

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Tuesday, March 29, 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, Tony Nichols, Rod Zinger, Richard Elhard.

Absent:

Travis Ryan

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman

Agenda:

081/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interview:

Sargent Darcy McGunigal was unavailable to attend.

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the March 14, 2016 regular Meeting of Council.

082/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the March 14, 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 19882 payable to That's My Specialty.

083/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account numbers 19860 to 19884 with the exception of account number 19882 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

084/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account number 19882 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

**Water and Gas
Reconciliation:**

The water and gas reconciliations to February 29, 2016 were presented to Council. The water system seen a large loss in February. The gas system did not see a loss but, because of the late meter reading in December, our current year to date loss is showing over 5%. If we considered a 12 month average we would be on track for under a 2% loss.

085/16 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the water and gas comparisons be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

FCSS : A letter was received from the FCSS coordinator informing Council of the upcoming Healthy Lifestyles Against Cancer meeting. April 25, 9:30am at the Castor Lighthouse church.

**Wildrose Meeting with
The Leader of the
Opposition:**

Council received an invitation to join the Wildrose MLA Rick Strankman, and Leader of the Opposition Brian Jean for a meet and greet. The meeting will be held in Stettler at the Canalta Hotel from 1:00pm – 3:00pm on April 9.

Sidewalk Removal:

A resident along 50th street requested that the sidewalk that runs on the west side of 50th Street from 54th Avenue to 55th Avenue be removed as there is a good sidewalk along the east side of the street.

The C.A.O. will write letters to the residents along that block to see if the rest of them are in favor of the removal.

Old Business:

June Gas Shutdown:

The Paintearth Gas Co-op made a request to Apache Canada to connect to their line for temporary gas supply for the Paintearth Gas Co-op and the Town of Castor Gas system. Apache has turned down this request partly due to the possibility of off-spec gas being delivered. The Gas Co-op has sent an appeal to Apache.

New Business:

**Alberta Municipal Solar
Program:**

Funding is available through the Alberta Municipal Solar Program.

Mayor DeVloo attended a workshop at the AAMD & C conference on solar energy. The C.A.O. will attend a meeting sponsored by the County on April 6 to find more information.

ATB Home Ice Hero:

Deputy Mayor Elhard informed Council that Troy Slemph had been the recipient of the ATB Home Ice Hero award. Suggested that the Town should recognize the achievement with a plaque in the arena. This suggestion will be taken to the Recreation Board. A letter of congratulations will be sent from Council.

Committee Reports

Councillor Nelner:

- Fire Department fundraiser is coming up on April 15.
- Brought forward a suggestion that PEPS form a committee to meet with the coal mine to see what the building could be used for and maybe the possibility of a feasibility study. Council discussed coal generation briefly.

Councillor Wismer:

- Attended PEPS meeting – community and tourism magazine ad for municipalities will be paid for by PEPS. Solar energy meeting was discussed. Junior Entrepreneur camp will be sponsored by the committee.

Councillor Nichols:

- Non-event for the Ag Society will go ahead.

Councillor Zinger:

- SMRWSC meeting – water will not go up. Castor's debenture payments will be \$14,312.00 for phase 1, \$1,142.00 twice a year for phase 2, and \$1,570.00 twice a year for phase 3. Castor's true up will cost \$2,743.40 for 2015.

Foreman:

- A lot of trees have been trimmed – so far mostly elms.
- Vertical Limits have been here and ground 40 stumps.
- Sweeper has been out.

C.A.O.:

- Staff did a great job filling in while I was away on Holidays.
- Alberta Historical Resources Foundations Heritage awards for 2016 are coming up and Council is invited to submit a nomination.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Attended the AAMD & C conference courtesy of the County of Paintearth. Attended the Mayors and reeves meeting; met with the coal mines; attended the Minister of municipal affairs talk on linear assessment; MSI and FGT will continue; No Provincial sales tax; Premiers speech discussed infrastructure, carbon tax, and the elimination of coal fire will be accelerated.

In Camera Session:

No in camera session was necessary.

Adjournment:

086/16 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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