

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, April 13, 2010 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	Roland Simmons
Council	Carolyn Barnes
	David Banks
	Tim Jones
	Dexter Woodis, Jr., absent
Public Works Director	Nick Sponsel, absent
Clerk	Judy Johnson
Assistant Clerk	Lisa Woodis
Guests	Dan Anderson, Police Chief
	Willie Bridges, Pryor Mountain Engineering
	Rita Jansson
	Pat Wambeke
	Randy Watts
	Laura Varone
	Matt and Kimberly

Dillon

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. There were none.

Rita Jansson presented her plan for a simple subdivision. A letter from the Planning and Zoning Committee to recommend the Council approve the Jansson's Compliance Permit was received by Council. Motion was made by Carolyn, seconded by Tim to approve the Compliance Permit for a simple subdivision.

Pat Wambeke reported that the Little League field needs to have a 6' warning track. He request that the Town haul in and spread the red dirt for it. The Little League is joining the Little League Association and it is a requirement to have the warning track. Tim stated that it would be hard to get it in for this year's season but it would get done as soon as possible, possibly for next year's season. Roland stated that the crew is busy but will be able to do it.

Randy Watts was present to discuss his property as he has begun some cleanup. His request is that he would like to put up a fence in the Town's right of way; it would be approximately 25 feet off the center. Dave informed Randy that people in the past have been told it is ok to go ahead and put the fence up on the right of way but be aware that there is a risk of it needing to be removed by the Town. Randy also stated that the approach that comes from Highway 310 to his property is not on the true right of way. Roland asked Willie why this happened and Willie stated that WYDOT put the

approaches back where they previously were. Carolyn told Randy as long as he understands the risk of putting the fence up she would be in favor. Council gave the approval for Randy to install the fence on the Town's right of way.

Judy stated that Christy Miller has inquired how the flags are going to be hung on the new light poles. Willie stated that brackets can be purchased but the size will be limited due to the poles being fiberglass. Judy asked Willie if the Town needs permission to place brackets on the light poles from Rocky Mountain Power and Willie stated that yes the Town will need to get permission. Roland asked Willie to check to make sure, Willie will check with Rocky Mountain Power.

Laura Varone and Charlie Leonhardt were present to inquire about the status of fixing the drain line in the alley behind FLIP. Roland asked what the Council has decided when it was discussed previously. Laura stated that she understood that the Town was going to look after some grant funding. Dave asked if there is a drain in place already. Charlie stated there is one but it is only a 6" and is not able to take the capacity of the high water drainage. Willie stated that the Town was unable to get grant funds to fix the drain. Dave stated that the Town needs to take some action.

Judy reported that Tim Townsend had expressed his concern about the way the Town right of ways look; he feels they are not being maintained well enough. Dan will talk to Tim to clarify what he would like to see done differently.

Matt and Kimberly Dillon were present to request construction of a road to the property they have purchased on East 2nd North. The right of way for the road needing to be constructed has been encroached on by one of the trailers in the trailer park. Roland asked what the Dillon's are requesting the town provide and what the cost would be. Dave stated that other streets have been put in other areas of town and this should be done also. Roland asked what the options are and suggested the trailer be moved. Willie stated that even though there is a problem with the trailer being on Town's property there will still need to be some compensation to the owners for requiring the trailer to be moved. Judy suggested asking Dave and Sherry to deed the town equal property on the other side of the street equal to the amount that the trailer has encroached onto the town's right of way. Dave stated that he will visit with Dave and see if an agreement can be made.

Motion was made by Carolyn, seconded by Dave, to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Council meeting held March 9, 2010. Motion carried.

The financial report for March was read and discussed.

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

Reports to Council:

The Council agreed to advertise for a new Planning and Zoning Commissioner to replace Todd Simmons whose term has expired.

Willie stated that there is grant funding still available for surfacing the street that Dillon's are requesting.

Willie reported that WYDOT will be coming this week to fix the cracks and broken steps on the north side of the sidewalk on Main Street.

Willie reported that there are a few places on Main Street that need to have additional lighting. There are 7 places – on the corner by the Town Hall, 2 on the corner by Ken Banks, 2 between Jim Tucker and Amy Lewis’s trailer, 1 by Rasmussen, and 1 in front of the car wash. The cost for these will be \$7,200 for the conduit; the total cost would be around \$15,000. Dave asked if the \$11,000 left in the main street funding can be used for this. Willie stated that it could be. Tim asked if there are any change orders expected and Willie said he does not expect any. Council agreed to go ahead with the additional lighting.

Willie stated that WYDOT would like to know if Council would want to have the steps painted with a safety strip, they have some yellow paint available. Dave asked if there is less of a liability to the Town if they are painted. Willie stated that could be the case. Roland stated that he would prefer to leave them alone as he feels it would make the steps look unattractive. Council decided they would prefer to not paint them at this time as long as there is no additional liability to the Town.

The West End project is still in the plan and review process.

Willie stated that the cattle drives through town are going to be a problem when the landscaping is done. Roland asked if the cattle owners can put fences up to keep the cattle on the road, David said it is the responsibility of land owners to fence out so it would be up to the town. Tim suggested approaching the cattle owners and discussing an alternate plan. Willie will visit with the owners to see if there is an alternative to them running through town.

The school is ready to put in curb and gutter on 4th south and will commit to paying for curb and gutter if the town will cover the expense of the sidewalk. Willie will visit with Sara Janes to see if the leftover \$10,000 in the SRTS grant can be used to help pay for the sidewalk. Council agreed to pay for the sidewalk if the grant money can be used. If not they will discuss it further.

Roland read resolution 2010-1, a resolution authorizing submission of a federal mineral royalty capital construction account grant application to the State Loan and Investment Board on behalf of the governing body for the Town of Cowley for the purpose of construction of the West End Water Loop. Motion was made by Carolyn, seconded by David to approve Resolution 2010-1. Motion carried.

Roland read Ordinance #277, an ordinance providing for the annual appropriation and tax levy for the Town of Cowley for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011. Motion was made by David, seconded by Tim to pass Ordinance #277 on the first reading. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Carolyn, seconded by Tim to approve the One Day Liquor Permit for the Cowley Riding Club.

Carolyn reported that the Recreation board sponsored Easter Egg Hunt held on April was a success and that Little League has started. She requested that the Council consider purchasing break away bases and help with the warning track on the Little League field.

Discussion on the Utility rates will be tabled until the April 20 work meeting to give everyone time to review them.

David reported that he doesn't have the final cost for the gym floor but initial estimates were \$38,000. Tim suggested applying for some Daniels Fund money to help pay for the cost.

Tim reported that cleanup week will May 8th -15th. The Arbor Day celebration and town cleanup will be held May 15th. Those attending will meet at the park at 10:00 AM and lunch will be served at 11:30 AM at the Log Gym.

Advertisement for Lifeguards will be put in the Lovell Chronicle.

Motion was made by Carolyn, seconded by David to recess the regular meeting at 9:00 PM to executive session to discuss personnel.

Motion was made by Tim, seconded by David, to reconvene the regular meeting at 9:30 PM.

There being no further business a motion was made by David seconded by Tim, to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 PM. Motion carried.

These minutes pending Council approval.

APPROVAL _____
Roland Simmons, Mayor

ATTEST _____
Judy Johnson, Town Clerk