

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, May 13, 2013
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:

Troy Slempp, Rod Zinger, Mike Bain, and Brenda Wismer.

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Stan Boettcher – Public Works Foreman
Richard Froese – Castor Advance Reporter

Delegations/Interviews:

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the April 22, 2013 regular Meeting of Council.

087/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Minutes of the April 22, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

088/13 MOTION: Councillor Slempp that Account Numbers 15734 to 15787 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED .

Cash Statement:

The Cash Statement for the period ending April 30, 2013 was presented to Council. The C.A.O. informed Council that we are still having some cash flow problems but are maintaining our bank account without borrowing on our operating loan.

089/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the Cash Statement for the month ending April 30, 2013 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Boulevard Letters:

Letters were received from Town residents that are concerned with the amount of gravel that was deposited on the boulevards during the winter.

The Foreman informed Council that it is impossible to keep from depositing the gravel on the boulevards during the

winter plowing. The Town staff cleans our boulevards with a motorized broom. Once the grass starts coming through it become more difficult to remove the gravel. The Town staff does not have the time to remove gravel from all the boulevards in Town. The exceptional amount of snow this winter made the problem worse.

Council discussed the issue at length and felt that residents will need to remove the gravel from their own property. Letters will be sent in response to the concerns.

Senior's Week:

June 3-9, 2013 is Seniors' Week and the Seniors advisory council is requesting that Council proclaim this week as "Senior's Week".

090/13 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that the Town of Castor proclaim the week of June 3 – 9 as "Senior's Week"

CARRIED

Alberta Health Services:

Mayor DeVloo and two other community health leaders are invited to attend a Community Health Forum and networking Event in Wetaskiwin on Thursday, May 23. The purpose of this event is to provide Municipalities with a Central Zone update.

091/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Mayor DeVloo and Councillor Bain Attend the Community Health Forum.

CARRIED

Old Business:

Legion Cemetery:

The C.A.O. updated Council on the Legion cemetery. A meeting was held, at which the Legion offered to sell the cemetery to the Town for \$1.00 but have asked that a caveat be placed on the Field of Honor portion stipulating that only Legion members be buried there.

092/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town proceed with purchase the Legion Cemetery for \$1.00 and that a caveat be placed on the Field of Honor stipulating that only Legion Members be buried there.

CARRIED

Post Office Project:

Council was presented with a plan for the Post Office Corner. The approximate cost is \$20,000.00. Canada Post will pay \$10,000.00 and the Enhancement Society has been approached to help out with \$2,000.00. Summer students will participate in this project.

093/13 MOTION: Councillor Slep that the Town proceed with the Post office Project.

CARRIED

Water Pump House: ISL Engineering has supplied Council with an updated project proposal for the Water Pump House. The C.A.O. and the Foreman explained costs and proposed procedure to Council.

094/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the Town proceed with the Water Pump House Project as set out by ISL Engineering.

CARRIED

Public Works Storage: Two options for the Public Works Storage were presented to Council. The preferred quote came from Home Hardware where a local builder would be building the shop. Council would like to keep a close watch on the building so that costs do not run over the budget.

095/13 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that a shop package be purchased through Home Hardware and that a local contractor be hired to build the shop.

CARRIED

Hill Airport Lease: Rob Hill requested permission from Council to take out a fence that currently runs north of his property. The fence is not necessary. He would install a gate. Council would like Mr. Hill to give us detailed plans of the gate he is building.

096/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger to allow Rob Hill to remove the fence to the north of the property he is leasing, subsequent to submission of a plan of the work.

CARRIED

ATCO Street Lights: A final “firm” offer was received from ATCO Electric for the Street Light Project. The cost for the project has been reduced to \$48,171.00 plus GST.

097/13 MOTION: Councillor Slemph to approve ATCO Electric’s proposal of \$48,171.00 plus GST to complete the Street Light Project.

CARRIED

Fire Agreement: Mayor DeVloo and the C.A.O. attended the last fire agreement meeting between the County of Paintearth, Towns of Coronation and Castor and the Village of Halkirk. A proposal from the County was favorable to all parties.

098/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain to approve the Fire Agreement as presented for a one year period from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

CARRIED

New Business:

Recreation Report:

Mayor DeVloo called upon Councillor Slemph to give the Recreation report.

- Day Care will be using the men's hardball diamond for "Movie in the Park".
- Alden Fuller's name was put forward as a nomination for a recognition award.
- Put new lockers in the pool dressing rooms.
- Ball Program is focusing on the younger players to build our teams up.
- Toilets have been installed at the arena.
- Looking at installing an on-demand water heater at the arena.
- Increased pool fees.

099/13 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that the pool fee schedule be increased as presented.

CARRIED

Theresetta – 100th
Anniversary:

Mayor DeVloo called upon Councillor Bain. This year is the 100th Anniversary of Theresetta School; celebration will be on August 17. They are requesting the use of the port-a-potty's, fire pits, fire wood, and barricades as property dividers. Theresetta will contact the Town when they are ready for delivery.

Day Care - request
For speed bumps:

A request was received from the Castor Day Care to install speed bumps on 52nd Street to the west of the day care to slow down the high school traffic. Gus Wetter School has no issues with this. The Town Staff will mark where the speed bumps go and get approval from the School as to placement.

100/13 MOTION: Councillor that speed bumps be installed on 52nd Street west of the Day Care.

CARRIED

2013 Budget:

The C.A.O. presented Council with the 2013 Budget. This will be a tight budget due to the amount of capital work that is planned.

101/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the 2013 budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Tax ByLaw:

The C.A.O. presented Council with the 2012 taxation ByLaw Number 1024.

102/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that ByLaw 1024 be read a first time at this meeting of Council.

CARRIED

103/13 MOTION: Councillor Slemp that ByLaw 1024 be read a second time at this meeting of Council.

CARRIED

104/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that ByLaw 1024 be given a third reading at this meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

105/13 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that ByLaw 1024 be read a third time and finally passed at this meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A cover letter will be sent out with the tax notices showing the mill rates and where the increases are.

Fire Radio Equipment:

The C.A.O. reported that the cable for the emergency fire radios had been cut during a break and enter. We are still working with Glentel to have it fixed. Meanwhile the fire department is using the manual siren when necessary. The problem should be corrected this week. Parts were needed and Glentel was having a difficult time finding the right part. The RCMP were notified of the vandalism and are working on finding the culprits.

106/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the Town of Castor set up a reward system where we offer \$500.00 reward for information leading to conviction for acts of vandalisms.

CARRIED

Paintearth Lodge
Requisition:

Council received the requisition for the Paintearth Lodge in the amount of \$37,704.00. Reasons for increase are due to five empty rooms and their current debt.

107/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the requisition for the Paintearth Lodge be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Zinger:

- Asked about the liability of our crew when they ride the outside of the garbage truck. The C.A.O. will look into the issue.

- Asked if the crew all have their class 1 drivers license. The foreman assured them that they do.
- Asked about Weseen's subdivision, if it would be finished by the end of May. The C.A.O. has talked to Mr. Weseen and has been told the power will go in on the 21st of May, work should be completed by May 31.

Foreman:

- Coleman water and sewer have now been tied in. The Paintearth Gas Co-op will hook up the gas.
- Arena toilets are now installed and the work at the doctor's house has been started.
- Generator issues have been sorted out – Cummings came down and repaired the thermostat.
- Arjan has his tree pruning course and the grader rebuilding course.
- Brett completed his air brake endorsement training.
- Stan and Brett took first aid.
- Brett will be on call for the first time this weekend.
- Brett started working with Robert on Gas.
- The Village of Halkirk would like to hire the Town of Castor's street sweeping services during the summer from time to time. Our rate for street sweeping is \$200.00/hr. with an operator included.

108/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the Town of Castor hire out our Services to sweep streets for The Village of Halkirk at the Rate of \$200.00/hr.

CARRIED

- Asked Council if there is a problem with the Hill airport hanger being built on an angle. Council had no problem as long as he stays back 5' from the property line.
- Wilson catch basin is nearly finished.
- The crew has spent a lot of time at the pool. Water is now circulating.
- Cleaned off black dirt at the Hildreth lot.
- Tomorrow is the flag person course instead of a safety meeting.
- New mower has been ordered.
- A resident has asked for some cold mix, he was prepared to purchase it. Council is not in favor of selling cold mix.
- Summer university students have all started work.
- Clean up week was huge this year but went well.
- Utility locates are keeping the staff busy.
- Two curbs need to be cut so that the residents can use their driveways.
- Skid steer needs to go in for warranty work.
- Pick up trucks all need work.

C.A.O.:

- Theresetta School has requested a road closure from the driveway of the Extencicare on 46th Ave. to the Paintearth Lodge driveway on 52nd Street. The closure is slated for May 31st for a bicycle safety course.

109/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Street closure, as requested by Theresetta School be approved.

CARRIED

- Ken Miller has agreed to manage the campground again this summer at a rate of \$3.00 per unit, per day.

110/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the Town of Castor hire Ken Miller to manage the Campground fee collection at a rate of \$3.00/unit/day.

CARRIED

- ATCO has had the monitoring wells checked at the old ATCO site and the old Home Hardware site.
- Will be meeting with County Reeve to discuss the Recreation grant.
- Dr. Murphy will be arriving in Castor on May 17.
- Attended a meeting with the C.A.O. and Darlis Collinge from the Canadian Badlands. Darlis is the Regional Tourism Investment Specialist. She talked about what Castor has to offer and was interested in the medical historical structures such as the hospital and the pharmacy museum. She suggested some focuses and will meet with us again to go into more detail.

Mayor DeVloo:

Adjournment:

111/13 MOTION: Councilor Zinger that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:56p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER