

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, December 12, 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

Agenda:

288/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the November 28, 2016 regular Meeting of Council.

289/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Minutes of the November 28, 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 20981 Payable to That's My Specialty.

290/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that Account numbers 20937 to 20984 with the exception of account number 20981 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

291/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account number 20981 payable to That's My Specialty 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

November 30, 2016. We are waiting for the cheque from the Small Communities fund, until then we may have to borrow for a short period.

292/16 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the cash statement ending November 30, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Castor & Dist. Ag.
Society:

An invitation was received by Council inviting them to attend the Castor & Dist. Ag. Society Volunteer Appreciation Supper and Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 5:30pm in the community hall.

Alberta Order of
Excellence:

Council was invited to nominate a “remarkable Albertan” from our community that has made significant contributions to the lives of other Albertans.

Council will consider putting forward a name.

Old Business:

Old Home Hardware
Site Update:

The CAO received word from Alberta Environment that our latest Management Plan has been received and approved.

County of Paintearth,
Industrial lot:

A letter was received asking if Council would consider including a condition of the sale of an industrial lot that lies in the County that it should be consolidated with its urban commercial lots owned by the same owner.

The agreement for purchase has already been accepted. The CAO is working with the Development Officer to look at possibilities.

New Business:

Recreation Report:

Deputy Mayor Elhard and Councillor Ryan were called upon to present the Recreation Board Report.

- 3C’s teams have all received uniforms.
- Skate-A-Thon will be This Evening.
- Minor Hockey Weekend will be January 21st weekend. Coffee and hot chocolate will be served free of charge. Everyone attending will be asked to bring a donation to the food bank in lieu of admission.
- A request will be put forward for Adult Recreation Basketball.
- Concession door – crank system will be installed.
- Plexi glass is now on the inside lobby doors plus door brushes were installed on the bottom of the doors.
- Discussion was held on holding and annual AGM.

- Fitness classes are holding their own financially.

Temporary Budget: The Town of Castor is required to adopt a budget for 2017 prior to year ending December 31, 2016.

293/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor use the 2016 Budget as a preliminary budget for 2017.

CARRIED

2017 Canada 150 Project: 2017 will be Canada's 150th Anniversary. The CAO asked Council if they wanted to consider a special project to mark the anniversary.

Council will consider ideas and bring them back to another meeting.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nelner:

- Will travel to Leduc to meet with the coal panel advisory board on Wednesday, December 14.

Councillor Wismer:

- Suggested that maybe the Museum could store their artifacts at the old hospital.

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended a Victims Services annual meeting, they are working on bring programs to the schools. They need to locate speakers to deliver sessions on bullying and girls programs.

Councillor Zinger:

- Attended a SMRWSC meeting. The Board is planning a \$.05 cent increase for 2017.
- Talked to the Enhancement Society about helping with costs for new Christmas Decorations.

Councillor Elhard:

- Has had community members express concern over the condition of our Christmas Decorations.
- Ag. Society Raffle raised approximately \$6,000.00.

Foreman:

- Town crew has been sanding, we are currently using a different material.
- 4" sewer line is nearly in. Bagshaws have been hooked up. Added a "tie in pipe" for extra hook ups. 10" water tap was installed by the lodge. The contractors have been facing a few problems at the east end of the project. Hot Tap required a special fitting that will take three weeks to arrive.
- The crew have noticed that the chlorine levels in the water at the east end of town are getting low. They are doing a fair bit of flushing to keep the water levels up.

C.A.O.:

- The Town received a donation from the Opportunity Shop from their 2016 profits.
- Reminded Council of the Open House on Friday from 2:00pm – 4:00pm.
- Will be attending a CAO meeting next week with the County, Coronation, and Halkirk.
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Mayor DeVloo:

- Had a meeting with the Reeve of the County last week.

In Camera Session:

Council moved to an in camera session to discuss payroll.

294/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols to move to an in camera session to discuss payroll.

CARRIED

*Council moved to an in camera session at 7:59pm
Councilors Nelner and Ryan declared an interest and left
the in camera session at 8:10pm.*

295/16 MOTION: Councillor Wismer to return to the Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council returned to the regular meeting 8:21pm.

*Councillors Nelner and Ryan entered the Council meeting
at 8:22pm.*

296/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard to accept the 2017 wage grid as presented.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

297/16 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER