

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL “BUDGET” STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013, 8:30AM**

A SPECIAL “BUDGET” STUDY SESSION OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013, 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 8:35 a.m.

2. **Roll Call.**

2.1. Town Council. Town Council Members Arlene Alen, Denise Rogers, Nancy Wright; Vice Mayor Dennis Repan; and Mayor Terry Nolan were present. Councilmember Mark McBrady was absent.

3. **FY 2013-14 Budget Deliberation.** Legal Action can be taken.

3.1. Public Works Presentation on Multi-Year Road Maintenance Plan. A presentation by Ed Hanks, Public Works Supervisor.

Public Works Supervisor Ed Hanks gave an overview on the modified road plan changing from a 6-year to a 7-year plan to include all town roads. There was discussion on road repair needed for some of those roads and how to manage the repairs along with the maintenance to get the best value for the dollar.

Council discussed looking at a different plan where the worst roads are identified and repair on those is a priority, being done over the first couple of years, using reserves to bring up to the proper standard.

Town Manager Kimball asked for direction on how much Council would like to spend from reserves.

Vice Mayor Repan made a motion to add the “Aggressive Maintenance” using \$60k from the HURF reserves and \$25k for a dump truck into the budget, seconded by Councilmember Wright. It was approved unanimously (5-0 vote as Councilmember McBrady was absent).

3.2. Highlights and Review of FY 2013-14 Tentative Budget. Council Deliberation and possible action to modify Tentative Budget content.

Council reviewed the remainder of the budget starting with the grant funds. There was discussion on the Capital Improvement Plan, whether it needs updating, and those priority projects in the plan being included in the budget. Council recommended re-labeling them to a more generic project name such as trail planning.

Council reviewed those few things left from the previous day’s meeting.

Community Development Community Outreach: trash recycle program (stop the program due to abuse if contract allows); roving dumpster (look into other options); museum rent (provide another 1-year’s rent to D-H Historical Society); Little League (eliminated).

Councilmember Alen spoke on her request for including money in the budget for the Town’s branding. There was discussion on what the branding would do for the town.

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Mayor Nolan made a motion to include the money in the budget for branding, seconded by Vice Mayor Repan. It was approved by a 4-1 vote in favor, Councilmember Wright voting against.

There was discussion on whether to put money in the budget for the Junior Statesmen Foundation Tuition Program. This will come up to council next year.

Council discussed whether to fund iPads or tablets for the Council.

Vice Mayor Repan made a motion to not fund iPads for the Council, seconded by Councilmember Wright. The motion was approved by a 4-1 vote in favor, Mayor Nolan voting against.

Council discussed the Water System Feasibility funding (for Humboldt Water Systems).

Vice Mayor Repan made a motion to remove the Water System Study from the Budget, seconded by Councilmember Rogers. The motion was approved by a 4-1 vote in favor, Mayor Nolan voting against.

Council agreed to leave \$1k under OSP Engineering for unforeseen issues.

Town Manager Kimball reviewed the changes made with utilities for the court (separated from the rest of town hall expenses).

There was discussion on whether to budget for an election in the event the Council wishes to have a franchise agreement with APS. There was discussion on this and how the town currently handles work by APS within the Town's rights-of-way.

TM Kimball explained the Council now had \$40k in excess under the General Fund. Council considered whether to add in anything to the budget such as money for Town vehicles, Council allowance or for the Yavapai County Economic Development Partnership. There was discussion on the pros and cons of partnering for economic development. Councilmember Alen explained the importance of keeping this in the budget to keep the town "at the table" and decision whether to pay for the membership coming at a later time once they know the ROI.

Mayor Nolan made a motion to put \$4000 back into the budget for Regional Economic Development with the stipulation that Council would need to approve it prior to spending it, seconded by Councilmember Alen.

The motion failed by a 2-3 vote, Councilmembers Rogers, Wright and Vice Mayor Repan voting against.

Town Manager Kimball reviewed the budget fund amounts and explained the document would be provided to the council prior to the public hearing.

4. **Comments from the Public.** None.
5. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Terry Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy Morgan, Town Clerk