

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014, 6:30 P.M.**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014, 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 6:33 p.m.
2. **Opening Ceremonies.**
 - 2.1. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Made.
 - 2.2. **Invocation.** Given by Councilmember Nancy Wright.
3. **Roll Call.** Town Council Members Jack Hamilton, Mark McBrady, Dennis Repan, Sonya Williams-Rowe (arrived late at 6:37 p.m.), Nancy Wright; Vice Mayor Arlene Alen; and Mayor Terry Nolan were present.
4. **Announcements Regarding Current Events, Guests, Appointments, and Proclamations.** Announcements of items brought to the attention of the Mayor not requiring legal action by the Council. Guest Presentations, Appointments, and Proclamations may require Council discussion and action.

Mayor Nolan announced a book signing on Saturday for "Around Dewey-Humboldt", by J.P. Gorham.

Mayor Nolan invited Supervisor Tom Thurman to give an update to the Town on the following: Stoplight at Main Street and Highway 69; Drainage projects with Yavapai County Flood Control; FEMA project to remap floodplain.

Councilmember Williams-Rowe arrived at 6:37 p.m.

Tom Thurman continued to talk about FEMA and flood insurance; offered to extend County IGA for Building Safety Services; the WAC (Water Advisory Committee) and recommending the town maintain its membership for at least another year; clean-up programs in Yavapai County; partial restoration of HURF (Highway User funds); increase in state shared sales tax this year; other bills pending. He spoke on the Yarnell memorial ceremony on May 10th.

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

Town Manager Kimball spoke on the next town clean-up event on March 30th – Household Hazardous waste disposal program in Prescott.
6. **Consent Agenda.**
 - 6.1. **Minutes.** Minutes from the February 18, 2014 Regular meeting, February 25, 2014 Special Visioning meeting, and March 4, 2014 Regular meeting.

Vice Mayor Alen made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2014 Regular Meeting, February 25, 2014 Special Visioning meeting, and March 4, 2014 Regular meeting, seconded by Councilmember Williams-Rowe. It was approved unanimously.

7. Comments from the Public (on non-agendized items only).

None.

8. Public Hearing Agenda.

8.1. Use Permit for Off-Premise sign and setback waiver for Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society. Public Hearing, discussion and possible action to approve, deny or approve the application with modifications.

The public hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m.

Carl Marsee, D-H Historical Society Chairman of the Board, thanked the Council for promoting local history. He spoke on the history of the tank being used for the signage.

There were no more public comments so the public hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.

Councilmember Hamilton made a motion to approve the Use Permit for Off-Premise sign and setback waiver, as presented with staff's recommendations and stipulations, seconded by Vice Mayor Alen. It was approved unanimously.

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

None.

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

10.1. Discuss if the Town wants infrastructure installed. [CAARF requested by CM Hamilton]

Councilmember Hamilton stated he should have requested the agenda item for discussion and action. He read from his prepared statement regarding water and sewer infrastructure, costs and sustainability. He explained he didn't think the residents should be burdened with paying for and using a future system. There was discussion on when infrastructure might be considered (many years out, at least).

Councilmember Hamilton made a motion that the Dewey-Humboldt Council will not force its citizens to join a sewer system if it is ever installed, seconded by Councilmember Wright.

There was discussion on making this decision before they are ready to talk about the detail; how the visioning process works with the citizens' and stakeholders' input; a sewer system would likely go in the lower income section of town first, and the cost/burden on those property owners; decades away from this consideration and tying the hands of future councils now with this action; infrastructure would go before the voters to decide normally.

Public comment was taken on this item.

Jerry Brady spoke on historic problems with well water being contaminated by septic systems. He spoke on a possible need for a domestic water supply, and fire, water and electrical systems being in danger.

Councilmember Hamilton explained he wants to make a statement (through this motion) so the people will know how the Council feels about infrastructure.

A vote was taken on the motion, which failed by a 2-5 vote, Councilmembers McBrady, Repan, Williams-Rowe, Vice Mayor Alen and Mayor Nolan voting against.

10.2. To set a date, following our ED Visioning Sessions and upcoming ULI program to participate in this process as part of looking toward our mandatory General Plan revision. [CAARF requested by VM Alen]

Vice Mayor Alen gave an overview.

Vice Mayor Alen made a motion to move this to the next available work session, seconded by Councilmember McBrady.

There was discussion on the timing for a General Plan revision still being 5 years off.

Public comment was taken on this item.

Jerry Brady spoke on other local agencies revising their general plans due to changes in the accountability standards and he advised D-H do the same. He spoke on septic systems and percolation problems and considering this when it is necessary to “fix the problem”.

A vote was taken on the motion, which passed by a 5-2 vote in favor, Councilmembers Hamilton and Wright voting against.

10.3. Determine Rotation of Ethics Committee 2014-2015 and beyond and set panel. [CAARF requested by VM Alen]

Vice Mayor Alen gave an overview, suggesting they need to put the committee in place now. Councilmember Wright was asked if she wished to serve as the “rotating council member” for this first year, since she is the “most senior” member of council. She agree to serve in this capacity.

Councilmember Hamilton made a motion to approve having Councilmember Nancy Wright serve on the ethics committee for the first year, seconded by Councilmember Repan. It was approved unanimously.

10.4. Intent to apply for the Yavapai Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) grant for the Newtown Trailhead Project and/or other project(s) at the Council’s discretion.

Direct staff to or not to apply for the grant for specific projects.

Mayor Nolan gave an overview and suggested a possible project to propose for this grant (fire break on the west side of Dewey-Humboldt town limits). There was discussion on the firebreak and the grant amount limit.

Public comment was taken on this item.

Jerry Brady spoke on his career doing firebreaks; stacking grants for this type of work; putting the trailhead in, in conjunction with the firebreak; Lynx Lake’s joint use as recreational and an incident command center.

Councilmember Hamilton made a motion directing staff to apply for the grant for both projects, seconded by Councilmember Repan.

Town Manager Kimball explained the trailhead project was being considered for this grant and her intent to submit separately for these two projects.

A vote was taken on the motion, which passed by a unanimous vote in favor.

Town Manager Kimball explained the additional information given to her by OSAT Chair, Sandra Goodwin. Ms. Goodwin has spoken to the district manager on the trailhead project and received support for it. Ms. Goodwin will assist with the grant writing.

10.5. To approve hosting a booth at the League of Cities and Town Conference.
[CAARF requested by Mayor Nolan]

Mayor Nolan gave an overview and reviewed the possible costs and what could be handed out. There was discussion on this and whether the Town and its citizens would benefit from doing this.

Public comment was taken on this item.

Jerry Brady spoke on grant entitlements that could be used for this; Civil War battles that happened in this area and promoting that.

Mayor Nolan made a motion to host a booth at the League Conference and hand out information on the DHHS Museum, Agua Fria Festival and the Town, seconded by Councilmember McBrady. The motion failed by a 3-4 vote, Councilmembers Hamilton, Repan, Wright and Vice Mayor Alen voting against.

11. Comments from the Public.

Jerry Brady stated the U.S. Federal Reserve Board has acknowledged we are not in a realignment; he spoke on permanent retrenchment; sovereign debt; anything not committed has less probability of getting done.

12. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Terry Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy Morgan, Town Clerk