

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, June 10, 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 Slempp, Rod Zinger, Mike Bain, Jeff Ensign, Brenda Wismer, and Dennis Filipenko.

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Stan Boettcher – Public Works Foreman
Barry Weseen

Delegations/Interviews:

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the May 27, 2013 regular Meeting of Council.

118/13 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that the Minutes of the May 27, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

119/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account Numbers 15870 to 15939 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED .

Weseen Subdivision:

Mayor DeVloo invited Mr. Weseen to give a progress report on his subdivision. The power and Telus lines are in the process of being installed. One of our gas line stubs will need to be moved at Mr. Weseen’s expense, he is currently working with ATCO to change their easement instead of moving the gas line. The roads are still not complete and the deadline has now passed. The Foreman indicated that there were some drainage issues that could be addressed. It was suggested that the ditch on 44th Street be filled in, then in the future curb and gutter could be installed. That may eliminate the need for culverts if individual driveways are built on the street side of the lots. Mr. Weseen has top soil that could be used to fill in the ditch but will not provide the equipment.

Mr. Weseen left the meeting at 7:20pm.

Cash Statement:

The Cash Statement for the period ending May 31, 2013 was presented to Council. The C.A.O. informed

Council that we are maintaining a good balance in the bank since property taxes have started coming in.

120/13 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the Cash Statement for the month ending May 31, 2013 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Old Business:

Weseen Subdivision:

A discussion ensued concerning the deadline of the roadwork. Council had concerns with legalities. The C.A.O. will contact the lawyer. Council would like to see the work (including the road work) completed within three months.

121/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the Town investigate, with the help of our lawyer, options available which would result in us obtaining adequate fill dirt to fill in the ditch along 44th Street. If we need to pay for another extension the Town will pay up to \$2,000.00 in legal fees.

CARRIED

Castor Sheet Metal – Lot:

The C.A.O. contacted the owner of 5004 – 49 Ave. see if he was interested in selling the lot. He would be interested and has set a price on the lot that would include the building.

122/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain to go to an in camera session.

CARRIED

Council went in camera at 7:44pm.

123/13 MOTION: Councillor Ensign to come out of the in camera session.

CARRIED

Council came out of the in camera session at 7:48pm.

124/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain to pursue the purchase of the portion of lot 3, plan 7620431 located at 5004 – 49th Avenue for the agreed upon price subject to a positive environmental review.

CARRIED

New Business:

Recreation Report:

Mayor DeVloo called upon Councillor Slemph to give the recreation report.

- Showers at the campground need repair.

- Received and dealt with a release issue.
- Hot water heater has been ordered for the arena.
- Minor Sports did not receive a summer student grant.
- Pool lockers have been installed.
- Ball diamond work will be put off until the fall.

Speed Bumps:

A request has been received to place speed bumps at the entrance to Town from the south on 45th Street. Council discussed the issue and they would like to try placing a sign first.

Tax ByLaw:

The C.A.O. presented Council with a re-zoning ByLaw Number 1025 that would see the east part of lot 3, block 1, plan 7015Z change from R1 Low Density Residential to an MHR Modular Home Residential lot.

125/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that ByLaw 1025 be read a first time at this meeting of Council.

CARRIED

126/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that a Public Hearing for ByLaw Number 1025 Be held on June 24, 2013

CARRIED

Emergency Medical Service Dispatch:

Council received a discussion paper on the “Impacts of Emergency Medical Service Dispatch from Alberta Municipal Affairs. The paper is discussing changes that could improve ground ambulance services. The most significant recommendation was that emergency medical services (EMS) dispatch should be consolidated to improve information gather and the efficiency of ground ambulance. Topics include using fire services as first responders; technology, communications, and information management; viability; and stakeholder engagement. A local meeting will be held June 11 in Coronation. Council will have members in attendance. The meeting is our opportunity to have input – we would like to see a memorandum of understanding.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Slempp:

- Reported that the Golf club has mowers stored in the Elks shack. The golf club caretaker has now moved it.

Councillor Zinger:

- Asked about the County IDP approval area. The C.A.O. informed him that it was a three mile radius.
- Asked if the hole patching will be started soon. The foreman is not ready to start.

Councillor Bain:

- Asked the Foreman if putting a second culvert at the east end of the truck route would help alleviate the pooling. The Foreman and Councillor Filipenko are looking at solutions.

- Made sure logo was sent to DMF.

Councillor Ensign:

Councillor Filipenko

- Had an ambulance meeting last week – negotiations have not gone through yet. Hoping for another five year term.

Foreman:

- Had a hospital board meeting. Answers from Alberta Health Services have not been forthcoming yet.

- Flower baskets and pots have been put out.
- Replaced K. Lundgren's sewer line.
- Had an environmental inspection – included the lagoon. We have not heard back yet from the report.
- Repaired the walking path.
- Reset south sewer pump station.
- Waiting for an engineering report to start work on the new shop.
- Gazebo is in the process of being built.
- Motor shaft on back hoe needs to be repaired.
- Been filling graves and removing covers.
- Augured the holes for the gate at the alley behind 49th Street.
- Streets were swept at Halkirk.
- Water leak today, was repaired.
- Contamination crew was here last week working at the old ATCO and Home Hardware sites.
- Has a meeting with ISL on June 19th.

C.A.O.:

- Many yard clean-up letters have been sent out.
- A notice for the newsletter has been made advising people who walk dogs at the airport to stay off the runway and that the only vehicles, aside from airplanes, allowed on the runway are emergency and maintenance vehicles.
- June 12 is Mayor's Caucus in Canmore.
- The County Recreation grant has been applied for.
- Benches and a picnic table have been donated for the Post Office area. They have been ordered.
- Q. Beaumont has requested the removal of a Nanny Berry tree from his boulevard. Providing a spot to plant it can be found, the Town crew can remove the tree and replant it, time permitting.
- PCALC had their last meeting of the season. The staff at PCALC is doing a tremendous job and everything is running smoothly.
- UFA donated \$1,500.00 to the arena project. Recognition has been put in our newsletter.
- The Castor Rocks committee wants to hang speakers from the rafters at the arena. We will have to have an engineer's approval. Council felt the speakers can go on the stage.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Discussed the contamination at the old Home Hardware site and at the old ATCO site.

Adjournment:

127/13 MOTION: Councilor Filipenko that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:56p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER