

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP #2 MINUTES
May 24, 2016, 9:00 A.M.**

A SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP #2 OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 24, 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 9:03 a.m. Mayor Nolan presided.
2. **Roll Call.** Town Council Members Arlene Alen, Jack Hamilton, Mark McBrady, Dennis Repan, Nancy Wright; and Mayor Terry Nolan were present. Vice Mayor Doug Treadway was absent.
3. **FY2016-17 Budget Deliberation.** Legal Action can be taken. Council Deliberation and possible action to modify Preliminary Budget content.
 - 3.1. **Review of Preliminary Budget by Funds and Departments (General Fund – Revenues, Expenditures: Town Council and Management, Town Clerk, Finance, Legal, IT, Magistrate Court, Public Safety, Engineering, Public Works, and Community Development, non-Departmental; HURF – Revenues, Expenditures: Engineering, Public Works; Grant Fund), continued.**

Town Manager (TM) Kimball gave an overview explaining this is the second budget workshop. Return items for consideration are employee benefits/compensation, community outreach, and one-time road project(s).

Council discussed when to hear input from the public on budget considerations. Consensus was to get input before council deliberation.

Public comment was taken.

Victoria Wendt stated her perception of over-inflation of some line items, specifically personnel. Ms. Wendt was told that Ms. Kimball could talk with her about this after the meeting.

Councilmember McBrady arrived at 9:12 a.m.

Town Manager Kimball spoke on addressing those three outstanding items (benefits; community outreach and one-time road projects). Public Works Supervisor Ed Hanks has some other ideas for enhancement of the CDBG project which would cost the town an additional \$20k+ over and above the CDBG monies.

PW Supervisor Hanks spoke on the one-time road projects: 1. across Hwy. 69 from Main St., reset the cattle guard, fix dip, rebuild, etc., for about \$25-30k.; 2. for \$20k of town budget they could add 700 linear feet of sidewalk by the school. There was discussion on how much the town had in the reserve account (approximately \$2Mil). There was further discussion on how to bring more town maintained dirt roads up to a better standard and creating a policy on how to upgrade the roads (after the budget adoption).

Councilmember Repan made a motion to approve doing one-time projects #1 (\$15k), #2 (\$26k), #3 (\$25k), and #5 (35k) improving road across from Main Street light, and adding addition (\$20k) funds to CDBG project to extend sidewalk by school. It was seconded by CM Hamilton. It was approved by a 6-0 vote in favor.

Council discussed Employee Compensation and other benefit options, including salary increases and/or paid-time-off (PTO). Councilmember Repan made a motion to approve benefits, keeping the current health insurance policy for employees; with a 2% salary

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increase. It was seconded by CM Hamilton. It was approved by 5-1 vote in favor, Mayor Nolan voting against.

CM McBrady made a motion to give staff 2 extra days off: 1 day before or after Christmas and 1 day before or after New Year's, at the discretion of the Town Manager. It was seconded by Mayor Nolan and approved by a 5-1 vote in favor, CM Hamilton voting against.

Council considered a wage increase for the Court Clerk due to job certification and increased responsibilities. Council asked for Magistrate Judge Kelley to speak to Council on this at a future budget workshop, before they make a decision.

OUTREACH PROGRAMS (monies to non-profits: DHHS Museum and AF Festival; MAMOW; Activity Center. Water Test Kits. Signage at Main Street and Highway) Council discussed those non-profits requesting assistance: The Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society (DHHS) for museum rent and Agua Fria Festival and Mayer Area Meals on Wheels (MAMOW) for their meal program. Council requested reports on the non-profits' needs before committing funds.

Councilmember Repan made a motion to approve the Community Outreach items, excluding the museum rent. There was discussion. Motion was withdrawn to make a new motion.

CM Repan made a motion to approve (under Community Outreach) approving the well-water kits, Firewise, Annual Dumpster day, Citizen Academy, miscellaneous small event costs, signage and code enforcement abatement, excluding Agua Fria Festival, Mayer Area Meals on Wheels, and museum rent. It was seconded by CM McBrady. Council discussed well-water kits. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote in favor.

There was discussion on whether to include a placeholder (\$100,000) in the budget under capital improvements for a potential purchase of the bank building and architectural work if building a new town hall. TM Kimball explained the budget covers some of these potential considerations. Council discussed when the best time was to make this decision (after survey results come back, bank building use/creating Strategic Visioning for this project).

Due to the Court's use of the room immediately following this meeting, Council wrapped up the workshop. TM Kimball explained staff will schedule the next budget meeting; provide a tentative budget to the council; work on scheduling Mr. Nystrom (DHHS), Mayer Area Meals on Wheels and Activity Center representatives to discuss their requests. TM Kimball reviewed the budget timeline: Tentative Budget on 6/21; Council to make decisions on pending Community Outreach items on 6/7; possible final adoption of budget on 7/5.

4. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Terry Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy Morgan, Town Clerk