

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, February 27, 2017
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

Agenda:

039/17 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the February 13, 2016 regular Meeting of Council.

040/17 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the February 13, 2016 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The Lists of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

041/17 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account numbers 21243 to 21275 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

Water and Gas Comparisons:

Water and Gas Comparisons to January 31, 2017 were presented to Council. We continue to see a significant loss in the water system. The gas system is on track, leveling out from last year’s 2.55% losses.

042/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Water and Gas Comparisons be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Provincial/Federal Funding: Lisa Holmes, AUMA President contacted Council regarding the Building Canada Fund and New Federal Infrastructure Fund. The Building Canada Fund still had a \$700 million envelope to fund municipal projects – that will now go to provincially owned projects and the province’s deficit. Minister Mason has agreed to meet during the Mayor’s Caucus on March 7 to discuss this. Minister Mason will also speak to the allocation of the remaining Phase 1 funding of the New Federal Infrastructure Fund (\$12 billion over the next 5 years).

Tony send a council member

043/17 MOTION: Councillor Nichols to send a member of Council to the Mayor’s Caucus.

CARRIED

Old Business:

Sewer Line Policy: The C.A.O. informed Council that she had discussed the homeowner responsibility with insurance companies and typical homeowners’ policies would only cover the portion of sewer line on the homeowner’s property – not the portion of the lateral line from the property line to the main. Given this information, the current sewer line policy stands.

Fire Radio Equipment: A request for privacy codes for the fire radios, owned by the Town was sent to Vercomm Wireless, no answer has been received, however, Lakeland Communications contacted the Town and indicated that the privacy codes would not be handed over until an outstanding invoice was paid. The outstanding invoice is for work in 2015 that was not completed to the satisfaction of the Fire Department and the Town.

Presented for Council’s information.

New Business:

Pool Staff: The C.A.O. informed Council that the Recreation Director and the Pool Supervisor held interviews and are proposing that the Town of Castor hire the proposed staff to work at the pool this summer.

The pool supervisor has also met with the two schools to set up lesson schedules for May and June.

044/17 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the pool staff be hired as presented by the Recreation Director and the Pool Supervisor.

CARRIED

ATCO Pole Storage: Council was informed that ATCO Electric will be storing poles on the industrial lots along the highway this spring.

Presented for Council’s information.

2016 Federal Census: Council received a copy of the 2016 Federal Census. This shows Castor's population going down by 3. We now have an official population of 929.

Presented for Council's information.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended a Victims Services Meeting. The group is trying to set up bullying programs in the schools. Facilitators have been lined up.
- Fall fundraiser – Victims Services have started preparing for their fall fundraiser.
- Victim's Services has a new volunteer treasurer from Consort.

Foreman:

- The crew is looking for a water break. 100 cubes more a day is going through the plant. Staff will go around this evening listening to valves.
- Spending time thawing culverts – everything is now running.
- Cleaning up wood at our yard. We have plenty of fire wood on hand.
- The crew is cleaning up the shop.

C.A.O.:

- EC911 will plan to hold their next AGM on June 19 or 20, 2017.
- Attended a PCALC meeting, the literacy coordinator has resigned, advertising will be posted to hire a new one.
- Natasha will be out of the office on March 24 – 26 to help with PeeWee Provincials.
- MSI Operational and Gas Tax SFE's have been filed.
- The Town of Castor will host the Zone 5 Gas meeting on March 27 at the Community Hall. Both Robert Pilsworth and Weston Gibson will attend. We are the hosts for this meeting.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Attended meetings in Forestburg concerning the Coal mine closure. ATCO made a presentation, they are still in negotiations. They discussed contracts for generation.
- Attended the Coal Panel meeting in Forestburg. We were given the opportunity to bring our community concerns forward. A report on their findings will be available in the spring.

In Camera:

Council went to an in camera session to discuss the Wesen Subdivision and the purchase of the Terroco Building.

045/17 MOTION: Councillor Nelner to move to an in camera session to discuss the Wesen Subdivision and the purchase of the Terroco Building.

CARRIED

Council moved to an in camera session at 7:46pm.

046/17 MOTION: Councillor Elhard to return to the Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council returned to the regular meeting at 7:59pm.

Adjournment:

047/17 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER