

**TOWN COUNCIL OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
STUDY SESSION NOTICE**

Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 2:00 P.M.

**STUDY SESSION
2735 S. HWY 69, SUITE 10**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL
DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA**

AGENDA SUMMARY

1. **Call To Order.** Mayor Nolan called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Town Council Members Jack Hamilton, Doug Treadway, Victoria Wendt, Vice Mayor John Hughes and Mayor Terry Nolan were present. Council Members Timmons and Mark McBrady were absent.
3. **Study Session.** No legal action to be taken

A. Idea to create road signs for the roads town doesn't own (Mayor Nolan – CAARF)

Mayor Nolan gave an overview of his CAARF, which would allow community members to have a road sign installed, by the Town, on non-Town owned roads. The road sign would be paid for by the community members, not the Town.

Public Works Director Ed Hanks stated the total cost of the sign, plus installation by the Town, would be \$350. He suggested the shape and size would be the same, but should have different coloring to distinguish the sign being a private road.

There was Council discussion on allowing the community to purchase a private road sign.

This item will be added to the Consent Agenda at the next meeting.

B. Discussion of potential Ingress/Egress for Blue Hills (Mayor Nolan - CAARF)

Mayor Nolan gave an overview of his CAARF that proposed connecting Lovin Lane, through BLM land, to Iron King Road. There are private properties there that we would have to get permission from the property owners to connect the roads.

There was Council discussion on the issues and costs involved in getting these roads connected. We might need to have a survey completed. We will need to contact the property owners, WAMPA and Shawn Jackson with BLM for their permission.

Public Comment

Leigh Cluff – asked if we would need to do archeology again. PWD Ed Hanks stated only on State land. Ms. Cluff stated this could take three or four years to complete, although this could have already been done.

Town Manager Tom Wilson talked about scheduling a couple dates to take individuals out to see the land, then connecting with BLM and WAMPA.

There was further Council discussion on the issues and costs involved in getting these roads connected.

This item will be added to the Consent Agenda at the next meeting.

C. Discuss passing a resolution opposing wildlife (predator) killing contests in Dewey-Humboldt (CM Treadway - CAARF)

CM Doug Treadway talked about the proposed coyote killing contest that is scheduled to occur in the Town of Dewey-Humboldt, which is not sponsored by the Town. He reflected on a personal experience of seeing someone shooting geese needlessly. He stated he is not against legal hunting or a farmer defending his livestock. This is about what is decent and morally right for Arizona's Country Town and not being associated with killing contests, etc. He stated he would like the Council to consider passing this resolution.

There was Council discussion on how the Town would enforce this resolution.

Public Comment

Ulys Brooks – stated he taught the State of Arizona Hunter Safety program for 30 years. He said a resolution is not needed for this, as it is well covered by the State of Arizona. It is against the law to shoot game for fun. If you have any concerns, check with Game and Fish.

Karen Brooks - stated she didn't know of any place in the Town of Dewey-Humboldt, that is less than a 1/4 mile away from a residence, that you can't discharge a firearm. She talked about two different incidents that occurred with coyotes, but stated we don't need any more regulations on coyotes.

There was further Council discussion on whether or not to add this resolution, when it is already covered under State Law.

Public Comment

Leigh Cluff – stated that if you have livestock on your property, you can put out coyote traps. She said she would rather see the coyotes shot than trapped, so they don't have to suffer.

CM Doug Treadway clarified his position on his CAARF, stating this will send a clear message that the Town does not condone this type of activity.

This item will be added to the Consent Agenda at the next meeting.

D. Discuss enacting Yavapai County's law on using a cell phone while driving in Dewey-Humboldt (CM Hamilton - CAARF)

CM Jack Hamilton talked about adding the same resolution that Yavapai County passed regarding banning the use of cell phones while driving. He stated that the Sheriff can provide enforcement of this resolution for the Town.

There was Council discussion on whether to pass a resolution to adopt the Yavapai County ordinance.

Public Comment

Leigh Cluff – stated this is only for hand held devices, not for a Bluetooth vehicle speaker.

This item will be added to the Consent Agenda at the next meeting.

E. Review Model Tax Code (Mayor Nolan - CAARF)

TM Tom Wilson gave an overview of the tax code that the Town has adopted. The enforcement is the responsibility of the Town, not the state. We need to consider who we are taxing and the amount being taxed. We also need to let businesses know that they should be licensed by means of a Newsletter article and through letters to be sent to pertinent businesses.

There was Council discussion on the Town's tax code and how the Town should be enforcing the code.

Public Comment

Leigh Cluff – asked who would pay for an event like a wedding. Councilmember John Hughes stated the people putting on the wedding would pay the tax. She also was concerned about how much the Town's advertising would cost.

Karen Brooks – stated she would like to see the Town Manager and the Mayor to write some encouraging letters to our heads of State in regard to the reduction of Federal and State monies and that small Towns are hurting. She also brought up that we need to encourage the new owners of Giant gas station to finish their project.

Gary Mortimer – stated he thought that everyone should expect to pay sales tax. He talked about how Mortimer Farms handles their taxes. In the past, they have charged a flat admission price and taken the tax from that admission price. Now, they are adding the tax onto the admission price and customers have no problem with the additional tax. Their vendors are required to get a city license and pay their sales tax. The business owner is the tax collector.

There was further Council discussion on the Town's tax code and how the Town should be enforcing the code.

F. Discuss 2019 Town Council Meeting Schedule Conflicts of 1/1/19 & 8/20/19

There was Council discussion on changing the 1/1/19 meeting to 1/8/19, and the 8/20/19 meeting to 8/13/19.

This item will be added to the Consent Agenda at the next meeting.

4. Adjourn. Mayor Nolan adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.