

**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town Of Castor  
Held Tuesday, November 12, 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:**

Lonny Nelner, Brenda Wismer, Travis Ryan, Tony Nichols, Rod Zinger, and Richard Elhard.

**Also in Attendance:**

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.  
Stan Boettcher – Town Foreman

**Agenda:**

**237/13 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

**Delegations/Interviews:**

**Minutes:**

Council reviewed the minutes of the October 28, 2013 regular Meeting of Council. Councillor Nichols noted that his committee report stated that the Victim's Services get together is at the Community Hall in Coronation, not at the post office as stated in the minutes.

**238 /13 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Minutes of the October 28, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council be approved with corrections.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the minutes of the October 28, 2013 organizational Meeting of Council.

**239 /13 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Minutes of the October 28, 2013 Organizational Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**Accounts:**

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

*Councillor Nelner declared an interest in Account number 16538 payable to That's My Specialty.*

**240/13 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that Account numbers 16508 to 16544 excluding account 16538 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 .

**241/13 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that account Number 16538 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, 2013 was presented to Council. Cash flow continues to stay on par. We will see a considerable reduction in funds once the payment goes out for the Pump House Project.

**242/13 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that the Cash Statement for the month ending October 31, 2013 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**Budget:**

A comparative budget was presented to Council. The revenues and expenditures continue to be on track. We have approximately \$192,500.00 of capital and operational grant money to be spent.

**243/13 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner to accept the comparative budget as information.

CARRIED

Gas and Water  
Reconciliations:

The CAO presented Council with the gas and water reconciliations to September 30. The gas system is in excellent shape – our losses are at 1.42% at the end of September which is excellent. The water losses are a bit less than last month.

**Correspondence:**

No Correspondence.

**Old Business:**

Weseen Subdivision:

Progress on the Weseen subdivision was presented to Council for discussion.

**244/13 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols to go to an in camera session to discuss the progress on the Weseen Subdivision.

CARRIED

*Council went to an in camera session at 7:45pm.*

**245/13 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger to come out of an in camera session.

CARRIED

*Council came out of the in camera session at 7:49*

49<sup>th</sup> Avenue Alley:

After the last Council meeting, Council met at the alley to understand the situation. The foreman discussed drainage. Elevations have not been shot at this point. Council felt the best solution for the time being would be to place a few cement blocks along the southwest edge of the alley so that the snow plowing would not break the trees. Cut back the slope at the east end of the alley in the spring. The pile of snow that is currently at the end of the alley will need to be removed.

**246/13 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Town place cement blocks at the west end of the alley and that the Town Foreman look at drainage in the spring.

CARRIED

**New Business:**

Recreation Board  
Report:

Mayor DeVloo called upon Councillor Elhard to give the Recreation Report.

- Changes were made to the Recreation Committees – the new Chairman is Troy Slemph and the new president of the Minor Hockey Association is Aaron Compton.
- Heard from a delegation concerning the Pee Wee team.
- Council was shown the award received by Alden Fuller.
- The Recreation Board discussed that better police presence in Castor might detour damage such as the destruction of the vents on the arena roof.

The Recreation Report was received as information.

Lot MR5, Block 40,  
Plan 0625725:

A request was received from a resident to subdivide out a portion of Lot MR5, Block 40, Plan 0625725 so that he could purchase that portion to build a garage on. He has agreed to cover the cost of the surveyor plus the cost of the land. A gas line runs across the west corner of the strip the resident wants to purchase. The Town crew will locate the gas line so that we can determine how much land to sell.

Street lights on 51 St.:

The CAO suggested that the Town remove one or two street lights on 51<sup>st</sup> Street between 50<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 51 Ave. There are currently three lights within a close vicinity. Council felt that removing one light at the Home Hardware Building would be the best solution.

**247/13 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Town ask ATCO to remove the street light at the old home hardware site on 51<sup>st</sup> Street at 5006 – 51<sup>st</sup> St.

CARRIED

Council also discussed the new main street lights. Mayor DeVloo suggested that in the future a second pack of LED lights may be available. It was also discussed to put solar lights at the Devonian corner. The CAO will ask ATCO

representative, Kevin Ouellette to come to a Council meeting to explain options to Council.

Commissioner for  
Oaths:

Council was provided with information and instructions pertaining to appointments of Commissioners for Oaths. As a Councillor they are Commissioners Ex Officio. They should read the information and when signing, instead of putting an expiry date, they should print "Councillor – Ex Officio"

**Committee Reports:**

Councillor Wismer:

- Asked when our minutes are put up on the website. The CAO informed Council that the minutes are posted after they have been passed.

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended Palliser AGM in Hanna. Palliser has voiced some concerns that inspectors are not as diligent as they could be. New aerial digitalizing is in the works. Talked about auto dial.

Councillor Elhard:

- During the Recreation Board meeting a motion was made to charge \$100/day/diamond on weekends only.
- Recreation Board will be doing a 50/50 draw to be drawn on January 18. Another one may be done for
- Frame was made for Sean Theileman's jersey. Also recognition plaques will be put up for a few other players.
- Assisted Living meeting was in Coronation. Brian Bunbury is the new Chairman. A tour is being set up to visit Points West facility in Stettler (December 5)

Foreman:

- Shale job at the ball diamonds, the Town crew was looking at leveling the humps of shale this year.
- Finished the cold mix patching – only used two loads this year.
- November 1 was the meter reading day.
- Arjan spent extra hours cleaning snow off the streets. Spent about 3 or 4 days hauling snow. Also cleaned the airport.
- Adam wrote his water distribution exam.
- Dug a grave at the cemetery.
- Made repairs to the Zamboni and serviced it.
- Cleaned up the gravel on the old community hall site so that the lot could be used for arena parking.
- Purchased two new sewer pumps. One has arrived and been installed. The other will serve as an extra.
- Final electrical touches have made to the pumps at the water plant. At the same time they gave us a quote for service to the new storage shop. They also quoted new lights for the Town shop.
- Installed a line for the gas at the storage shop and ordered a couple of heaters. It will be heated just enough to keep the equipment ready for use.

- Insulation for the ceiling at the storage shop will be put in on November 25.
- Working on a sign order.
- Radio repairs will be done soon.
- In the Spring, we will plan a tour of our public works facilities for Council members.
- Councillor Nichols questioned who is responsible for sanding from the south coming across the highway. The Foreman will work with the crew to make sure that sanding that spot improves.

C.A.O.:

- December 13, from 1:00pm – 4:00pm will be Council open house. A cake has been ordered from Today's Sweet.
- Received one call from a landlord that is not happy with our utility Bylaw concerning the bills being transferred into the owner's name.
- Had a PCALC meeting – November is a busy month for them – they will have 16 courses running. The staff have all attended the Learning Literacy Conference.
- Tracy has started the sign changes for the Community Hall. It is turning out to be a bigger job than expected.
- Shawna is attending the Pool Op. 2 Course this week.
- A meeting has been set up with Alberta Transportation on Thursday, afternoon during the convention.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Attended Roles and Responsibilities workshop for Council members. Brought back many valuable pieces of information.
- Councillor Elhard and Mayor DeVloo discussed recognizing the past Council. Options were suggested. It was decided that the office staff will bring options back to the next Council meeting.

Richard motion 50.00

**248/13 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that gifts be purchased for the retiring Councillors up to \$50.00 in value.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

**249/13 MOTION:** Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:28p.m.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER