

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, June 23, 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, Travis Ryan, Tony Nichols, Richard Elhard.

Absent:

Rod Zinger

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson –C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
Landon Chambers – Q-14
Stacey Lavallie - Castor Advance
Phil Dietz – Catholic Cemetery Committee
Herman Schwenk – Catholic Cemetery Committee
Lawrence Zinger – Catholic Cemetery Committee
Patrick Kelly – Castor Fire Dept.
Marty Rowland – Castor Fire Dept.
Lee Bagshaw – Castor Fire Dept.
Warren Rowland – Castor Fire Dept.

Agenda:

134/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Delegations:

Catholic Cemetery:

The Committee came to Council to request help with the summer maintenance on the Catholic Cemetery. Mr. Schwenk suggested that both cemeteries are resting places for both the Town residents and the County residents. The committee will meet with the CAO on July 8 at 11:00am. to discuss best options to proceed in a joint effort.

Cemetery Committee left the meeting at 7:10pm.

Castor Fire Dept.:

Mayor DeVloo welcomed the Fire Department members. They expressed their concern over the digital radios that do not work properly. They feel they can't entertain dealing with digital radios as they feel that there is a clear safety risk with the digital radio communication system. The department would like to put the analog system back in operation. The department is temporarily set up on a text system until the radio problem has been resolved.

Fire Department Committee left the meeting at 7:29.

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the June 9, 2014 regular Meeting of Council.

135/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the June 9, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts: The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

136/14 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Account numbers 17363 to 17410 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule "A" and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED .

Water & Gas Comparison Reports: Not available.

Correspondence: No Correspondence.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business:

Catholic Cemetery: Council discussed options for the maintenance of the Catholic Cemetery. Council all agreed that something needs to be done. It was suggested that another year we may need to look at purchasing some new equipment and hiring a seasonal employee. This will be discussed with the Catholic Committee in July.

Speed Bumps on 45 St.: The C.A.O. has, again, been requested to place speed bumps on 45th Street south of highway 12. The RCMP have been asked to patrol the area more regularly, still the traffic continues to speed along this street. Council discussed this issue at length. The C.A.O. will meet with the new RCMP Sargent this week and discuss the problem and bring this back to Council

Fire Radios: Mayor DeVloo reported on the progress of the repairs to the fire radios. It was suggested that we bring in Communications Group to work with the mediator as a technical advisor for the Town.

137/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Town respect the fireman's request to change back to the analog radio system.

CARRIED

Hay lease at Theresetta: The Town does not currently have a hay lease at the property north of Theresetta School. The last person to lease this property left it in a mess. R & C Property Services has given a price to mow it but the hay bales will still remain. The Foreman will use the flail mower to cut it and the Town will not lease it out this year.

Fire Agreement: The C.A.O. presented Council with the Fire Agreement. No changes have been made, other than the term is now for eighteen months instead of a year.

138/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Town of Castor accept the Fire Agreement as presented.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Wismer:

- Had an ambulance meeting, Councillor Wismer presented a copy of the ECA financial statement.
- Has an FCSS meeting coming up.

Councillor Ryan:

- Attended a Castor and District Housing meeting.

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended an Ag. Society meeting. They were looking at moving the light post on the east side of the hall. The Ag. Society approved subsidizing a dance instructor's rent for the winter lesson season.
- Victims services – raised a substantial amount of funds at the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event.

Councillor Elhard:

- Had a 3 Cs meeting. A needs assessment is on their agenda. Discussed boundaries, would probably go County wide. Town would need to look at signing on.
- Baffles are being installed in the arena for the Castor Rocks Concert. They will stay up.

Town Foreman:

- Fixed some block valves.
- Will gear towards filling holes on the roads.
- Has a beaver problem in the ponds – the crew is currently trying to catch the beaver.
- Skimmer has arrived and the foreman is trying to fine tune it.
- Students are busy working – rain or shine.
- Talked to a potential seasonal employee.

C.A.O.:

- The office has been extremely busy for the past two weeks. We have received complaints concerning yards that need mowing, dogs barking and running at large, and a number of miscellaneous requests. A substantial number of letters have been sent out.
- R. Hill is asking permission to purchase a gate for the airport. It would be coded so he would plan to give the code to the Town and the Gun Club. This would hopefully keep the dog walkers off the runway.

139/14 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Town allow R. Hill to put up an electronic gate at the airport.

CARRIED

- Staff will begin taking holidays so the office will be short staffed from time to time during the summer months.
- MSI grant applications have finally become available and the applications have been sent in.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Attended the Global Petroleum Show – the oil companies from our County that utilized the booth were pleased with the exposure.
- Attended a golf club meeting. The golf club ask if the Town staff would do a one-time cutting with the flail mower at the south end of the course.

In-Camera Discussion:

Weseen Subdivision: An in-camera discussion on the progress of the Weseen Subdivision.

140/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Council move to an in-camera session to discuss the progress of the Weseen Subdivision.

CARRIED

Council moved to an in-camera session at 8:25pm

141/14 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Council come out of the in-camera session and return to the regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council came out of the in-camera session at 8:57pm

Adjournment: **142/14 MOTION:** Councilor Elhard that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER