

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, August 15, 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, Tony Nichols Rod Zinger, and Richard Elhard

Absent:

Travis Ryan

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman
Moush John – Castor Advance
Sylvia Adams – ATCO Electric
Kevin Ouellette – ATCO Electric
Darcy McGunigal - RCMP

Agenda:

190/16 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the agenda be approved with an addition.

CARRIED

Delegations:

RCMP:

Sargent Darcy McGunigal attended Council to update Council on the Three policing priorities.
Traffic safety – on par.
Property Crime – Spiked in April but did see arrests and crime is now on a decline.
Enhanced police visibility – raised \$6,430.00 when volunteers shaved their heads for cancer.
Positive ticketing campaign has been well received.

Councillor Zinger entered the meeting at 7:08pm

New Constable has arrived, Constable Corry Hall has moved to the Consort detachment.
New Castor Office days will be – Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesdays starting September 6.
Citizens on patrol – only received three responses. Very challenging to run the program with that few of volunteers.

ATCO Electric:

Sylvia Adams and Kevin Ouellette came to Council to show a light display so that Council could choose the best option for Main Street Lights.
ATCO has seen some staff restructuring in the past few months.

Council moved the meeting to the back room of the Town office to see the light display.

Sargent McGunigal, Sylvia Adams, and Kevin Ouellette left the meeting at 7:40pm.

Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes of the July 25, 2016 regular Meeting of Council.

191/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the July 25, 2016 Regular meeting of Council be approved with corrections.

CARRIED

Accounts: The Lists of Accounts were presented to Council for payment.

Councillor Nelner declared an interest in Account number 20510 payable to That's My Specialty.

192/16 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that Account numbers 20456 to 20513 with the exception of account number 20510 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

193/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account number 20510 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 July 31, 2016. Cash Flow appears to be healthy but we are being very cautious.

194/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the cash statement ending July 31, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Bill 21: A letter was received from Pat Stier, MLA and Official Opposition Shadow Minister of Municipal Affairs, looking to solicit feedback on our experience during the consultation process during the introduction of Bill 21.

Presented for Council's information.

**RCMP at AUMA
Convention:**

Sargent Darcy McGunigal wrote Council asking if they had any requests to meet with the Commanding Officer for the Province during the AUMA Convention. Council will consider the offer.

Ad Sponsorship: The C.A.O. brought an ad request forward for Councils input. The Town will not participate.

Old Business:

Town Survey: Results of the recent Town Survey were presented to Council.

195/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor change the process of our election for the 2017 election. Seven Councillors will be elected and the Mayor be elected from the seven Councillors.

CARRIED

SCF Project: The C.A.O. updated Council with the progress on the 51st Street Infrastructure Project.

Cousineau Lot: A response was given to Council from Mr. Cousineau concerning his offer to donate a lot to the Town for a park. He will plan to meet with Council next month.

Gas Tenders: ATCO Gas has informed the C.A.O. that they will not be tendering a purchase agreement. The C.A.O. will bring all details of the offer from Gas Alberta Inc. to the next meeting.

New Business:

Tax Collection 2016: The C.A.O. informed Council that tax collection came in at 84%.

Committee Reports:

Foreman:

- The crew has been patching.
- Lines have all been painted, including those at the airport.
- A number of the crew has been taking holidays.

C.A.O.:

- Either the C.A.O. or the Foreman will be going to court on August 24 to deal with an insurance issue.
- Eastlink is no longer providing television services in Castor.
- Paintearth Lodge will make sure that the vehicle that has been parking along 49th Ave. will no longer be parking there.
- AAMD & C conference is Nov. 15 – 17. The County would like the name of our representative.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Had requests for the gate to be placed back at the water plant. The Foreman informed Council that once the road work is complete at the water plant, the gate will be put back.

In Camera Session:

Weseen Subdivision:

Council moved to an in camera session of Council to discuss the Weseen subdivision.

196/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Council move to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen subdivision.

CARRIED

Moush John left the meeting at 8:27pm.

Council moved to an in camera session at 8:28pm

197/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Council return to the regular meeting.

CARRIED

Council returned to a regular meeting of Council at 8:58pm

Adjournment:

198/16 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER