

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
TOWN COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2015, 2:00 P.M.**

A STUDY SESSION OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015, AT TOWN HALL AT 2735 S. STATE ROUTE 69, DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA. VICE MAYOR HAMILTON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER, AND MAYOR TERRY NOLAN PRESIDED AT HIS ARRIVAL AFTER ROLL CALL.

1. **Call To Order.** The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Town Council Members Arlene Alen, Mark McBrady (absent at roll call-arrived at 2:09 p.m.), Dennis Repan, Doug Treadway, Nancy Wright; Vice Mayor Jack Hamilton; and Mayor Terry Nolan (absent at roll call-arrived at 2:03 p.m.) were present.

Mayor Nolan arrived at 2:09 p.m. and took over chairing the meeting.

3. **Study Session.** No legal action to be taken.

3.1. Staff presentation on OpenGov Financial Transparency Software utilization.

Accountant Deni Thompson gave an overview on the OpenGov program and showed a demo of how the software works through the public access site.

Councilmember McBrady arrived at 2:09 p.m.

There was discussion on the cost and term of the contract; if this satisfies the state mandates for government transparency; how OpenGov compares to OpenBooks in functionality and price; how this gets handled in the budget – “transparency” is budgeted; timing of this research and agenda topic as it pertains to the budget workshops; with mandates more software options will become available over time; implementation of software and conversion of data.

Town Manager Kimball explained they would run both OpenBooks and OpenGov parallel the first year. The \$3700 cost for the software is within her authority to spend as it is under \$5k, but was still bringing this to Council for their knowledge.

Staff was directed to find out if this program will satisfy the state mandates like OpenBooks does and to bring this back on a regular session under “New business” for Council to consider legal action.

3.2. Building Lease with Community Action Program (CAP) for Town Library located at 2735 S. Coral St., Dewey-Humboldt.

Town Manager Kimball gave an overview explaining the timing of the lease was such she wanted to provide Council enough time to make other arrangements if it was their desire or to continue to move forward with the current arrangements, before the 180 day deadline for notification before the lease term expires.

Council discussed there were no better options at this time, but in the future may consider including the Library location along with the Town hall location if building a Town Hall Center. Ms. Kimball answered a question regarding maintenance costs this last year for the Library facility, which was below the \$1200 maximum limitation in the contract.

Council direction was to continue with the CAP lease at this point, with the understanding the Lease will be automatically renew for a one-year term on June 30, 2016. No notice of “not renewing” the lease will be needed.

3.3. Presentation of a list of Hearing Officers for Public Body Code of Ethics complaints prepared by the Town Attorney and next steps.

Mayor Nolan asked Council if they had had a chance to review the resumes of the three ethics hearing officers (EHO) provided to council under “Attorney/Client Privilege” prior to the meeting. There was some discussion on one of the potential EHOs. This will need to go on a Regular Agenda for selection through legal action.

There was discussion on the age of most of the complaints and verifying if the complainants are still interested in having their complaints heard. Vice Mayor Hamilton stated he would like for dismiss the complaint he filed against Councilmember McBrady. He will submit a formal notice to this effect to the Town Clerk.

Council gave direction to staff to contact the other complainants to see what their desire is (move forward or dismiss) with their complaints.

4. Special Session. Legal action can be taken.

4.1. 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.

Council discussed the work load on the September 1st agenda and whether they should add a “Regular” meeting on the 25th of August. TM Kimball reviewed the items on the list and explained most of these would not be able to move up to August 25th.

Council decided to not add an additional meeting this month.

5. Comments from the Public. None.

6. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Terry Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy Morgan, Town Clerk