

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, August 25, 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, Travis Ryan, Tony Nichols, Rod Zinger, Richard Elhard.

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
Jenna Witherow – Q-14 Radio

Agenda:

163/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the August 11, 2014 regular Meeting of Council.

164/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the August 11, 2014 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

Councillor Nelner declared an interest in Account number 17681 payable to That's My Specialty.

165/14 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Account numbers 17646 to 17684 excluding account 17681 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 .

166/14 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Account number 17681 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Delegations/Interviews:

Warren Rowland – Inter Pipeline – Duckweed Removal

Mr. Rowland entered the Council meeting at 7:10pm

Mayor DeVloo welcomed Mr. Rowland to the meeting and asked him to make his duckweed removal presentation to Council.

- Inter Pipeline will use their spill response equipment to try and remove the duck weed from the ponds.
- The removal will take place on September 9 at approximately 9:00am. Town residents are invited to come out and watch the process and enjoy a coffee courtesy of Inter Pipeline.
- The Town will provide a dump truck, have the vac truck available, and supply the Town's zodiac boat.
- Invited the Council to join them for lunch.
- Mayor DeVloo informed Mr. Rowland that Inter Pipeline's spill response equipment test will be well received by the Town.
- The hope is to get rid of a big portion of the duck weed then, hopefully, the skimmer will be able to keep up.
- At this time they will try one or, possibly, two ponds.
- 2 - 50' section of booms will be used to corral the duck weed (cost of 1 section is \$800.00).
- Inter pipeline sees this as a community investment.
- A section of the street may need to be closed during the demonstration. There will need to be room for two response units.
- Council thanked Mr. Rowland for his presentation.

Mr. Rowland left the meeting at 7:19pm.

Cash Statement:

The Cash Statement for the period ending July 31, 2014 was presented to Council. Now that taxes have been collected we have a strong cash flow. The GIC's have all been re-invested including the new amounts budgeted for in 2014 plus we have invested \$300,000.00 short term. The MSI Capital funding was received the first part of August.

167/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Cash Statement for the month ending July 31, 2014 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Budget Comparison:

A summary of the Budget comparison was presented to Council. It appears that the 2014 budget is still on track. We have made a change to the 2013 BMTG grant as the slurry project is not possible at this point. The funds will now be used for road repair.

168/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Budget Comparison Summary be accepted by Council as information.

CARRIED

Gas & Water Comparisons:

The C.A.O. presented Council with the Gas and Water Comparisons to July 31, 2014. We are below 1% losses in the gas system. The water system, however, is still experiencing significant losses. Only a few water meters

have been changed, we are hoping to have the outstanding meter list completed before the end of October.

169/14 MOTION: Councillor Nelner
that the Gas and Water Comparisons
be accepted by Council as
information.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

ATCO 2015 Franchise Fee: The current fee percentage of distribution revenue is 5%. Council discussed the possibility of increasing that percentage.

170/14 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the 2015 Franchise Fee remain at 5%.

CARRIED

Museum Society: A letter was received from the Castor & District Museum Society thanking the Town for our continued support.

Old Business:

Fire QMP: The Safety Codes Council has approved the draft copy of the Town of Castor Fire Quality Management Plan. Once approved by Council the plan can be signed and sent to the Safety Codes Council for final approval.

171/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Town of Castor Fire Quality Management Plan be approved as presented.

CARRIED

172/14 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the Town of Castor withdraw from the County of Paintearth QMP.

CARRIED

Fire Radio Report: Fire permits are not totally on track yet, firemen are working with 911 to solve the problem.

Radio's are still not working properly. Council discussed next options. The C.A.O. is to set up a meeting with Al Keller.

New Business:

PRWM: A unanimous consent resolution of the members of the Paintearth Regional Waste Management Ltd. to provide a donation to the Paintearth Economic Partnership Society in the amount of \$100,000.00 was presented to the Town of Castor as a signatory.

173/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Town of Castor consent to the provisions of a unanimous consent resolution of the Paintearth Regional Waste Management Ltd. authorizing a

donation in the amount of
\$100,000.00 to the Paintearth
Economic Partnership Society.

CARRIED

Parkland Regional
Library:

Councillor Elhard received information regarding Provincial operating funding for municipal libraries and regional library systems. The C.A.O. has drafted a letter to our MLA urging attention be given to this matter.

174/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that a letter in Support of increased funding to municipal libraries and regional library systems be sent to our MLA and a copy to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nichols:

- The Ag. Society sponsored breakfast for fair.
- August 21 victims Services sponsored a BBQ in the Elks Park and catered to about 60 people.
- Asked about the light posts at the cemetery, it is tight to maneuver vehicles on the roadways. Foreman explained that the posts are there to mark the corners so that graves are not driven over in the winter. If more drill stem could be obtained we could revamp the installations to give more room on the roadways.

Councillor Elhard:

- Covenant Health has announced the name of the new administrator at the hospital, he will start in September.
- Museum – fire guard at elevator has been started thanks to a donation by the County.

Foreman:

- Hired a new public works employee, he will start on September 8.
- Most students are finished this week.
- 3 high school students will come after school to help with mowing and watering.
- Road patching has been in full force.

C.A.O.

- The AUMA Conference must be booked this week. Currently Mayor DeVloo and Councillors Nelner and Ryan are scheduled to attend. There will also be a special meeting with the Town of Coronation and the RCMP to discuss a new detachment for Coronation.
- Melanie Robertson will start as the clerk at the RCMP satellite office on September 3.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Attended PEPS meeting. The EDO attended a meeting in Vermillion, HUB was discussed and brought forward to the board. We may join. We are booked into the Oil show for 2015. We will go ahead with BRAED memberships. Tourism investment forum in Calgary on Nov. 5, a Council member should attend with the group. Eat local is in Coronation this year sept. 10, tickets are available at the County office.

In-camera Discussions: Council proceeded to an in-camera session to discuss an employee issue.

Jenna left the Council meeting at 8:01pm

175/14 MOTION: Councillor Nelner to move to an in-camera session.

CARRIED

Council went in-camera at 8:08pm.

176/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard to come out of an in-camera session.

CARRIED

Council returned to an open session of Council at 8:19pm.

Adjournment: **177/14 MOTION:** Councilor Ryan that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER