

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, February 11, 2013
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:

Troy Slempp, Rod Zinger, Mike Bain, Jeff Ensign, Brenda Wismer, and Dennis Filipenko.

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Stan Boettcher – Public Works Foreman

Delegations/Interviews:

Agenda: Bain

Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes of the January 28, 2013 regular Meeting of Council.

023/13 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the Minutes of the January 28, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Accounts: The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

Councillor Filipenko declared an interest in account Number 15431.

024/13 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that Account Numbers 15409 to 15453 with the exception of account number 15431 payable to Filipenko Bros. Construction in the amount of \$1,312.50 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED .

025/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that cheque number 15431 to Filipenko Bros. Construction be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Cash Statement: The Cash Statement for the period ending January 31, 2013 was presented to Council. The C.A.O. informed

Council that we are still having some cash flow problems but are maintaining our bank account without borrowing. The short term loan to pay for the demolition of the old Community hall/theatre is in place.

026/13 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that the Cash Statement for the month ending January 31, 2013 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence

County of Paintearth:

As per the Intermunicipal Development Plan, the County of Paintearth has provided the Town of Castor with a copy of a Development Permit for a card lock/convenience store to be placed at Crowfoot crossing. This permit is for the Town's information and comment.

027/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the Town of Castor acknowledge the receipt the Development Permit as information.

CARRIED

Federation of Alberta Gas
Co-ops – 50 years:

The Town of Castor gas utility will celebrate it's 50th Anniversary. The Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops is recognizing our anniversary with a plaque.

028/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Federation be directed to courier the plaque.

CARRIED

Old Business:

Street Lighting Options:

ATCO Electric has provided the Town with three options for the Main Street lighting project. The first option would be to re-use the 10 existing 100W high pressure sodium lights and three existing 43W LED lights (\$35,793.00). The second option would be to install 10 new 150W high pressure Sodium lights and use the three existing 43W LED lights (\$38,793.00) The third option would be to install 10 new 43W LED lights and use the three existing 43W LED lights (\$42,793.00). The three options are all "ballpark estimates.

029/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the Town of Castor approve option #3 to proceed with the Main Street Lighting Project.

CARRIED

New Business:

Recreation Report:

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

- Employee conflicts appear to have been resolved.
- The recreation board would like to give a \$750.00 bonus to the Arena Caretaker.

- Zamboni contract has been signed and Raymac has been paid.
- Castor Rocks is under way - most necessary things have been booked and arranged.
- Arena should be winding down in a few weeks.

030/13 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that the arena caretaker be given a 1.2% increase over a six month period.

RECINDED

031/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the matter of Caretaker bonus go back to the Recreation Board.

CARRIED

Personnel Policy
Handbook:

The C.A.O. presented Council with the updated personnel Policy handbook for their approval.

Council will take the policy handbook and look over it For the next meeting.

ATCO Electric
Permission to Drill:

ATCO Electric is planning to complete soil and groundwater assessment at the former Castor Substation this spring and would like permission to drill on the property and in the alley to the east of the site.

032/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that ATCO Electric be given permission to drill on the former Castor Substation site and in the alley to the east of the property to help us determine the contamination plume. This work is to be done in conjunction with the Town and Alberta Environment.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Slemp:

- Has a Veteran's Memorial meeting on March 1.

Councillor Ensign:

- Attended a Victims Services fundraiser last weekend – went well.
- 911 meeting, looking for funding so that our requisition will not be increased.

Councillor Filipenko:

- Hall project will proceed in a few days.

Foreman:

- Crew has been working with hall demolition, jack hammer broke off the back hoe.
- Changed beacon at the airport and cleaned runways.
- Grave at the cemetery.
- Equipment maintenance.
- Rob has been changing gas meters.

- Adam – working on water reports.
- Crew reading meters.
- Pruning trees.
- Grading alleys.
- Purchased new chain saws.
- Starting some tree removals soon.
- Had a few sewer issues, plugged sewer issues, crew has overtime involved – appears to be grease issues. The lodge will be
- Thawed sewer main for Halkirk.
- Resident sewer has been giving problems, they will also receive a bill.
- We still have one casual employee.

C.A.O.:

- The office staff did a great job of filling in while I was away on holidays.
- The joint meeting between the Hospital, Lodge, County, and Town scheduled for February 12 at 7:00pm has been cancelled.
- Would like to increase our monthly penalty fees from 1.5% to 2%. It would mean revisiting our bylaws but it may help increase cash flow.

033/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the C.A.O. is to Proceed with ByLaw modifications To increase monthly penalty fees on Utilities and receivables from 1.5% To 2%.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Brought Councils attention to a letter from Consort discussing Health services. Mayor DeVloo would like to support this letter by posting it on our face book page. It was the consensus of Council that our face book page should refer to this letter. Discussion around support for our hospitals ensued.

034/13 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the Town of Castor support the letter representing the health care needs of the Village of Consort by referring to it on our face book page.

CARRIED

- Opportunity centre, it was suggested that we look at using power from the pool to operate the opportunity centre and take out the current Opportunity Centre power service.
- Will attend Mayor's Caucus in Edmonton this Wednesday and Thursday.

Adjournment:

035/13 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:49p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER