

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, March 27, 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.

Absent:

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman
Moush Sarah John – Castor Advance Reporter
Casey Van Wensem – Castor Advance

Casey Van Wensem was introduced at the new Castor Advance reporter.

Agenda:

060/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the March 13, 2016 regular Meeting of Council.

061/17 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the March 13, 2016 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 21358 Payable to That's My Specialty.

062/17 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account numbers 21322 to 21362 with the exception of account number 21358 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

063/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account number 21358 payable to That's My Specialty be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Water and Gas Comparisons:

Water and Gas Comparisons to February 28, 2017 were presented to Council. We continue to see a significant loss in the water system. The gas system is currently on track.

064/17 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Water and Gas Comparisons be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Premier Notley: A letter was received from Premier Notley acknowledging Council's letter regarding the carbon levy.

FCM: A request was received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for a donation to the Legal Defense Fund.

065/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the Town not donate to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Legal Defense Fund.

CARRIED

Old Business:

Personnel Handbook: Council reviewed the new Policy Handbook. In order to do a comprehensive review, new handbooks will be distributed with color coding to distinguish the old policies from the additions to the policies. Council will review this at the next meeting.

2016 SMRWSC Budget:

Council was presented with the 2017 Budget for the SMRWSC.

066/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the SMRWSC Budget for 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2017 Recreation Fees:

The Recreation Board is asking for approval of the 2017 Pool fees and the Summer Camp fees.

067/17 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the 2017 Pool fees and Summer Camp fees be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Hwy. 12 Regional Emergency Communications Group:

A meeting was held on March 20 with the partners of the Hwy. 12 Regional Emergency Communications Group. Upgrades to the system, above and beyond regular

maintenance and costs will be approximately \$50,000.00. A grant of \$10,000.00 has been obtained but the remaining \$40,000.00 will need to be absorbed by the partners. The upgrades can be phased over two years. Each member is asked to contribute \$3,000.00 towards this year's upgrades.

068/17 MOTION: Councillor Nichols to approve a contribution of \$3,000.00 towards system upgrades to the emergency communications equipment.

CARRIED

New Business:

2017 MSI & Gas Tax
Allocations:

The CAO presented the 2017 MSI and Gas Tax Allocations to Council. The CAO requested that Council approve allocating the Gas Tax funding towards one block of sidewalk along the north side of 50th Avenue from 50th Street to 51st Street.

069/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Gas Tax funding be applied to replacing the north block of sidewalk along 50th Avenue from 50th Street to 51st Street. The project is to be tendered.

CARRIED

The 2017 MSI Capital funding allocation was mostly pre-approved in 2016 for the Water Wastewater project. The remaining 2017 funding could be applied to a new backhoe.

070/17 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the remainder of the 2017 MSI Funding be applied towards the purchase of a new backhoe.

CARRIED

Coal Committee
Report:

Deputy Mayor Elhard and the CAO attend two Coal meetings last week. One meeting was with members of the Forestburg/Castor/Halkirk/County of Paintearth/Coronation group and the Hanna/Special Areas Group. The Second meeting was with Urban Systems to prepare the ground work for the study.

Delivery Truck
Parking:

Delivery trucks unload supplies to the Magnet Grocery Store via the alley. They need to park almost completely across 51st Street; the office has received complaints that it is creating a potential hazard. The store has been asked to place a barricade when the trucks deliver to ward off a possible accident. Presented for Council's information.

Drainage Issue:

There is a consistent water build up at 44th Street and 46th Avenue. The homeowner is looking for solutions.

Council discussed the issue at length.

The Foreman is able to cut out another piece of the curb in an effort to help the resident. This will be the final removal the Town will make; the Town will send a letter informing the homeowner that this is the last work the Town will be doing to help him rectify his problem.

071/17 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Town will remove one final piece of the curb at 4602 – 44th Street in an attempt to rectify the drainage problem. A letter will be sent to the resident.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended a Victim's Services meeting. They were supposed to facilitate a bullying program in the schools in March, however, that will now take place in May.

Councillor Zinger:

- Asked when the ISL tender will be opened for Contract D. The scheduled date is April 5 at the Town office at 2:00pm.
- Asked how the Animal Bylaw was coming. The CAO is part way through the draft and hopes to present it to Council in May.
- Fitness Classes – how is the attendance? Some classes are slow right now but the fitness program is on a trial basis for the 2017 year.

Councillor Elhard:

- Informed Council of the Renewable Electricity Program that offers companies the chance to provide up to 400 megawatts of renewable electricity to the province's power grid. This is a project based competition.
- Discussed the wind farms and the local employment they create.
- Announced that the Recreation Director successfully applied for a CFIC grant for the arena upgrades in the amount of \$125,000.00.

Foreman:

- Talked to Grayson Contracting about the pot holes on 51st Street. They will be out tomorrow to repair them.
- Hired the leak detector to try and find the water main leak. They narrowed it down to 50th Ave. between 48th Street and 49th Street. The crew did find a water line in an unoccupied house that was broke – a significant amount of water was flowing through it. The leak on Main Street has not yet been pinpointed.
- Has been experiencing issues with the back hoe; the steering is not working properly and the oil overheated. It will need to go in for work. The crew used it cautiously today. We will plan to take it to Red Deer and hopefully bring home a loaner.
- The crew has been busy steaming culverts. They have put a strain on the hotsy.

C.A.O.:

- Asked Council if the May 8 meeting could be moved to May 9 to accommodate a workshop she hopes to attend. The meeting date will change to Tuesday, May 9.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Has been asked by the PEPS coordinator to come up with some economic development ideas for the next meeting. Mayor DeVloo came up with three ideas that will be forwarded to the coordinator along with the energy competition information.
- Attended the CASHA convention last week. One session, chaired by David Dodge of Energy Efficient Alberta on solar energy was particularly interesting.
- A Telus presenter also had a rather unique presentation – he used an iPad to make the presentation from Vancouver. Monitoring technology made it appear he was in the room.

In Camera:

Adjournment:

072/17 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:23pm

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER