

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, May 9, 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, Travis Ryan, Tony Nichols, Rod Zinger, and Richard Elhard

Absent:

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman
Moush John – Castor Advance

Agenda:

112/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the April 25, 2016 regular Meeting of Council.

113/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Minutes of the April 25, 2016 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the minutes of the May 2, 2016 Special Meeting of Council.

114/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols the Minutes of the May 2, 2016 Special 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 20059 payable to That's My Specialty.

115/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 20019 to 20062 with the exception of account number 20059 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

116/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account number 20059 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Cash Statement: Council was presented with the Cash Statement for the month of April, 2016. Cash Flow is holding its own but we are being very careful.

117/16 MOTION: Councillor Nicols that the cash statement ending April 30, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Sidewalk Removal: A letter was received from a resident who was unhappy with the manner in which her sidewalk revitalization was landscaped. Some Council members had looked at the boulevard before the meeting. Discussion ensued.

118/16 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that the landscape ties be removed.

CARRIED

Old Business:

Insurance Adjusters Report:

A copy of the report sent to a resident's insurance company from our insurance company concerning a sewer back up claim was received by Council. This letter was informing the resident's insurance company that the Town of Castor made sufficient efforts and, therefore, should not be liable. Presented for Council's information.

New Business:

Recreation Report:

Mayor DeVloo called upon Councillor Elhard to present the recreation report.

- Applications are coming in for the Recreation Director position.
- A donation letter addressed to businesses concerning solicitation during hockey season was discussed at the board meeting. Still working on fine tuning the letter.
- The office student has been going through Recreation Board minutes and recording pertinent motions.
- Building committee has been looking at renovations, they would like to formulate a plan to move forward.
- Tyler Doan has started as Arena Manager/Greens Keeper.

119/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the Recreation

Board report be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Gas Service Policy: A revised policy for Gas Service Line Installation and Gas Services was brought to Council for approval.

120/16 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Gas Service Line Installation and Gas Services Policy be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Survey Questions: The CAO brought a list of questions that could be sent out in the form of a survey to residents for Council's input. Council discussed issues that could be added to the survey. The CAO will take the information and have a survey made and bring it back to Council for approval.

CARRIED

Palliser – Municipal Agreement:

Recent changes to the Joint QMP with Palliser Regional Municipal Services require Council approval.

121/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Joint Quality Management Plan with Palliser Regional Municipal Services be approved.

CARRIED

2016 Budget: The C.A.O. presented Council with the 2016 Budget for approval. Council discussed the budget at length.

122/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the 2016 Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Taxation Bylaw 1044: The 2016 taxation Bylaw 1044 was presented to Council for approval.

123/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that ByLaw 1044 be read a first time at this meeting of Council.

CARRIED

124/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that ByLaw 1044 be read a second time at this meeting of Council.

CARRIED

125/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that ByLaw 1044 be given a third reading at this meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

126/16 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that ByLaw 1044 be read a third time and finally passed at this meeting of Council.

CARRIED

IDP Meeting: A meeting of the Intermunicipal Development Board was held on May 3, 2016 to approve a variance on a County residence within the Fringe area.

Presented for Council's Information.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Wismer:

- Informed Council that the Community Garden has been put on hold for this year due to the construction that will take place at the water plant.

Councillor Nichols:

- The Ag. Society will be giving \$500.00 scholarships to students going on to secondary education.
- The Farmers market is having difficulty finding enough vendors to make the required 80% that "Make it, Bake it, or Grow it".
- The Hall Board will be making application to the Progressive Waste grant again.

Councillor Zinger:

- Informed Council that the 2016 SMRWSC debentures will be as follows: Phase 1 - \$14,312.00; Phase 2 - \$1,142.00; Phase 3 - \$1,570.55.

Foreman:

- The pool should be ready to start filling this week.
- Staff worked on the hot water heater at the Golf Club.
- Some of the students have started.
- The Campsite is ready to be turned on, the trailer dump has been turned on.
- Hydrovac is in for repair. One problem has been fixed but another problem surfaced and is being repaired.
- Spent time on road patching.
- Council complemented the foreman and his staff on a great job of repairing the streets.
- Council also complemented the cemetery staff on how well manicured the cemetery has been kept.

C.A.O.

- The tender for portion B of the Water/Wastewater project has been updated to close on May 17 at 2:00pm.
- Both Gas Alberta and ATCO Gas have contacted me concerning interest in supplying us with gas.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Met with Rick Paulard, Premier Notley's Administrative Assistant. Discuss issues of concern to the Town. Mayor DeVloo invited Mr. Paulard to attend one of our meetings of Council.

Councillor Nelner:

- Announced that two more coal mine meetings are coming up. One in Hanna on May 31, and another in Forestburg soon.

Councillor Elhard:

- Councillor Elhard and Mayor DeVloo toured Town on Friday to welcome 7 new businesses that have started up in the past 6 months. They delivered welcome baskets.

Adjournment:

127/16 MOTION: Councilor Ryan that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:28pm

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER