

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, February 23, 2015
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, Richard Elhard.

Absent:

Travis Ryan

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
Jenna Witherow – Q-14 Radio
Joel van der Veen - Castor Advance

Agenda:

040/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

Town Website:

Shawna James has been working on upgrades to the Town website. She presented the changes to Council. The website looks great, the only suggestion would be to have some booking information about the community hall.

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the February 9, 2015 regular Meeting of Council.

041/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the February 9, 2015 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 18390 payable to That's My Specialty.

042/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account numbers 18358 to 18393 excluding account 18390 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

043/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account number 18390 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Shawna James left the meeting at 7:16pm.

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

Water and Gas Reconciliation:

The water and gas reconciliations to January 31, 2015 were presented to Council. The water system loses were only slightly lower than last January but only half the losses of December 2014. The gas system showed slightly higher losses this month but the time the meters were read could have attributed to that.

044/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the water and gas comparisons be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Covenant Health: Council received a letter from Covenant Health informing them that they have been honoured with two employer awards – one of Canada’s 10 Most Admired Corporate Cultures and Alberta’s Top 70 Employer.

Renewable Energy Certificate: The Town of Castor was recognized for our purchase of 231 MWh of green power in 2013.

Gas Tax Fund: The Town’s project application for the 2014 GTF was accepted as a qualifying project under the guidelines.

Old Business:

County Water Line: A Memorandum of Agreement between the Town and the County was presented to Council.

045/15 MOTION: Councilor Nichols that the Town of Castor approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Castor and the County of Paintearth as presented.

CARRIED

Tree Program: Council was presented with an update of the Tree program for information. It was suggested that the C.A.O. find out if the stumps can be ground the same year that the trees are taken down.

Arena/Pool Policies: The Arena and Pool Policies were brought forward from the last Council meeting. The C.A.O. informed Council that a few changes had been made and safety procedures and forms were added.

046/15 MOTION: Councilor Elhard that the Arena and Pool Policy Handbooks be approved with changes.

CARRIED

New Business:

Janine Beck – Property Sale:

In 2005 a motion was made to sell a portion of 51st Street and Bridge Avenue to Janine Beck for \$200.00 plus costs associated with road closure, survey, and registration fees. (\$3,500.00). Ms. Beck is now prepared to purchase the property.

Cemetery Equipment:

The C.A.O. and Foreman have been working on costs for equipment for the cemetery. Council asked the C.A.O. to contact two of the companies for additional information.

BRAED:

The 2015 membership for BRAED is \$699.00 and will be paid for by PEPS.

BRAED will be hosting a three day Rural Alberta Innovation & Learning (RAIL) Commons, focused on rural economic and community development. The event will be October 2 – 4, 2015 in Camrose. PEPS has agreed to sponsor on behalf of the County of Paintearth, Towns of Castor and Coronation and the Village of Halkirk.

Committee Report:

Foreman:

- Water and sewer year end reports have been sent in.
- Good progress has been made on the showers at the golf course.
- Some of the crew has been working on the ammonia room in the arena; they are just waiting for doors.
- Elm trees are the focus of the trimming this year, there are still a number of elms that need to be trimmed.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Attended PEPS meeting. We will not be paying for a CAEP membership any more.
- PEPS will support BRAED at the RAIL conference with a \$2,500.00 sponsorship.
- Interviews will be held for a tourist booth staff.
- PRWM – grant money was award. Fourteen applicants in total, most received some financing.

Adjournment:

047/15 MOTION: Councilor Elhard that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER