

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, May 26, 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:

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
Landon Chambers – Q-14
Stacey Lavallie - Castor Advance

Agenda:

106/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the May 12, 2014 regular Meeting of Council.

107/14 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Minutes of the May 12, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council be approved with correction.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

Councillor Nelner declared an interest in Account number 17257 payable to That's My Specialty.

108/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account numbers 17228 to 17258 excluding account 17257 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 .

109/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account number 17257 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

**Water & Gas Comparison
Reports:**

The C.A.O. presented Council with the Water and Gas comparison reports. Seen a significant decrease in water losses in April. The gas system continues to stay in good shape. Seen only minimal losses in April and are still at less than 2% losses this year.

110/14 MOTION: Councillor Nelner to accept the water and gas comparisons as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

County of Paintearth: The County of Paintearth announced that the Town of Castor and the Castor & District Recreation Board would be receiving \$100,000.00 in funding for the 2014 year.

Family Care Clinic: An update on the Family Care Clinic was received from the Killam/Castor Family Care Clinic working group.

Old Business:

County Water Line: Town staff and Alberta Environment & Sustainable Resource Development have been in consultation to determine the best option of responsibility for the water line to the County Shop. A letter has been drafted and presented to Council.

111/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the letter Drafted to the County concerning the Water line responsibility be approved and forwarded to the County.

CARRIED

In-Camera Policy: The in-camera policy originally presented at the May 12 meeting of Council was brought back with amendments.

112/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the policy for In-Camera Discussions of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Sign Replacement: The issue of replacing yield signs with stop signs at 49th Street and 51 Avenue was brought back to Council after Council members had a chance to look at the situation.

113/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the yield signs at the intersection of 49th Street and 51st Avenue remain the same.

CARRIED

New Business:

Audited Financial Statement: The 2013 Audited Financial Statement was presented to Council. Council reviewed the statement.

114/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the 2013 Audited Financial Statement be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Request to Lease Lot 10,
Block 23, Plan 752-1405:

A request by Filipenko Bros. Construction to lease Lot 10, Block 23, Plan 752-1405 was presented to Council. Start date would be January 1, 2015.

115/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Town of Castor Lease Lot 10, Block 23, Plan 752-1405 to Filipenko Bros Construction for a Five year term at a cost of \$3,000.00 per year.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nelner:

- Attended at PEPS meeting. There was a presentation from CAEP, the board and respective Councils will not become members in the future.
- GPS
- PEPS approved donating funds to some events. A police on this will be brought forward in the future.
- Scholarships for grade 12 students in Castor and Coronation.
- Facebook is set up and there will be a photo contest and a social media policy has been accepted.

In-Camera Discussion:

Weseen Subdivision:

An in-camera discussion on the progress of the Weseen Subdivision.

Kristjana Kellgren of Brownlee LLP joined the meeting via conference call at 8:00pm.

116/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Council move to an in-camera session.

CARRIED

Council moved to an in-camera session at 8:02pm

117/14 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that Council come out of the in-camera session and return to the regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council came out of the in-camera session at 8:34pm

118/14 MOTION: Councillor Wismer to request our legal counsel to write the Weseens informing them of our concerns with the roads and lots.

CARRIED

*Kristjana Kellgren disconnected from the meeting at
8:20pm.*

Committee Reports Cont.

Councillor Wismer:

- Attended an ambulance meeting on May 15.

Councillor Nichols:

- Will have a Victims Services Meeting on Thursday.

Councillor Zinger:

- Asked if we will be placing the warning signals in the newsletter. They will go in the June newsletter.
- Asked if the cold mix arrived. The foreman is scheduled to pick it up this week.

Councillor Elhard:

- Attended a Museum meeting, they will reimburse us insurance and some utility costs.
- Museum will donate to the adopt-a tree-program
- Assisted living meeting – flooring is still not installed. Meetings are still ongoing with AHS. Municipal Affairs – Seniors Housing is asking for a needs assessment, possibly both sites should be one requisitioning authority.
- Hospital Board Meeting, Director has tendered her resignation as of Sept. 15. Dr. Murphy attended the meeting, she is very happy in the community.

Foreman:

- Mowing – the summer students are keeping up.
- Robert is nearly finished changing gas meters for the year.
- Clarence continues to sweep the roads and they are in reasonably good shape.
- Did a couple of sewer digs on 45th Street.
- Found a leak on the sewer line that goes out to the lagoon, it was repaired quickly.

C.A.O.

- The Fire Chief requested an honorarium for the Fire trainer of \$1,200.00/yr.

Councillor Nelner declared an interest and left the meeting at 9:07pm

119/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that a yearly honorarium be paid to the fire department Trainer at a rate of \$1,200.00 per year.

CARRIED

Councillor Nelner returned to the meeting at 9:09pm.

- Meeting with the M.P. Issues discussed were contamination and grant funding.
- The Collaborative Tourism Visioning Project was approved. The grant total is \$49,710.00. Darlis Collinge will facilitate and the process will start in the fall.

- Local Government Education Meeting is June 24 from 12:00pm to 2:30pm with June 25 from 12:00pm – 2:30pm as an alternate date. Lunch will be provided and the venue will be confirmed on May 30.
- Attended a meeting in Consort to discuss the new billing procedures for MVA's
- Met with legal counsel from Home Hardware. They will commit to a study to do an initial delineation of the source of contamination. They asked what we were prepared to help with and I could not commit any funding but possibly help with digging/exposing.
- Received a request for handicapped parking at the United Church. The foreman will have the curb painted and a sign placed.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Reported on Family Care Clinics.
- Attended a Paintearth Lodge meeting.

Councillor Nelner:

- Asked if the staff had been able to find a spot to place our stock piles of gravel, dirt, etc. The Foreman is still looking.

Adjournment:

120/14 MOTION: Councilor Nichols that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER