

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, April 25, 2016
Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall
Castor, Alberta**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Richard Elhard.

Councillors in Attendance:

Lonny Nelner, Brenda Wismer, Travis Ryan, Tony Nichols, Rod Zinger.

Absent:

Garry DeVloo

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
Sylvia Adams – ATCO Electric
Kevin Ouellette – ATCO Electric
Moush John – Castor Advance

Agenda:

101/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Moush John entered the meeting at 7:10pm

Delegations/Interview:

ATCO Electric – Sylvia Adams, Customer Services Supervisor and Kevin Ouellette, Castor office manager.

- Briefed Council on the delivery of service.
- Franchise agreement is coming up for renewal in 2017; Sylvia gave Council an overview of the Franchise agreement.
- Explained their commitment to community involvement through donations; education and Safety;

Sylvia Adams and Kevin Ouellette left the meeting at 7:30pm.

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the March 14, 2016 regular Meeting of Council.

102/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the March 14, 2016 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

103/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Minutes of the April 15, 2016 Special Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The Lists of Accounts were presented to Council for payment.

Councillor Nelner declared an interest in Account number 19990 payable to That's My Specialty.

104/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Account numbers 19948 to 19995 with the exception of account number 19990 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

105/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that Account number 19990 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Water and Gas Reconciliation:

The water and gas reconciliations to March 31, 2016 were presented to Council. The water system loss was slightly lower in March. The gas system loss was marginal.

106/16 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the water and gas comparisons be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Rural Transportation Information Day:

The C.A.O. reminded Council of the Rural Transportation Information Day being held in Camrose on April 30.

Old Business:

Recreation Office Update:

The Ad for a full time Recreation Director has been put out. A job description has been developed. Will be updated once a new full time recreation director has been chosen and the duties of the Recreation Director and the Assistant have been determined.

New Business:

MSI & GTF Grants:

The C.A.O. presented Council with the amounts of the 2016 MSI and GTF grants. The capital MSI Funding will need to go towards the current infrastructure project, therefore, the 2015 MSI application will need to be revised. The GTF grant was proposed to be put towards replacing the sidewalk from the Magnet Store to Nickels & Dimes Insurance.

2016 Tree Program:

Council was updated on the 2016 Tree Program.

Carbon Tax Update:

Beginning January 1, 2017, the Provincial Government plan to impose a Carbon Levy. This will affect the Town's gas system for the billing process. The costs involved are unknown at this point.

Main Street Cleanup: Council was reminded that the Main Street cleanup will be held on Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00pm. There will be a BBQ supper for the volunteers first. This has been coordinated with the school's clean up.

Gas O & M Evaluation: On March 16, 2016 our Gas System was evaluated on the operations and maintenance. Overall the Town's system is being run very effectively by our staff.

Presented to Council for their information.

Community Crime Watch: Given the recent break-in's and robberies, the Town has received requests from citizens to put a Community Crime Watch in place.

Council felt that it's important to keep an eye open for something unusual.

Committee Reports

Councillor Nelner:

- Fire Department fundraiser was a success. No final numbers are available yet.

Councillor Nichols:

- Victims Services sponsored a stress management course. A police base victim conference was attended by a few members of the board.
- June 17 is the Walk A Mile in Her Shoes fundraiser. Flats and flip flops are now allowed.
- Cops for cancer will be held May 14 – fundraiser in Coronation.

Foreman:

- Lots of line locates have been requested and located.
- Hole patching has started.
- Ball diamonds have been prepared for the season.
- Pool has been pumped out so that it can be cleaned.
- Cemetery caretaker is working well at the cemetery.
- Hydrovac had to go in for major repairs.
- The small sweeper also had a few repairs.

C.A.O.:

- Peony memorials are going forward in Pals Park.
- FCSS has paid for a movie license and can host movie events anywhere indoors in Town.
- Hired Tara Jenkins to manage the pool, she will start full time May 2.

Deputy Mayor Elhard:

- Complemented staff member Weston Gibson on the outstanding job of locating lines and providing first rate documentation.
- The foreman noted that, as a result of these locates, we have a couple areas that could be an issue.

Moush John left the meeting at 8:05pm.

In Camera Session: No in camera session was necessary.

Adjournment:

109/16 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER