

TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Cowley in the County of Big Horn and State of Wyoming was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Administration building pursuant to due notice and call.

The meeting was called to order and upon roll call, it was found that the following were present, constituting a quorum:

Mayor	Joel Peterson
Council	Diane Badget
	David Banks
	Dexter Woodis, Jr.
	Dennis Woodward
Deputy Clerk	Lisa Woodis
Guests	Dan Anderson, Police Chief
	Merwin and Linda Spragg

Mayor Peterson led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Peterson welcomed the guests to the meeting. He then asked for any additions or changes to the agenda. There were none.

Joel stated Tim Jones has resigned from the council and then expressed appreciation for his service. Dennis Woodward has been appointed to the position. Joel administered the Oath of Office to Dennis Woodward, newly appointed Council Member.

Mayor Peterson recognized the guests.

Motion was made by Dave, seconded by Diane, to approve the minutes, with changes of the regular monthly Council meeting held January 11, 2011. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dexter, seconded by Dave, to approve the minutes of the work meeting held February 5, 2011. Motion carried.

The financial report for January was read and discussed.

Motion was made by Dave, seconded by Dexter, to approve the bills to be paid. Motion carried.

Reports to Council:

Dan Anderson stated the Town of Lovell is considering the lease of a Harley Davidson Motorcycle. Greg Hess has asked Dan to ask the council to consider paying for part of the lease payment in the amount of \$1200.00/year. Dan feels the revenue for the police is enough to cover the added expense. Dan will inform the council when the Town of Lovell makes the final decision as to whether or not they will go forward with the lease. Dan presented copies of ordinances that he has compiled that have not been adopted by the Council. Dan stated they are the state statutes that Cowley need to adopt. Dave stated they will need to be reviewed before adopting. Joel stated the old ordinances

also need to be reviewed first. Further discussion on adopting the ordinances was tabled until the work meeting on February 22nd.

Dan distributed information on regarding the message the sign to be installed in front of RMMHS. Joel stated the school district has approved \$30,000 for the purchase of a sign. Dan stated there will need to be additional funds to cover the cost of installing the electric lines and the concrete work for the stand for the sign.

Dan asked the council to approve an additional 150 hours for Greg Hess the part time officer, as he is working more hours. Joel asked if the traffic is being controlled in the school zones. Dan stated they are. Dave asked how the car is running. Dan stated it is coming up on 100,000 miles. The transmission is running ok now but there is money in the budget to replace when needed. Dennis asked how far ahead in the budget is a new car. Dan stated he would like it be considered in the 2011-2012 budget.

Dennis stated the Town of Cowley's trailer that is storing the emergency equipment needs new hardware to help store the equipment better. Kim Askvig has the hardware and a new spare tire to replace the one that was lost. The cost for the hardware is around \$500.00. The funds can be taken from the Homeland security money. Dennis will contact Kim and get the hardware to put in the trailer and the exact cost.

Joel stated the town is covering the crossing guard duties for the school. He suggested the town stop the service. It is taking time away from the crew being able to take care of their regular duties.

Dexter asked if Dan will be moving ahead with the purchase of the camera for the police car. Dennis will contact John Hyde, the county emergency coordinator to see if there are any funds for this purchase from LEPC. Dan will bring information to the February 22 work meeting on options for using the Homeland Security funds. Some options for use of the money could be the message sign, the camera for the police car or the dispatch software upgrade.

Joel reported the Myer water line has been repaired and is running. The issue was a tap attempt without authorization. Individuals involved have been informed to stop the process.

Joel stated the water fill station needs to be repaired or rebuilt. Joel has contacted Chris Harp and Chris felt green money would be the best funds to seek after for this project. Council agreed to have Joel go ahead with instructing Chris Harp to pursue the green money funds. Dexter will get price information from Waterworks for the materials needed.

Joel has received price estimates for having an outside source install the sewer line extension for Dan Bennion at the cost of \$20.00-\$22.00 per foot. The cost of having the town crew install the line is approximately \$17.15 per foot and in the winter weather they are only able to dig about 10 feet per day. The outside contractors can guarantee delivery in 4 days. The town will obtain competitive prices from interested contractors and hire the job to the lowest price. Dexter made the motion, seconded by Dave to hire an outside contractor to install the sewer line for the Bennion sewer line. Motion carried.

Joel asked for a motion to re-appoint Tuffy Brost to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Dennis made the motion, seconded by Diane to re-appoint Tuffy Brost to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term of three years. Motion carried

Joel asked for a motion to appoint Frank Weinand to the Planning and Zoning commission. Dexter made the motion, seconded by Diane to appoint Frank Weinand to the Planning and Zoning commission for a term of three years. Motion carried.

Joel asked for a motion to re-appoint the Museum Board officers, Roland Simmons, President, Peggy Rasmussen, Vice President, and Karma Allred, Secretary. Motion made by Dave, seconded by Dennis to re-appoint the Museum Board as mentioned. Motion carried.

Dave made the motion, seconded by Dexter to approve 150 hours for the part time officer. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dexter, seconded by Dave to re-appoint Dennis Woodward as Emergency Planning Coordinator for the Town of Cowley. Motion carried.

Joel stated he will inform the school district that the Town of Cowley is no longer providing crossing guard services on Main and Division and Main and 1st East.

JPIC Board nominations were tabled until the February 22, work meeting.

Diane reported that there was no planning and zoning meeting held in January. She has contacted commissioners Martha Durand and June Minchow and they are willing to continue serving.

Dennis stated he would like to see the First Responders program reestablished and functional. Discussion tabled until the February 22, work meeting.

Changes in Council member duties were made. Dexter will be in charge of parks, pool, beatification. Dennis will be in charge of water, sewer, and garbage.

Work meeting will be February 22, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Work meetings will be held the 4th Tuesday of each month.

There being no further business a motion was made by Dexter, seconded by Diane, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Motion carried.

These minutes pending Council approval.

APPROVAL _____
Joel Peterson, Mayor

ATTEST _____
Lisa Woodis, Deputy Town Clerk