the pros and cons for having a Capital Improvement Plan. The general consensus was to set the CIP aside. Vice Mayor Treadway inquired of Public Works Supervisor Hanks if he felt any of the projects listed in the CIP were worthwhile. There was discussion regarding road improvements on the west side of town to increase the ingress/egress to more than one route. This led to further discussion on road work with the general consensus that this may be too costly for the current budget, unless there was grant money available. TM Kimball will do further research to determine if a formal repeal is necessary.

Public comment was received on this item from Jerry Brady who spoke to a 30-year ADOT plan, which requires 3 ingress/egress points with only one currently on the west side of town. He also spoke to funding issues and recommended Town Council take advantage of some federal funding available with a 20-year plan, as did the County and City of Prescott.

Town Manager Kimball spoke to repealing Resolution 10-74 with CM Wright questioning to the need for repeal

**3.3. Council letter regarding the Iron King/Humboldt Smelter Superfund site issues to Senator McCain. (Continued from the March 15th meeting)**

Mayor Nolan spoke to the letter and indicated approval. Council Member Alen spoke to having been at the Tri-City Chambers Luncheon and speaking with Senator McCain regarding the impending letter from Council. Senator McCain encouraged the Town to invite him for a tour of D-H. Mayor Nolan indicated that the letter would be revised to include an invitation for Senator McCain to visit D-H.

Public comment was received from Jerry Brady who spoke on an order of publication for an emergency response plan and that these issues should be addressed with Senator McCain.

### **3.4. Discussion of Ethics Hearing Process. [CAARF requested by CM Alen]**

Council Member Alen spoke on Council's extensive time spent on the Code of Ethics process over the past couple years. CM Alen pointed out what she experienced as flaws in the ethics hearing process and encouraged that Council address the process. Council discussed holding a special meeting with Magistrate Judge in attendance to go over the process. Mayor Nolan indicated that an Ethics Officer was hired to handle these hearings. Council consensus was that a special meeting with the Magistrate be held and any outcome of the meeting would then be relayed to the Ethics Hearing Officer.

Public comment was received from Jerry Brady who spoke agreeing with CM Alen referring to rules of evidence and general procedure that apply to administrative proceedings.

There was Council consensus to hold a work session on the Ethics Hearing process on May 24, 2016, from 1 - 3 p.m. with Judge Kelley in attendance (pending Judge Kelley's availability), and place any further Ethics hearing on hold until the process is modified.

## **4. Special Session. No legal action was taken.**

### **4.1. Consideration of individual Council member(s)' proposals and ideas as they are related to the FY 17 Budget's General Fund, Highway User Revenues Fund (HURF) and Grant Funds. [CAARF requested by CM Repan, continued from March 8th Work Session] Discussion and possible action.**

Council Member Repan gave an overview of his CAARF as this being a place to begin the budgetary process. Council Members discussed different proposals to be considered in the 2016-17 budget, i.e. building a town hall; solar lighting for the Town flags; continuation of well water testing; road improvements for emergency access vehicles; consideration of assuming private roads; D-H Museum rent assistance; Agua Fria festival support.; routine road maintenance; solar lights for the Town Hall porch; increase of legal fees; and Meals on Wheels.

Public Comment from Jerry Brady who spoke to rights-of-way and easements that were transferred to public entities, as well as federal funds available to bring roads up to emergency standards for ingress and egress.

Town Manager Kimball reviewed her notes on proposed items for the budget: OSAT requested \$15k for a second trailhead; solar light for flagpole at town hall; \$10k for private well water testing; allow for increased legal fees (abatement and rate increase); museum rent \$8400; \$2k for Agua Fria Festival; \$40k for level one road maintenance

on 50 miles of private roads; \$2500 Meals-on-wheels; Public Works proposal for road projects.

Council consensus was to put all the proposed items in the preliminary budget, including an extensive road project plan. Council will then review and discuss these items during future budget meetings with the option of removing proposed items, if necessary. CM Wright left the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

**4.2. 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.**

Town Manager Kimball noted that there is an additional Special Budget Workshop scheduled on April 26, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. No other additional special sessions were scheduled.

**5. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 504 p.m.

  
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Terry Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Judy Morgan, Town Clerk