

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, June 13, 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, Rod Zinger, and Richard Elhard

Absent:

Tony Nichols

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman
Moush John – Castor Advance
Sylvia Adams – ATCO Electric
Kevin Ouellette – ATCO Electric

Delegation:

Sylvia Adams and Kevin Ouellette from ATCO Electric were in attendance to discuss swapping out our current “Roadway” LED lights for the new GE “Evolve” lights.

- Main Street Lights – ATCO would like to swap out our “Roadway” LED lights for GE “Evolve” lights. No cost to the Town for this change. Council discussed this at length.
- ATCO will provide information as to size of wattage and bring it back to Council.
- Ms. Adams answered questions concerning the Franchise Agreement.

Moush John entered the meeting at 7:20pm

135/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger to change out the Roadway LED lights for the GE Evolve lights. Wattage will be set at a future meeting after more information is received from ATCO.

CARRIED

Sylvia Adams and Kevin Ouellette left the meeting at 7:30pm.

Agenda:

136/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the May 24, 2016 regular Meeting of Council.

137/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Minutes of the May 24, 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 20198 payable to That's My Specialty.

138/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 20143 to 20203 with the exception of account number 20198 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

139/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Account number 20198 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Cash Statement: Council was presented with the Cash Statement for the month of May 31, 2016. Cash Flow is holding its own but we are being very careful.

140/16 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the cash statement ending May 31, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Budget Comparison: The Budget comparison to Month Ending May 31, 2016 was presented to Council for information.

Correspondence:

Clearview Public School:

Council received a letter requesting support in their request to the Provincial Government to rebate the carbon tax levy back to the school divisions.

141/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Town of Castor support Clearviews position.

CARRIED

Alberta Recreation

& Parks Conference: An invitation was received to the annual Conference & Energize Workshop to be held in Jasper this October.

Presented for Council's information.

Municipal Safety Recognition:

A Municipal Safety Recognition Award was received by the Town of Castor in recognition of 20 years of accreditation under the safety codes act.

Presented for Council's information.

C. Cousineau
Memorial Park:

A letter was received by Council concerning the donation of lands by the Cousineau family.

The C.A.O. will send a letter and a map to Mr. Cousineau and set up a meeting with him for this summer.

Old Business:

MGA – Report:

Mayor DeVloo, Councillor Elhard, and the C.A.O. attended a webinar on the changes in the Municipal Government Act. Council was briefed on the changes.

Discussion surrounding aspects of the changes was held. Council felt discussions with other municipalities should start.

New Business:

Recreation Report:

Mayor DeVloo called upon Councillor Elhard & Councillor Ryan to present the recreation report.

- Signing authority for all Minor sports accounts will be changed.
- Ball Diamonds are busy for the summer.
- Pool is also busy – more seasons passes have been purchased this year. All training will be completed by the middle of July. Programs are going well. Swim lessons are filling up.
- The Recreation Director would like to work with the High School to bring basket ball programs to Castor.
- Window inserts will be placed in the outside main entry doors at the arena.
- The Building Committee will be meeting with the Engineers concerning the arena upgrades.
- The Recreation Director will come up with a draft letter to businesses for sponsorship.
- A soccer program is being worked out.
- Pre-IP program is being looked into.
- A fitness instructor will work with the Recreation Director on possible classes.

142/16 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Recreation Board report be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Franchise Bylaw 1045:

A Bylaw to enter into an agreement with ATCO Electric. Ltd. for an Electrical Distribution System Franchise Agreement.

143/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that ByLaw 1045 be read a first time at this meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Airport Lease:

The C.A.O. brought the Airport lease increase to Council.

144/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Airport Leases be increased by 5% for 2016.

CARRIED

Business Proposal: A commercial building, currently for sale was offered to the Town.

Gas Alberta: Gas Alberta sent a proposal to the Town of Castor to consider for our future gas purchases.

Animal Bylaw: The current Dog Bylaw will need to be updated. The C.A.O. brought forward Having an “Animal Bylaw” as opposed to just dog control.

143/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan to table the structure of a new Bylaw to the next meeting.

CARRIED

Safety Policies: The C.A.O. presented Council with safety policies. Council brought up questions that the C.A.O. will look into and bring back to the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nelner:

- Attended ACT meeting, interesting information came out of the meeting.
- Alberta Federation of Labor in Hanna. Plan 1 Lobby Government to make coal burn cleaner. Plan 2 Re train everyone in the area. Town of Hanna is drafting a resolution to come before AUMA.

Foreman:

- Sprayed the duck weed, one pond appears to be dying. Two applications are required.
- Hydrant flushing
- Couple of sewer digs
- Getting ready for truck to hook into gas system. Tying in at the community hall. Ready for tomorrow.
- County put calcium on golf course and industrial area (56 Street).

Mayor DeVloo:

- Received a call about sending birthday wishes to a senior resident. C.A.O. will send a card.
- Castor and District Housing has been doing some upgrades. Funding came from a Provincial grant.

In Camera Session:

Council moved to an in camera session to discuss an offer to purchase.

144/16 MOTION: Councillor Wismer moved to go to an in camera session to discuss a land proposal.

CARRIED

Council moved to an in camera session at 9:00pm.

145/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Council return to an open meeting.

CARRIED

Council returned to an open meeting at 9:20pm.

U12 Provincial Soft
Ball Team:

The U12 Provincial Softball team is asking the Town to put up funding until a presumed donation comes in.

146/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the request be denied.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

147/16 MOTION: Councilor Ryan that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:46pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER