

# 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, December 8, 2009 at 8:30 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	Roland Simmons
Council	Carolyn Barnes
	David Banks
	Tim Jones
	Dexter Woodis, Jr.
Public Works Director	Nick Sponsel
Clerk	Judy Johnson
Assistant Clerk	Lisa Woodis
Guests	Bob Croft, AIS Task Force
	Rudy Strom, Cowley Lumber
	Dan Anderson, Police Chief
	Willie Bridges, Pryor Mountain Engineering
	Diane Badget, Planning and Zoning Commissioner

Mayor Simmons led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance and Tim gave the invocation. Mayor Simmons welcomed the guests to the meeting. He then asked for any additions to the agenda. Dexter requested to add the Cowley Rec proof of cash, Motion made by Tim, seconded by Carolyn to add the Cowley Rec proof of cash to the agenda. Motion carried.

Bob Croft presented information on the potential problem of mussels in the freshwaters of the area. He stated that they are not currently in our area but in the neighboring states waters. Bob would like the town to get involved in getting information out to the public about the problem that the mussels cause in the water systems. His concern is that this could be a problem for our irrigation systems. Dexter suggested that Bob bring the information to the town hall and possibly the information could be included with the next mailing. Bob left pamphlets at the town hall for the public to take.

Rudy Strom was present to present to the council a plan for changing the unloading and loading of the trucks at his business. Rudy stated that he has been having them unload in his driveway but will not be able to do that if there is a lot of rain as it will damage his driveway. Roland stated that he would like to see a plan put in place that will have the trucks coming in on one side of the yard and going out in a loop. Tim also stated that the trucks on the road will be a problem when the school opens. Dexter stated that the trucks turning on the corners are causing them to break down and it is important to preserve the streets. Dave stated to Rudy that the council does not have a solution but would like him to take a close look at the situation and come up with a plan that will work. Tim stated that when the school opens there will be more activity on 4<sup>th</sup> south and the road can't be blocked off. Dexter stated that there have been many complaints from

citizens of the town. Dan suggested that the buses could change the route they take and not use 4<sup>th</sup> south to get to Main Street. Roland stated that the best solution would be to get the trucks off the road and unload in the yard and have no trucks parking on the street. Roland informed Rudy that he needs to have a plan in place before the school opens in the fall.

Motion was made by Carolyn, seconded by Dexter to approve the minutes of the public hearing held October 27. Motion carried. David abstained.

Motion was made by Carolyn, seconded by Tim, to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Council meeting held November 10. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Tim, seconded by Carolyn to approve the minutes as corrected of the work meeting held November 17. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dexter, seconded by Tim to approve the minutes of the special meeting held November 24. Motion carried. David abstained.

The financial report for November was read and discussed.

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

### **Reports to Council:**

Dan Anderson, Police Chief reported things are going well in town. He has started giving warnings on the highway south of town. Roland asked if Dan had any information on the vandalism at the car wash. Dan stated that he had no new information.

Nick requested permission to order business cards for himself and John, council agreed to allow him to order them. Nick asked council if he has permission to order the lighted garland for Main Street. Dexter asked what the cost is. Nick stated that the cost would be \$3,476.80 for 40 poles. Nick said he needs to put a new clutch in the dump truck, the bid if for \$1,100.00. Nick asked if he will be able to keep Pat as there are still things on the list presented to the council previously that need finished. This was discussed in executive session. Willie informed Nick that until the main street project is complete he needs to check with WYDOT before cleaning the new sidewalks. Willie will get in touch with WYDOT to see what is needed.

Willie reported on the Oil and Gas Commission hearing held in Casper. The commission required Neilson Energy Group to provide more information on their application and the Governor agreed to have them provide a quarterly quality sample to the Town of Cowley for review. Tim asked if they clarified which formation they will be drilling into, the Madison or the Tensleep. Willie said they stated it would be the Tensleep. Willie informed the council that the application is due for the Energy Grant on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Council needs to give Linda Harp an idea of the areas they would like to include in the application.

### **Council Reports:**

Roland read the Amendment to Ordinance #276. The amendment should state that a sewer lift station would be required and maintained by the property owner. Council requested a clearer explanation from Town Attorney Scott McCulloch. This ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

Roland read Resolution No. 2009-5. A resolution to document Town of Cowley implementation of the provisions of section 414(h)(2) of the internal revenue code, regarding employer pick-up of employee retirement contributions to the Wyoming retirement system. Motion was made by David, seconded by Dexter, to approve Resolution No. 2009-5

Roland read Resolution # 2009-6, a resolution approving participation in the Wyoming Water Development Commission (WWDC) Grant program and acceptance of the awarded amount on behalf of the Governing Body for the Town of Cowley for the purpose of replacing deteriorated water transmission mains serving the Town of Cowley and West End Water users.

Dexter asked if Judy would review the Cowley Rec proof of cash for the state audit. Judy stated she is willing to help.

Motion was made by Carolyn, seconded by Tim to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and 10:25 PM. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dexter, seconded by Tim to reconvene the regular meeting at 10:55. Motion carried

It was decided in executive session that Nick could choose to keep Pat another month or bring him back in May to balance the budget.

There being no further business a motion was made by David seconded by Dexter, to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 PM. Motion carried.

These minutes pending Council approval.

APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
Roland Simmons, Mayor

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Johnson, Town Clerk