

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, April 14, 2014
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, Tony Nichols, Rod Zinger, Richard Elhard.

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
Stacey Lavallie – Castor Advance
Landin Chambers – Q-14 Radio

Delegations/Interviews:

Agenda:

061/14 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the agenda be approved with an addition.

CARRIED

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the March 24, 2014 regular Meeting of Council.

062/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Minutes of the March 24, 2014 Regular meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

Councillor Nelner declared an interest in Account number 17117 payable to That's My Specialty.

063/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that Account numbers 17066 to 17120 excluding account 17117 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 .

064/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account number 17117 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Cash Statement:

The Cash Statement for the period ending March 31, 2014 was presented to Council. Cash flow is low but we have not had to borrow yet.

065/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Cash Statement for the month ending March 31, 2014 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Municipal Affairs – Grant
Funding:

A letter was received from Municipal Affairs informing Council of our confirmed MSI Capital and Operating, plus the BMTG funding allotment.

Canadian Badlands
Advertising:

Canadian Badlands is putting together a magazine promoting the area. The publication will reach over 39,000 homes. Four different size of ads are available. It was the consensus of Council that this request be forwarded to PEPS.

066/14 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Town of Castor take the request to PEPS, if they refuse, then we will not advertise.

CARRIED

Municipal Affairs – Award
For Municipal Excellence:

Submissions are now being accepted Municipal awards of excellence in four different categories. Council had no suggestions at this time.

Old Business:

Tree Plan/Parking
Truck Route:

Council revisited the parking situation on the truck route. A letter was received from a group of citizens that would not want to see no parking on the south side of the truck route. Mayor DeVloo elaborated on his discussions with some of these citizens.

A possible solution may be to erect 15 minute unloading signs in front of the manor. Another solution may be to build a parking lot on the west side of manor 3. A third solution may be to expand the east parking lot and have a drop off at the east door. Mayor DeVloo will talk to the Paintearth Lodge to work together towards a compromise.

One Block of trees on the truck route has been cut down, two other blocks have been trimmed. Council was asked if we should cut down the remaining trees. Council would like to leave the remaining two blocks. A property owner on 50th Street requested that two trees be removed. One tree is in bad shape and can be removed.

Bylaw 1031 – Utility
Bylaw:

The new Utility Bylaw 1031, a Bylaw to provide for the levying and collecting of charges and rates for utility services was presented to Council. Changes reflected in the Bylaw are the \$1.00 increase in the garbage service and an increase in water charges to coincide with the rate increase from SMRWSC. The Bylaw was given first reading at the March 24, 2014 Council meeting.

067/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that ByLaw 1031 be given a second reading at this April 14, 2014 meeting of Council.

CARRIED

068/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that ByLaw 1031 be read a third time at this April 14th, 2014 meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

069/14 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that ByLaw 1031 be read a third time and finally passed this 14th day of April, 2014.

CARRIED

New Business:

Recreation Report:

Mayor DeVloo called upon Councillor Elhard to give the Recreation report.

- A request was made to build an outdoor skating rink. The Board felt that the current rink was not used enough to warrant an outdoor rink.
- It was brought up to move the atom team back to the Battle River League. The board has no interest in returning to the Battle River League.
- Parent discipline issues were dealt with.
- June 2 – 5 is hockey registration this year.
- Ice will go in the arena October 4 & 5.
- Ball diamonds - shale work is still planned for the fall.
- Hockey School will run again this fall.
- The power skating instructor will return to instruct this fall.

Cemetery Maintenance
Contract:

A contract between the Town and R & C Property Services was presented to Council for approval.

070/14 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Town of Castor approve the maintenance contract with R & C Property Services as presented.

CARRIED

Clear Well #1:

Our water reservoir #1 is experiencing nitrification problems from lack of use. Four options were presented to Council. The issue was discussed at length. This issue will be discussed this week at our meeting with the engineers and brought back to Council at the next meeting.

County Water Line: One of the water lines at the County Shop froze up a couple of weeks ago, the frost eventually moved to the main line that feeds the County and one other customer. Currently this line is owned by the County but, as part of our distribution system, it falls under the operation of our registration.

071/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard to proceed with the purchase of a meter to be placed at the valve discuss cost sharing of maintenance on the line with the County.

CARRIED

Sewage Lagoon Project: Lambourne Environmental Ltd. supplied Council with the results of the bio-solids survey that determines how much sludge is in the bottom of each of four cells at our lagoon. Based on this report they have suggested that an approximate cost of the lagoon cleaning would be about \$35,000.00. They are prepared to do the job at the end of October this year.

072/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Town of Castor proceed with the Lagoon cleaning of all four cells.

CARRIED

Federation of Alberta
Gas Co-ops – Motion:

As a member of the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-op, we are required to adopt the new version of the O & M Manual.

073/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Town of Castor adopt the Federation O & M Manual, as revised from time to time, as a guideline in operating and maintaining our distribution system.

CARRIED

Street Closures:

Three street closures were presented to Council as follows:

1. 49th Ave. from 45th St – 46 St. on May 24 from 8:00pm – midnight for an Enhancement Society project.
2. 50th Ave. from 45th St. to 52nd St. on June 20th from 11:30am – 12:30pm for the “Men in red high heels walk” put on by Victims Services.
3. 51st. Ave. from 49th St. – 50th St. on July 12 & 13 for the “Castor Rocks Concert” put on by Minor Sports.

074/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the street closures be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Employee Issue:

Weseen Subdivision:

The C.A.O. brought an employee issue and an update on the Weseen subdivision to Council for discussion.

075/14 MOTION: Councillor Wismer moved to go to an In camera session to discuss an employee issue and the Weseen subdivision.

CARRIED

Council moved to an in camera session at 8:25

076/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger moved to come out of an in camera session.

Council came out of the in camera session at 8:50pm

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nelner:

- Has a PEPS meeting coming up this week.

Councillor Wismer:

- Ambulance & FCSS meetings are both coming up.

Councillor Nichols:

- Stress management workshop received favorable results from the attendees.

Councillor Zinger:

- SMRWSC meeting – Donalda pipeline is in. Water price will increase starting May 1.

Councillor Elhard:

- Assisted living received \$30,000.00 grant for flooring. Still needs \$39,000.00.

Foreman:

- Water break on 53 Street last week. It was repaired quickly.
- Trimming and removing trees is ongoing.
- Gas meters are being changed.
- Streets are being cleaned.
- Equipment is being overhauled and ready for summer students.
- Worked at pool to have the mechanical room ready for the new filters by the end of April.

C.A.O.

- Reminded Council of the Main Street Clean Up on May 7 at 6:00pm.
- Signed on with a collection agency for bad debts. (Integrated RM Inc.)
- Transportation has raised their fees for fire units attending MVA's – they are now paying \$600.00/hr/vehicle.
- Town staff will be meeting with the engineers this Wednesday.

Mayor DeVloo:

- 3C's meeting on April 30 in Coronation.
- Asked the Foreman how well the boulevard sweeper was working. The foreman feels it is working well.

Adjournment:

077/14 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:28p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER