

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, May 27, 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, Jeff Ensign, Brenda Wismer, and Dennis Filipenko.

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Stan Boettcher – Public Works Foreman
Landin Chambers – Q-14 Radio
Sargent Column Fitzgerald - RCMP

Interviews:

RCMP - Sargent Column Fitzgerald presented Council with the statistical reports for February through April. A lot of prevention has contributed to a decline in crime over the past few months. Constable McMillan and Constable Sarret will be leaving and Constable Hall & Constable Stratton will be arriving. Sargent Fitzgerald commented on the recent break in's, RCMP is still working on the case. The graffiti vandalism is also under investigation. Once caught, we can publicize the names of the vandals providing they are adults. The new APP – directives from Ottawa and St. Paul looking at domestic and traffic crimes. There were no issues with prom. RCMP will be watching the pool during the summer months. Stettler will be getting three new traffic members. Vanessa is now back in the Castor office three days per week. Some Towns are bringing a ByLaw in that restricts off sales from the bars. Council asked about the value of a Bullying ByLaw. Sargent Fitzgerald felt it was helpful, the ByLaw is enforceable as long as Council stands behind the ByLaw.
Sargent Fitzgerald left the meeting at 7:37pm.

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the May 13, 2013 regular Meeting of Council.

112/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the Minutes of the May 13, 2013 Regular meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

113/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account Numbers 15795 to 15832 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 Report:

The C.A.O. updated Council on the water and gas comparisons. Water losses are slightly less compared to this time last year. We currently have about a dozen water meters that are stuck and waiting to be changed. The gas system losses are also below last year at this time but still slightly above 2%.

Correspondence:

AHS – EMS Services:

A letter was received from Alberta Health Services informing Council of upcoming stakeholders meetings in regards to the transition of EMS operations to one of the three dispatch centres in either Peace River, Edmonton, or Calgary. An upcoming meeting is slated for June 6 – locally.

Council accepted this as information.

Wellness Alberta:

Wellness Alberta is looking for support for a Wellness Foundation in Alberta that would be established by the Alberta Government.

114/13 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the Town of Castor accept this as information

CARRIED

Old Business:

Boulevard Trees:

A delegation consisting of Mayor DeVloo, Councillor Bain, the C.A.O., Foreman, and assistant Foreman met with Jim Hole to discuss the replacement of boulevard trees in the Town. It was suggested to start by gradually removing trees, roots, and soil. New soil and trees would then be placed on the boulevards – trees should be properly spaced and tree varieties should not be mixed in a boulevard. The Town will come up with a plan for replacement and develop a budget.

New Business:

Airport Gas Line:

Robert Hill will be installing a natural gas service to the hanger building he is erecting. At some future time it might be prudent for the Town to run a gas service to the terminal building that currently uses propane. Mr. Hill only requires a 1” line to service his hanger. If the Town were to connect, the service should be a 1.5” line. It would be cost effective to run the 1.5” line now and the extra cost would be \$2,900.00. Council discussed the matter at length and felt that the Town may not see a significant savings by converting from propane to gas.

115/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that we not invest in the gas line to the airport.

CARRIED

Committee Report:

Councillor Zinger:

- Asked about the Gazebo project at the cemetery, the foreman plans to start work on it soon.

Councillor Bain:

- Ask about the Castor Sheet Metal property. The Foreman explained that they do not want parking there. If the Town maintains the property, the owner may be open to allowing large trucks parking there. The C.A.O. will contact Castor Sheet Metal

Councillor Filipenko:

- Would like to see the sidewalk in front of Home Hardware repaired. The foreman will take a look at it.
- Alley in the west end of 49th Street is a problem for some of the residents. The original plan was for a gate to be installed. It has not happened yet. The foreman will look at this.
- Attended a hospital board meeting.

Foreman:

- Coleman's gas is installed.
- Speed bumps are installed at the Day Care.
- Pool is open.
- Brett did well on his first on-call weekend.
- Campground water is now on.
- Landscaping some of last year's projects – culverts at the end of Main Street and at the lodge.
- Relocated services on the Weseen subdivision.
- Contractor at the hospital had some issues with our manhole. Some broken pipes were found. The crew will deal with this.
- Bashaw Scrap has cleaned up our scrap pile.
- Contractor showed up today to start work on the storage shop.
- Work needs to be done at the ball diamonds to fix the shale that has created mounds on the diamonds.
- Vault needs to be removed and gate area prepared at the cemetery.
- Landscaping needs to be done at the doctor's house.
- Fountain needs to be placed in the pond.

C.A.O.

- The owners of the Cosmopolitan Hotel have requested that 50th street from their alley to 50th Avenue be closed from 5pm to midnight on July 26.

116/13 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that 50th Street be closed from the alley at the hotel to 50th Avenue on July 26 from 5:00pm to midnight.

CARRIED

- Tax notices are out.
- Have received a few notices against the pet cemetery idea.
- Contacted the insurance company concerning the Town staff riding the garbage truck across the highway. We are sufficiently covered.

- Has had a request to move the washrooms at the Lions campground. This issue has come to Council before, after a short discussion Council will stand by their original decision to leave the out houses where they are.
- The building that houses the Opportunity Shop has been shingled.
- Received a complaint that a garbage container was treated too roughly by Town staff and is now in need of repair. The Foreman and a member of Council has looked at the container and feel that the container is not suitable as a garbage container and not designed to handle constant opening and closing.
- Residents have requested that a bike path from highway 12 to 49th Ave. be placed along the Legion Manor 3 fence. This may be a project in the future to tie in with landscaping on the west corner lot.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Dr. Murphy has arrived in Town.
- Attended Health Advisory meeting in Wetaskiwin. Province will be doing some community consultations. Government sets direction then there will be a roll out phase. Local decision making is important to them. There was good input from areas of addiction and mental health. There was a lot of discussion around seniors health.
- Had a discussion with the County concerning our recreation.

Adjournment:

117/13 MOTION: Councilor Slemph that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:13p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER