

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Thursday, January 13, 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.
Stan Boettcher – Public Works Foreman
Robyn Tarnowetzki – Stettler Independent
Landin Chambers – Q-14 Radio

Delegations/Interviews:

Agenda:

001/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the December 23, 2013 regular Meeting of Council.

002/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the December 23, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

003/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account Numbers 16750 to 16796 inclusive be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED .

Budget:

A comparative budget was presented to Council. The revenues and expenditures continue to be on track. We will reach our revenue budget once all our bills have been sent out.

004/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard to accept the comparative budget as information.

CARRIED

Gas and Water

Reconciliations: The CAO presented Council with the gas and water reconciliations to November 30. The gas system is in excellent shape. The water losses continue to increase. The foreman will work with the water system manager to take a look at a starting point.

005/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols to receive the gas and water reconciliations as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Old Business:

ByLaw 1029: A ByLaw to dispose of a portion of a Municipal Reserve. A public hearing was held before the Council meeting and no presentations against the ByLaw were brought forward.

006/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that ByLaw 1029 be given a second reading at this January 13, 2014 meeting of Council.

CARRIED

007/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that ByLaw 1029 be read a third time at this January 13th, 2014 meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

008/14 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that ByLaw 1029 be read a third time and finally passed this 13th day of January, 2014.

CARRIED

**Old Home Hardware
Site Update:**

The C.A.O. informed Council that she met with Home Hardware's legal counsel and a request has been made to Alberta Environment for the latest results from the well tests. The C.A.O. has also updated Alberta Environment with actions that the Town has taken to comply with the 2013 Management Plan.

Public Works Employee: The C.A.O. reported that Mike Grimshaw has been hired as a public works employee and will start work February 3, 2014.

New Business:

Recreation Report: Mayor DeVloo called upon Councillor Elhard to give the Recreation report.

- Taking quotes for camera's at arena.
- Castor Rock's Fundraiser will go forward again in 2014.
- The Recreation Board will consider placing a bench in front of the arena in memory of Sean Theileman.

- Have not heard back on funding application from the County.
- Stettler lighting & Ponoka Stampede will play 8pm on Jan. 17
- Skate-a-thon raised \$7,524.25.
- The hot chocolate machine was not working properly, the staff is looking at repairing/replacing it.

Brush pile at Town Shop: From time to time during the year it is necessary to burn brush at an empty lot in the industrial subdivision.

009/14 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Town crew be approved to burn brush as necessary during the year in the Industrial subdivision.

CARRIED

Industrial Lot Purchase: An individual has approached the C.A.O. asking if the Town would be willing to sell Lot 6, Block 24, Plan 752-1405.

010/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that Council go to an in camera session to discuss a land issue.

CARRIED

Council went in camera at 7:32pm.

011/14 MOTION: Councillor that Council come out of an in camera session.

CARRIED

012/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor not sell lot 6, Block 24, Plan 752-1405.

CARRIED

Council came out of an in camera session at 7:50pm.

ByLaw 1030
Borrowing for Operating: A By Law for the purpose of borrowing funds for the purpose of financing operational expenditures.

013/14 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that ByLaw Number 1030 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 13th Day of January, 2014.

CARRIED

014/14 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that ByLaw Number 1030 be Read a Second time this 13th Day of January, 2014.

CARRIED

015/14MOTION: Councillor Elhard that ByLaw Number 1030 be given a Third Reading at this Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

016/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that ByLaw Number 1030 be Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 13th Day of January, 2014.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nelner:

- Attended first PEPS meeting and will attend another meeting on Wednesday, January 15.

Councillor Wismer:

- Attended first ambulance in December. Will soon have another meeting. Biggest challenge facing the ambulance is with unpaid debt. They are currently looking at ways to resolve this problem.

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended an Ag. Society Meeting. Funds will be paid to the Town to make a payment on the debenture principal. They are working hard to pay down the debt. There was no change in executive.

Foreman:

- Frozen sewer service has been repaired.
- Later this week the crew will steam some of the sewers.
- Working steady on snow removal. They are a bit behind on cleaning up ridges. Some corners need to be hauled away.
- Alleys are in need of plowing – the crew may try snow blowing the excess snow.
- Job sheets have been completed for 2013.
- They are short-handed as the crew uses up holiday time.
- Adam has water/sewer year end reports to complete.
- Grave openings have been completed.
- Helped Extendicare with their water brake.
- 4 new tires have been put on the grader.
- Garbage truck will receive tires from the fire truck.
- Pump inspection on the water pumps has been done, need new seals on the pump.
- Truck inspections need to be completed this week.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Complemented the Town crew on the snow removal.
- Informed Council that PEPS will go to the Petroleum Show and the EDO will visit a few of the Oil/Gas companies in the County to see if they would like to participate.

Adjournment:

017/13 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER