

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, June 26, 2017
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.

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman

Agenda:

133/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the June 12, 2017 regular Meeting of Council.

134/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Minutes of the June 12, 2017 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The Lists of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

Councillor Nelner declared an interest in account number 21784 Payable to That's My Specialty.

135/17 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that Account numbers 21704 to 21707 and 21758 to 21788 with the exception of account number 21784 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

136/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account number 21784 payable to That's My Specialty be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Budget Comparison:

Council was presented with the budget comparison for the month ending May 31, 2017.

137/17 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the budget comparison for the month ending May 31, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Gas and Water Comparisons:

The budget comparison for the month ending May 31, 2017 was presented to Council. We continue to see a steady gain in the gas system. The water system has seen excessive losses, largely due to the line flushing for our infrastructure project.

138/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the Gas and Water comparisons be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Elhard entered the meeting at 7:08pm.

Correspondence:

Progress on MGA:

A news release was received regarding the progress on the MGA. Presented to Council as information.

Alberta Utilities Commission:

A notice was received regarding the application for the Halkirk 2 Wind Power Project. The application to construct the 74 wind turbine system has been filed. Presented to Council as information.

Deputy Mayor Elhard attended the meeting in Halkirk this evening. People have until this Friday to apply for intervenor status.

Old Business:

Report on Infrastructure Project:

A meeting was held to discuss the contamination on 51st Street between 50th Ave. and 51st Ave. Also, the structural engineer discussed the stability of the building at 5101 – 50th Ave.

Tax Sale:

The C.A.O. informed Council that there will be no tax sale this year. The property owner has set up payments for their property.

4-H Sale:

The C.A.O. reported that a discussion was held with a 4-H member to see if there was a possibility that the 4-H show and sale would be held in Castor at some point in time. She was informed that the 4-H clubs preferred their current venue due to the dirt floor and ability to park trailers.

New Business:

Offer to Purchase:

Double G Surveys Inc. has presented the Town with an offer to sell a pipe locator and 134 bundles of lath.

139/17 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Town purchase items offered for sale by Double G Surveys Inc. at a cost of \$5,000.00.

CARRIED

Speed Bumps: Residents that live along 45th Street are requesting Council put the speed bumps back in to slow the traffic.

Councillor Ryan would like to see speed bumps put by the playground on Parkview Drive.

140/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the lower speed bumps be placed on 45th Street and the larger speed bumps be placed on Parkview Drive near the playground.

CARRIED

Trees on 51st Street: Council was presented with two options of maple trees to line 51st Street. The Tatarian Maple or the Amur Maple. Both turn a bright red in the fall and both are approximately 15' at maximum height so they would fit under the power line.

Amur Maples will be placed on the east side and linden trees on the west side.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Wismer:

- Attended a PEPS meeting last week. Open Farm Days throughout Alberta will be held August 20 - 21. Farms can be registered for tours.
- Only 2 applicants from Castor entered the annual essay contest. No applications were received from Coronation. The criteria will change for next year. Prizes awarded for this year: One applicant will receive \$1,000.00 and the other \$500.00.

Councillor Ryan:

- Attended a Veterans Memorial Highway meeting. The pilot car project will move forward. Highway 881 will put together a book – hopefully to bring business to vendors along the highway. The book will contain ads, tourist attractions, etc. and be placed in all the gas stations along the route. The Veterans Memorial Highway Association is looking to do a similar project that would affect 27 communities along highway 36.

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended the East Central 911 meeting in Wainwright with the C.A.O. EC911 is in the process of installing next generation 911; one advantage is that they would be better able pinpoint locations. Rural Emergency – they will try to localize 27 fire departments. They promoted their after hour services (work alone and alarm monitoring). EC911 is looking at “Vetting” police calls where they will try and sort out real emergencies as opposed to less important issues. They are working with rural crime watch groups.

Councillor Zinger:

- At the last SMRWSC a motion was passed to accept money to take water to Brownfield and White Sands.

Councillor Elhard:

- Attended the Gas co-op opening this afternoon and a presented gift on behalf of the Town.

Foreman:

- Grayson is nearly finished, only the paving is left.
- No pavers arrived today as expected.
- Wally has a pressure test tomorrow. Bac T test is complete.
- Netook has first block off temporary water and they are working on hooking up temporary services for the second block. They are still finding plenty of black dirt.
- Cathodic checks being done on gas system this week.
- Fire hydrant – we helped hook up the water hydrant at the County shop.
- The crew has started trimming trees.

Mayor.:

- Informed Council Mike Bain received an honorary lifetime membership for his work in creating the Castor Pharmacy Museum.
- Attended a PEPS meeting - The dance has been organized for the fair weekend – profit will go to the arena fund.
- Gave out grant money from PRWM. \$25,000.00 total was given out.

In Camera Session:

Council moved to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen Subdivision.

141/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan to move to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen subdivision.

CARRIED

Council moved to an in camera session at 8:19pm.

142/17 MOTION: Councillor Nichols to return to the Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council returned to the regular meeting at 8:23pm.

Adjournment:

143/17 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER