

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, April 11, 2016
Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall
Castor, Alberta**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Garry DeVloo.

Councillors in Attendance:

Lonny Nelner, Brenda Wismer, Travis Ryan, Tony Nichols, Rod Zinger, and Richard Elhard

Absent:

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman
Moush John – Castor Advance
Shawna James – Recreation Director
Sargent Darcy McGunigal – RCMP
Constable Cory Hall - RCMP

Agenda:

087/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the March 29, 2016 regular Meeting of Council.

088/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Minutes of the March 29, 2016 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The Lists of Accounts were presented to Council for payment.

Councillor Nelner declared an interest in Account number 19937 payable to That's My Specialty.

089/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that Account numbers 19908 to 19940 with the exception of account number 19937 payable to That's My Specialty be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule "A" and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

090/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account number 19937 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Councillor Nelner did not participate in any discussion concerning this account.

Cash Statement: Council was presented with the Cash Statement for the month of March, 2015. Cash Flow is holding its own but we are being very careful. The investments were deposited back into the general account and have since been re-invested.

091/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the cash statement ending March 31, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Town of Fox Creek: Council was presented with a letter from the Town of Fox Creek asking for a letter of support for their Bylaw 736-2014 which enables them to collect from various hotels and motels a percentage of their room fees.

Council discussed the issue at length.

092/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor not send a support letter to Fox Creek.

CARRIED

Municipal Affairs: A copy of a letter was received from Municipal Affairs informing Council that the Alberta Community Partnership grant that the Town of Castor supported Hanna for was approved.

Presented for Council's information.

Shawna James entered the meeting at 7:13pm.

**WCB – National Day
Of Mourning:**

April 28, 2016 is National Day of Mourning to honor or remember workers killed, injured or disabled at work.

093/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the Town of Castor fly our flag at half mast on April 28 to mark WCB National Day of Mourning.

CARRIED

Minister of Health: A letter was received from the Minister of Health acknowledging our letter concerning our view on the Rural Physician Action Plan.

Presented for Council's information.

Old Business:

SCF Update: The C.A.O. presented Council with an update on the Water/Sewer infrastructure upgrades.

- Contract "A" for the upgrades at the Water Treatment plan has closed. It appears there were a number of tenders. It should be ready to award shortly.

- Next step – Tender schedules A, B, and C of Contract “B” (51 Street from 51 Ave. to 54 Avenue) plus Contract “C” (Boring larger water line to Hospital/Lodge/Theresetta.
- Council will meet at the call of the Chair when numbers for Contract A are known to decide on contracts B & C.

Delegations/Interviews:

Sargent Darcy McGunigal and Constable Cory Hall – RCMP Report

Sargent McGunigal and Constable Hall entered the meeting at 7:22pm.

Current priorities:

- 1. Traffic safety - working incredibly hard to increase enforcement. Seeing a reduction in impaired driving occurrences.
- 2. Property crime – working on leads of theft in our area. Seen a reduction in that area as well.
- 3. Community relations – Dare program in Coronation and Brownfield. Cops for cancer fundraiser – May 14 at Coronation Spring craft sale.
- Policing priorities will remain unchanged for the upcoming year. May tweak the objectives and goals a bit. Will focus on maintenance.

Sargent McGunigal and Constable Hall left the meeting at 7:36pm.

New Business:

Paintearth Gas Co-op:

During the installation of a Natural Gas line in 2015, the Paintearth Gas Co-op discovered that a small portion of a road allowance on the outer perimeter of the Town has reverted into the ownership of the Town of Castor. We do not have the title in our name and doing so could cost a considerable amount of money.

094/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Town of Castor not proceed with the process of having this property transferred into our name and that a letter be sent to the Paintearth Gas Co-op informing them.

CARRIED

Castor and District Housing Authority:

A request was received from the Castor and District Housing Authority for 50% of their requisition at this time and the remainder after the taxes have been collected.

095/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor pay 50% of the Castor and District Housing Authority on the next cheque run.

CARRIED

Increase of Tax Penalty: After a survey of surrounding Municipalities tax penalties was received, it was discovered that the Town of Castor had the lowest tax penalty. The C.A.O. suggested that Council increase the penalty to 15% August 1 for the current year only and 15% all outstanding balances on January 1.

096/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Town of Castor increase the penalty on unpaid taxes to 15% on current year outstanding taxes on August 1 of each year and 15% on all outstanding balances on January 1 of each year.

CARRIED

SMRWSC Motion: It was noted that once the SMRWSC 2016 Budget was ready, the Town need to make a motion to approve it.

Audited Financial Statement:

The C.A.O. presented the 2015 Audited Financial Statement to Council.

097/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the 2015 Audited Financial Statement be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Committee Report

Councillor Elhard:

- Met with Brian Jean, Leader of the Opposition. Number of Mayors and Reeves were in attendance. Clearview representative brought concerns about the upcoming carbon tax – they have had to place a drive way tax due to the carbon tax. The meeting was well worth attending. Discussed cleanup of Brownfield sites, linear assessment, and coal generation.
- Was in Consort on Sunday to sell tickets for the Ag. Society fundraiser. Noted a special thank you to Don Sisson for all his hard work on that committee.

Foreman:

- Street sweeping, the first round has been made around Town.
- Boulevards have been swept.
- Winter maintenance has been completed and machinery put away.

C.A.O.

- Asked Council if there were any agenda items for the joint meeting.
- Received notification that the Town has STEP funding for the water/wastewater student and the safety program student. Minor Sports has also received funding for two lifeguards.
- Public works summer students have been chosen.
- A new arena/golf club greens worker has been hired.
- A cemetery caretaker has been hired.
- Town crew has put up the signs pointing to our Recreation facilities.

Castor Recreation Board: Deputy Mayor Elhard and Councillor Ryan were called upon to deliver the Recreation Report.

098/16 MOTION: Councillor Wismer moved to go to an in camera discussion concerning the recreation staff.

CARRIED

Moush John left Council meeting at 8:10pm.

Council went to an in camera session at 8:11pm.

099/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols moved to come out of the in camera session of Council.

CARRIED

Council returned to the regular Council meeting at 8:58

Shawna James left the meeting at 8:58pm.

Adjournment: **100/16 MOTION:** Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

DEPUTY MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER