

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, July 25, 2016
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, and Richard Elhard.

**Absent:
Also in Attendance:**

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
Moush John – Castor Advance
Dave Symons – Gas Alberta
Robert Pilsworth – Gas Utility Supervisor

Agenda:

176/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interview:

Dave Symon – Gas AB:

Dave Symon, representing Gas Alberta met with Council to Propose an agreement to sell natural gas to the Town.

- Gas Alberta determines the price by blending the monthly index and daily index to save customers dollars.
- They use savings to offset risks to customers for issues such as abandoning lines.
- They pay a monthly fee towards the operation of our gas station.
- Measurement services – if the meter fails they would replace it.
- Gas Alberta takes their direction from customers.
- Cost will be \$.22 variable charge per GJ. (includes odorant and transportation costs).

Moush John entered Council meeting at 7:11pm.

Mayor DeVloo thanked Mr. Symon for his presentation.

Dave Symon left the meeting at 7:20pm.

Robert Pilsworth left the meeting at 7:20 & 7:26

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the July 11, 2016 regular Meeting of Council.

177/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the July 11, 2016 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 20399 payable to That's My Specialty.

178/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Account numbers 20363 to 20403 with the exception of account number 20399 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

179/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account number 20399 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

**Water and Gas
Reconciliation:**

The water and gas reconciliations to June 30, 2016 were presented to Council. Both system losses remain consistent.

180/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the water and gas comparisons be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Alberta Education: In response to a letter of support for Clearview schools, Alberta Education sent a reply acknowledging Council's concerns.

Federation of Gas Co-ops: The Town of Castor has completed the O & M Evaluation satisfactorily and will not require another evaluation until 2021.

Old Business:

ATCO Franchise
Agreement Bylaw:

181/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that ByLaw 1045 be read a second time at this meeting of Council.

CARRIED

182/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that ByLaw 1045 be given a third reading at this meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

183/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that ByLaw 1045 be read a third time and finally passed at this meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Coal Industry Discussion: Mayor DeVloo attended a meeting in Stettler with Mayors of other concerned municipalities in the surrounding area. Village of Forestburg has a resolution going forward to the AUMA convention. Towns will work together to develop a plan.

184/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the Town of Castor work together with other municipalities to develop a plan to lobby the Provincial Government in relation to the Coal Industry.

CARRIED

New Business:

Derelict Yards: Fines have been issued to residents that have not cleaned up their yards. Second notices are being sent out but residents are still not cleaning up the yards. Second notices indicated that if no response was given after a specified time period the Town would come in a clean up the yard and costs would be charged to the owner. The C.A.O. is asking Council to set a minimum fee for this cleaning.

Discussion ensued.

185/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town set a minimum fee of \$500.00 to any residents not cleaning their yards after a second notice has been issued. This fee will be above and beyond the fines.

CARRIED

Committee Reports

Councillor Nelner:

- Thursday, July 18 attended a safety meeting, Councillor Nelner felt we are going in the right direction

Councillor Nichols:

- Victims Services BBQ will be on Wednesday, July 27.
- Ag Society will be putting on a free breakfast on the Saturday of the Fair.

Councillor Elhard:

- Museum – the east part of the storage area floor is rotting and sagging. May have to tear down and rebuild.

Foreman:

- The crack filling is going well, the crew should have it completed in a couple days.
- Painting curbs going very well.
- Sidewalk project started in front of Drugstore, Magnet, and Nickels and Dimes.
- Curb stop at Boettcher has been repaired. It appears we were losing a significant amount of water there.

C.A.O.:

- An RCMP staff has been hired and will start September 6. She would prefer to work Monday, Tuesday, Wednesdays. Also, there is a possibility of a casual staff to fill in when the offices in Coronation and Castor are on holidays or the Castor clerk cannot be at the office due to weather, etc.
- Surveys are coming in and Billie is organizing them and should have a list for Council next meeting.
- Arena grant application has been sent in.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Thanked the Foreman for trimming the trees at the Credit Union.
- Let Council know that the crew will be painting a solid line on the curve on 49th Ave.

In Camera Session:

Weseen Subdivision
And Staff issues:

Council moved to an in camera session of Council to discuss the Weseen subdivision and staff issues.

186/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that Council move to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen subdivision.

CARRIED

Moush John left the meeting at 8:11pm.

Council moved to an in camera session at 8:12pm.

187/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Council return to the regular meeting.

CARRIED

Council returned to a regular meeting of Council at 8:32pm.

188/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the position of Assistant Recreation Director be eliminated.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

189/16 MOTION: Councilor Zinger that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER