Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council Of the Town Of Castor Held Monday, March 24, 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:

Brenda Wismer, Travis Ryan, Tony Nichols, Richard

Elhard.

Absent: Lonny Nelner and Rod Zinger.

Also in

Attendance: Sandi Jackson –C.A.O.

Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman

Landin Chambers – Q-14 Radio Stacey Lavallie - Castor Advance

Delegations/ Interviews:

Agenda: 052/14 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda

be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes of the March 10, 2014

regular Meeting of Council.

053/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes

of the March 10, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as

presented.

CARRIED

Accounts: The List of Accounts was presented to Council for

payment.

054/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account

numbers 17012 to 17042 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: The C.A.O. presented Council with the Water and Gas

comparison reports. Water losses were the highest we have seen yet. This would be attributed to the water breaks we experienced in February. We may see a similar loss in March as we continued to have breaks, however, it looks as though our main leakage may now be repaired. The gas system is functioning well now that the relief valves have

been replaced.

055/14 MOTION: Councillor Wismer to accept the

water and gas comparisons as

information.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

National Energy Board: Council received information concerning an integration

asset transfer project. Currently TransCanada and ATCO operate a number of lines jointly, it would be cost effective for both entities to enter into an "asset swap". This is mostly internal, the systems will continue to operate as usual (all contracts and normal operating stays the same).

Council accepted this as information.

Old Business:

Fees and Services Policy: The C.A.O. presented Council with the New Fees and

Services Policy. Changes to the policy included and increase to the opening/closing of cremation graves and the addition of the Multi Jurisdiction Municipal Permit Fee of

\$20.00.

056/14 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the Fees

and Services Policy be approved as

of March 24, 2014.

CARRIED

TRAVIS Permitting System:

Alberta Transportation has presented Council with a Memorandum of Agreement to facilitate the sharing of permit revenue and the acceptance/denial of permit applications between the Province and the Town of Castor.

057/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Town

Of Castor approve the Memorandum of Agreement as presented by the

Minister of Transportation.

CARRIED

New Business:

MSI Funding: Municipal Affairs has released the MSI funding allocations.

The Town of Castor has seen an increase in our Capital funding component by \$12,000.00 but a decrease in our Operating component by \$35,000.00. The BMTG grant will remain the same but is now administered by Municipal

Affairs instead of the department of Transportation.

Council received this as information.

Utility Bylaw 1031: The new Utility Bylaw 1031, a Bylaw to provide for the

levying and collecting of charges and rates for utility services was presented to Council. Changes reflected in the Bylaw are the \$1.00 increase in the garbage service and an increase in water charges to coincide with the rate increase

from SMRWSC.

058/14 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that ByLaw 1031

be given a second reading at this March 24th, 2014 meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Advance Reporter:

• Informed Council that there are changes in the office at Stettler. Stacey is Castor's dedicated reporter. She is looking for what is important to the Town.

Councillor Ryan:

- Recreation Board had a policy meeting on the 17th of March.
- Attended a facility tour of the Castor and District Housing. Members were familiarized with each facility. Marcy Renschler will replace Sylvia Wold as the Administrator for the Castor and District Housing. The Lodge is full and there are two empty suites in one of the manors.

Councillor Nichols:

 Will have a Victims Services Meeting. Critical Services clinic is coming up this weekend. Partnering with Consort to put on a workshop for awareness for students heading to college or university.

Foreman:

- Has had two more water breaks since the last Council meeting. The leak detector was down and did not find any leaks. One of the leaks that was repaired may be the difficult leak we were looking for.
- Removed the filter system from the pool.
- Street sweeper was out.
- Started trimming trees.
- Water line at the County was froze. We have had two men steaming today and will also spend most of tomorrow. Council discussed installing a meter at the beginning of the County line.

C.A.O.

- The Lodge, FCSS, and the Town are working together to host a Senior's Week event on Tuesday, June 3 from 1:00 3:30pm to recognize our volunteers.
- Looked into the cost of a trailer mounted radar sign

 the cost is \$12,000.00 or we can rent on for
 \$65.00/day. We would have to pick it up and return it.
- We had volunteered to be the host community to apply for a Collaborative Tourism Visioning Project Grant. If approved, the project would receive \$49,710.00 and be administered by Canadian Badlands. The intent of this grant is to fund a study and a service delivery plan to assist the collaborating municipalities with determining the viability of regional municipal service delivery. The application has been sent in.
- Shawna received top marks for the Park & Sports field Level 2 Course. She received a free

- Recreation and Parks Conference registration and a plaque which will be presented at the conference in Jasper October 23 25.
- Castor Enhancement Society meeting. I attended, they are trying to start up again. They meet four times a year and are looking for members. Next meeting is April 9th.
- We have had further requests for no parking on the truck route.

059/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that "no parking" Signs be installed on the south side

of the truck route.

CARRIED

Mayor DeVloo:

• March 30 is National Doctor's Day.

Adjournment: **060/14 MOTION:**

Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER