

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, November 10, 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, Travis Ryan, Rod Zinger, Richard Elhard.

Absent:

Tony Nichols

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
Jenna Witherow – Q-14 Radio
Joel van der Veen - Castor Advance

Agenda:

233/14 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the agenda be approved with an addition.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the October 27, 2014 regular Meeting of Council.

234/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Minutes of the October 27, 2014 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the minutes of the October 27, 2014 Organizational Meeting of Council.

235/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Minutes of the October 27, 2014 Organizational 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 17986 payable to That's My Specialty.

236/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account numbers 17957 to 17990 excluding account 17986 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

237/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account number 17986 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Cash Statement:

The Cash Statement for the period ending October 31, 2014 was presented to Council. Currently, the Town is holding a reasonable financial position.

238/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Cash Statement for the month ending October 31, 2014 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Budget Comparison:

The C.A.O. presented the Budget Comparison for month ending September 30, 2014. We still have a few capital items that will be purchased before the end of the year. Utility systems all appear to be on track.

239/14 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that the budget comparison be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Old Business:

Alberta Community Partnership Grant:

Council was presented with a draft copy of the Community Partnership Grant application for their information. If we receive the grant, work on the Castor airport will not start until 2016.

Joint Council Meeting:

The minutes of the Joint Council meeting between the Towns of Castor and Coronation, the County of Paintearth, and the Village of Halkirk were received as information. Mayor DeVloo, Councillors Elhard and Wismer, and the C.A.O. all attended.

Councillor Ryan entered the meeting at 7:18pm.

Fire Radio Update:

The C.A.O. has not had a response from Mr. McPhee concerning the fire radios.

New Business:

Castor Recreation Board:

Mayor DeVloo called upon Councillors Elhard and Ryan to give the Recreation Report.

- Received a \$5,000.00 grant from BFI towards our score clock. A sign will go up thanking BFI for their contribution
- Minor Hockey will be holding a TV Raffle, tickets are available.

- Hockey Alberta would like to meet with the 3 C's to discuss dissolving individual Recreation Boards and form one board for the 3 C's. At present there is no desire to dissolve Castor Minor Sports.

Equalized Assessment: The C.A.O. presented the 2015 Equalized Assessment totals for Councils information.

Committee Report

Joel Van der Veen

- Joel and his family attended and enjoyed the Haunted House that the Fire Department put on.

Councillor Nelner:

- Feels it is still dark on Main Street. This may still be an issue. Councillor Elhard agreed. Mayor DeVloo has talked to the company that the lights were purchased from and is looking into making some changes.

Councillor Elhard:

- Sidewalk on 52nd street is in bad shape, the Foreman will take a look at it.

Foreman:

- Still hauling concrete out to the lagoon.
- Tree trimming has been ongoing.
- Erected a snow fence at Hanton's road.
- Crew is busy exercising block valves.
- Alley grading is being done before freeze up.

C.A.O.

- Looked into changing the Council election from a Mayor and six Councillors to Seven Councillors. It will require the passing of a Bylaw no later than 180 days before the election.
- Informed Council that the RCMP will be attending the next Council meeting.
- Working with the staff of the 2015 budget and Fire Year Capital Plan. The Capital plan should be ready for presentation to Council at the next meeting.
- The contamination issue at Home Hardware has come to the forefront again. C.A.O. has been working with Home Hardware's legal department.

Mayor DeVloo

- Asked the Foreman for clarification on the snow route signs. The Foreman explained that, in the event of a snowfall during the night, the crew will begin plowing as early as 4:00am and any vehicles on Main Street (50th Avenue) may be towed.
- Attended a Rural Health Services meeting to prepare a presentation of our needs and wants. Once the presentation was delivered, the committee met again to prepare a review, which has been submitted to Alberta Health

In-camera Discussions: Council proceeded to an in-camera session to discuss a land issue and an employee issue.

Jenna Witherow and Joel van der Veen *left the Council meeting at 7:52pm.*

240/14 MOTION: Councillor Ryan to move to an in-camera session to discuss a land issue and an employee issue.

CARRIED

Council went in-camera at 7:53pm

241/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger to come out of an in-camera session.

CARRIED

Council returned to an open session of Council at 8:25pm

Adjournment:

242/14 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:27pm

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER