

The special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Cowley in the County of Big Horn and State of Wyoming was held on November 24, 2009 at 7:05 PM in the Administration building pursuant to due notice and call.

**Mayor:
Council**

**Roland Simmons
Carolyn Barnes, absent
David Banks
Dexter Woods, JR
Tim Jones
Judy Johnson
Lisa Woods**

**Clerk/Treasurer
Assistant Clerk**

Guests:

Willie Bridges

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roland Simmons. The purpose of the meeting was to approve Ordinance No. 276, an ordinance providing for the Banks annexation to the Town of Cowley and for an effective date, to approve the contract to transfer the Big Horn Academy to School District #1 and to discuss the façade design changes.

Roland introduced and read ordinance No. 276, an ordinance providing for the Banks annexation to the Town of Cowley and for an effective date. Motion was made by Dexter, seconded by Tim to pass and finally adopt Ordinance No. 276 on the third reading. In favor of Dexter and Tim, David abstained. Roland voted in favor of to constitute a quorum. Motion carried.

Motion was made by David to approve the contract to transfer the Big Horn Academy to School District #1 Tim abstained from voting, Roland seconded the motion. In favor of David and Roland. Dexter opposed.

Willie presented three options for changes to the façade brackets. Tim asked what the difference in costs would be. Option 1 would cost about \$7,800. and option 2 would cost about \$16,000. Dexter asked if this was the minimum cost and Willie stated they were just rough figures from Yellowstone Landscaping. It was decided to keep the construction

as it is to avoid the extra costs of making the changes. Roland stated that he thinks the plates will be fine and David stated that he thinks the finished project will look better. Dexter asked why the drawings don't show any of the large plates. David asked if Plan One knew the plates would be used to construct the facade. Willie stated that not every detail was known when the drawing was done and a more detailed drawing was later given to Yellowstone Landscaping. Tim agreed that the finished product will look ok.

Willie stated that the letter apposing Nielsen energy to drill near the Cowley well has been sent to the Wyoming Oil and Gas commission. There is a public meeting in Powell on December 3 and Cowley needs to be represented. The hearing is set for December 8 in Casper. Cowley needs to have at least one representative present at the hearing. Willie said he is willing to attend the hearing in Casper. He will contact Pat Crank to negotiate fees for him to represent the town at the hearing. Hydrometrics has informed the town that the likelihood of contamination is low because of the distance from the well. Willie feels the town should still oppose and try to stop the drilling if possible. Dexter stated he feels the town should oppose but at this time hiring an attorney probably isn't necessary. Tim asked if opposing would be helpful and Willie stated that it would help as long as the oppositions are valid. Roland stated he feels the drilling can't be stopped but at least we would have a basis for reimbursement should any contamination occur to the well. Willie stated he feels that the Oil and Gas Commission will request Nielsen Energy to refine their application to make it clearer as to the location of the waste disposal well. Willie will consult with Pat Crank to see if it would be worthwhile to hire him to represent the town.

Judy reminded the council of Christmas in Cowley. She also stated the Cowtown Café has paid their lease and construction loan in full and most likely will be closing.

With no further business a motion was made by Dexter seconded by Tim to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

These minutes have been approved by council.

APPROVAL _____

Simmons, Mayor

Roland

ATTEST _____
Judy Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer