

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, July 8, 2013
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:

Troy Slemp, Rod Zinger, Mike Bain, Brenda Wismer, and Dennis Filipenko.

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Stan Boettcher – Public Works Foreman
Landin Chambers – Q-14 Radio
Bethany Zacharias – East Central Review

**Delegations/
Interviews:**

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the June 24, 2013 regular Meeting of Council.

138/13 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that the Minutes of the June 24, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

Councillor Zinger declared an interest in account number 16050.

139/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that Account Numbers 16017 to 16049 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED .

140/13 MOTION: Councillor Slemp that account number 16050 in the amount of \$9,520.67 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Councillor Zinger did not participate in any discussion on account number 16050.

Cash Statement:

The Cash Statement for the period ending June 30, 2013 was presented to Council. We have managed to maintain a solid balance in the bank. Taxes are due at the end of July and the MSI Capital funds are not yet in.

141/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Cash Statement for the month ending June 30, 2013 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Budget:

A comparative budget was presented to Council. The Town appears to be on track to this point. We will need to continue to watch spending.

142/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger to accept the Comparative budget as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Municipal Affairs – Public
Interest Disclosure:

A letter was received from the Ministry of Accountability, Transparency, and Transformation informing Council that the new Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act came into force on June 1, 2013. This act will protect employees from reprisal for making a disclosure. It applies to the Alberta Public Service; provincial agencies, boards and commissions with employees; post-secondary institutions; school boards, charter schools, and accredited private schools that receive public funding; and public sector health entities. Currently Municipalities are not entities under this act. If we wish to opt-in we are advised to write to the Associate Minister of Accountability, Transparency and Transformation.

Council felt confident in our current policies so there is no need to opt-in under PIDA.

Old Business:

ByLaw 1025 – Re-Zoning:

A by-law to re-zone Lot 3, Block 1, Plan 7015Z R1 Low Density Residential to MHR Modular Home Residential.

143/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that By-Law Number 1025 be Read a second time this 8th Day of July, 2013.

CARRIED

144/13 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that By-Law Number 1025 be Read a third time and finally passed this 8th Day of July, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cemetery Maintenance:

The C.A.O. reported to Council that the contractor for the Cemetery maintenance has given their notice as of August 2, 2013. Council discussed their options for cemetery maintenance.

Town staff will step in to help out at Council's request. The C.A.O. will talk to the contractor and ask about the hedge.

Lot Purchase Update: The lot purchase of the commercial lot belonging to M. Fiss has nearly been completed.

Pump House Project Update: The contractors have not yet brought a cost forward. The engineers have revamped their costs without going through the tender process and their costs are now down to \$28,000.00 from \$43,000.00.

New Business:

2014 AMSC Energy Program: The C.A.O. attended a meeting with AMSC and Trans Alta concerning the 2014 AMSC Energy Program. We may choose terms anywhere from 1 year to 5 years. AMSC has four options to choose from, our best option appears to be the Fixed Price (structured Block).

The C.A.O. has also been in discussion with the 8760 Group, through AAMDC.

Bethany Zacharias left meeting at 7:35pm

Committee Reports:

Councillor Slemp:

- Ready for the Castor Rocks concert, final meeting is tomorrow evening.

Councillor Bain:

- Attended Trail of the Buffalo meeting. They are currently working on some projects. They have had changes in management in the organization. There are some benefits to this organization as our interests are well represented. Tourist providers need to become more involved in the organization.
- Attended the PEPS meeting.

Councillor Filipenko

- Thanked the Foreman for grading the road at the golf club and trailer court.

Foreman:

- Olsen's are finished the sidewalk project. Crew will fill in at arena with cold mix.
- Shop walls went up today. Wednesday the rafters should go up.
- New JD mower has arrived.
- Cemetery gazebo is now completed.
- 877 skid steer – work has been completed.
- Attended a demo of a generator/oven that attaches to the skid steer to make pavement repairs. Cost would be \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00. The next day the foreman and assistant foreman attended another demonstration on a similar unit.
- Observed a sewer rehabilitation in Coronation, where the sewer was re-lined.
- Crack filling is underway.
- Airport crack filling and line painting has been completed. A couple of culverts need to be installed.
- First call locates are keeping Robert busy.
- County will continue to help spray weeds at the lagoon.

- New slow down signs are in, Foreman will install them.
- Will address hole patching soon.
- Post office project will begin soon.

C.A.O.:

- Met with Bryon Schwartz and Kevin Ouellette and went over the Franchise report. A copy is available.
- The cemetery grant work has been sent away.
- Currently working on a cemetery ByLaw.
- Taxes are due at the end of July.
- The new computers are ready and the change-over will probably happen the end of July.
- I will be on holidays from July 25, returning August 8.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Attended a golf club meeting. The club is watching their expenditures.
- Attended an Assisted Living meeting. They partnered with their manors and are looking at extended care. Municipal Affairs has suggested they come back and talk to Castor and District Housing.
- We are still waiting on information from the RCMP concerning the vandalism and pool break ins.
- Asked the foreman about the possibility of a cleaning bee at the cemetery. It was decided that Saturday, August 24 would work best.

Adjournment:

145/13 MOTION: Councilor Filipenko that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER