

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, July 14, 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, Tony Nichols, Rod Zinger, Richard Elhard.

Absent:

Travis Ryan

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
Landin Chambers – Q-14 Radio

Agenda:

143/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the June 23, 2014 regular Meeting of Council.

144/14 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that the Minutes of the June 23, 2014 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

Councillor Nelner declared an interest in Account number 17496 payable to That's My Specialty.

145/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 17441 to 17501 excluding account 17496 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 .

146/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account number 17496 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Cash Statement:

The Cash Statement for the period ending June 30, 2014 was presented to Council. We experienced a slight overdraft for one day at a cost of \$15.00 in OD charges. We have been depositing every day to cover all the cheques. Taxes are due at the end of July and we should see a positive change in the cash flow.

147/14 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Cash Statement for the month ending June 30, 2014 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Budget Comparison:

A summary of the Budget comparison was presented to Council. It appears that the 2014 budget is on track, however, it is still early. The MSI operating grant was deposited to our account last week. The capital and BMTG should arrive shortly.

148/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Budget Comparison Summary be accepted by Council as information.

CARRIED

Gas & Water Comparisons:

The C.A.O. presented Council with the Gas and Water Comparisons to May 31. We are below 1% losses in the gas system. The water system, however, is still experiencing significant losses. We may see a difference once the list of stuck water meters has been changed.

Correspondence:

Alberta Rec. & Parks:

An invitation to attend the upcoming Alberta Recreation and Parks Association Conference and Energize Workshop was received. This is a conference specifically designed for elected officials. It will be held at the Jasper Park Lodge October 23 – 25, 2014. If anyone is interested in attending they will let the C.A.O. know before August 15.

Old Business:

Speed Bumps:

The issue of placing speed bumps on 45th street was tabled at the last meeting of Council. The office is still receiving concerns from residents that traffic is driving too fast along that street. They have noticed an increase in RCMP presence in that area.

Council will discuss the speed issues with the RCMP when they attend a Council meeting.

Cemetery Maintenance:

The C.A.O. and Councillor Nichols met with representatives from the Catholic Church. A delegation will be attending the August 6th County Council meeting to discuss a “one-time” funding towards equipment. An application for a Community Initiatives Program grant has been sent in. The Legion Cemetery will take the lead with the grant process. We will apply for 50% of the funds

through the grant, the remainder will hopefully come from donations. Startup equipment costs are expected to cost slightly over \$20,000.00.

Fire Radios: Since the June 23 Council Meeting, careful documentation has been kept on the fire radios. On July 10, a representative from the 911 call centre in Wainwright performed sound testing on our radios. He found the results to be “unacceptable” and will be strongly urging Mr. McPhee to rectify the problem here.

New Business: No New Business.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nelner:

- Attended PEPS meeting on July 9. The Board is talking about putting together packages on each of the Towns and the County to give to individuals and businesses locating or interested in locating in our area. About towns and county Global Petroleum Show was successful on the end of the Oil Companies and it was decided to go again next year. Registered the Economic Development Officer to go to Ports to Plains Conference. Talked about sponsoring a Woman’s Day.

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended the Ag. Society meeting, they are looking for a new coordinator. Received a lot of applications for scholarships. Ag. Society will host the breakfast for a the fair.

Councillor Zinger:

- Attended a SMRWSC meeting. Donalda is nearly completed.
- Asked how many hours are dedicated to family swim vs. public swim. The C.A.O. will talk to the Recreation Director for clarification.
- Asked about a fire call out of our area that our fire department was dispatched to along with two other departments. We will be billing the insurance company.

Councillor Elhard:

- Attended a 3C’s meeting on June 25. Consort Family Care Clinic was discussed. Primary Care beds are open at Consort. Coronation will be getting a new doctor in October.

Foreman:

- Pond skimmer is up and running, it runs slower than anticipated.
- Crack filling is about 90% complete.
- Filled a few pot holes.
- Started looking at tandem trucks and call trucks.
- “Fiss” lot has been cleaned up.

C.A.O.

- Attended an enhancement meeting on July 9. The group received lots of positive comments on the “midnight madness project” at the entry to Town. They would like to do a project at the cemeteries, a delegation is meeting there on July 17 to make

recommendations for a project. They are also looking at paving a short pathway from the existing path to the gazebo.

- C.A.O. will be on holidays from July 16 – 23.
- There is currently only one item for the July 28 agenda, if Council wishes to cancel that meeting, Councillor Wismer would need to be authorized to approve the accounts for payment.

150/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the July 28 Council meeting be cancelled and that Councillor Wismer is authorized to approve accounts.

CARRIED

Mayor DeVloo:

- Next meeting will be August 11, 2014.
- Attended Alberta Health meeting in Olds. We may see a community consultation in the fall in our area.

In-camera Discussions:

Council proceeded to an in-camera session to discuss an employee issue.

Landon Chambers left the Council meeting at 8:08pm.

151/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols to move to an in-camera session.

CARRIED

Council went in-camera at 8:08pm.

152/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard to come out of an in-camera session.

CARRIED

Council returned to an open session of Council at 8:22pm.

Adjournment:

153/14 MOTION: Councilor Zinger that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER