

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, November 13, 2017
Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall
Castor, Alberta**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Richard Elhard.

Councillors in Attendance:

Lonny Nelner, Rod Zinger, Travis Ryan, Brenda Wismer, Trudy Kilner

Absent:

Tony Nichols

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman
Lynn Sabo – Castor Advance Correspondent
Emily Wheller – East Central Alberta Review
Ray Holloway

Agenda:

232/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

Ray Holloway attended the meeting to discuss the state of his residential property.

- He wants to keep the deer out of his yard since he has lost a number of perennials over the years. He would like to construct a stone fence at least 6' and possibly 8' high on two sides of the property and an iron fence on the other two sides.
- He plans to remove dead and damaged trees from his yard during the winter.
- Council would like to see a plan of the fence. Mr. Holloway will supply Council with a plan as soon as possible.

Mr. Holloway left the meeting at 7:10pm.

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the October 23rd, 2017 Organizational Meeting of Council.

233/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Minutes of the October 23rd, 2017 Organizational meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the minutes of the October 23rd, 2017 regular Meeting of Council.

234/17 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Minutes of the October 23rd, 2017 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts: The Lists of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

235/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 22293 to 22354 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule "A" and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

Cash Statement: Council was presented with the cash statement for the month ending October 31, 2017.

236/17 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the cash statement for the month ending October 31, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Budget Comparison: The Budget Comparison for the month ending October 31, 2017 was presented to Council.

237/17 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Budget Comparison to month ending October 31, 2017 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Parkland Regional Library:

A letter was received from Parkland Regional Library offering to send a representative, free of charge, to make a presentation to Council on Library service.

238/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that a library presentation be scheduled with Parkland Regional Library.

CARRIED

Old Business:

Convention: The C.A.O. asked Council for confirmation of who would be attending the convention.

The only Councillor available to attend the AUMA Convention is Councillor Ryan. The C.A.O. will cancel two registrations and list the extra hotel rooms on the Convention site.

Council Remuneration: Council was presented with a survey of Council remuneration for their information.

New Business:

Recreation Report: Mayor Elhard and Councillor Ryan presented the Recreation Report.

- Dale Norton is the new County Council representative on Rec Board
- 3C's Tiering has been completed:
- The Contract with PGA Architects is being finalized and drawings for the arena renovation will begin later this month. A Project Oversight Manager will be hired for the project.
- Castor Minor Sports has their next Casino June 2-3, 2018 at the Jackpot Casino.
- Natasha will be attending a demonstration at Home Hardware on a new skate sharpener (Sparx PS 1000).
- The soccer program went well with 39 kids participating in the program.
- Summer camp revenues were \$2,666.00 for 2017.
- The arena fundraisers are going well. The list of confirmed Maple Leafs Alumni has been received.
- 3C's bought new jersey for the Atom Team.
- 3C's fundraiser – they will be selling poinsettias.

239/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that hockey tournament fees be increased to a maximum of \$800.00 for IP; \$1,000.00 for Novice; and \$1,200.00 for Atom with the expectation that teams will host a tournament. If a team does not host a tournament they can get up to a maximum of 50% of the allotted rate.

CARRIED

Council Open House: Friday, December 15 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm was proposed for Council's Open House. Councillors will be in attendance.

Sidewalk Cleaning: As per the Town Standards Bylaw 1038, the staff is prepared to clean sidewalks after snow has been deposited on them where residents have not cleared the snow. There would be a charge of \$50.00/residence for that service.

240/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the charge for clearing snow from sidewalks where residents have not cleared it in the stipulated time allowance, as set out in Bylaw 1038, be set at \$50.00/residence.

CARRIED

CCTF Grant Application:

At the last Coal Task Force meeting, Urban Systems presented the group with a quote to write the CCTF Grant application and have it ready for submission by the November 30th deadline.

241/17 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Town of Castor approves the application for the CCTF grant as a regional group and that Urban Systems be hired to make application, with input from the respected communities, at a cost of \$15,000.00.

CARRIED

Five Year Capital
Budget:

The Five Year Capital Budget was presented to Council for approval.

242/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the Five Year Capital Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Proposed Subdivision:

Council was presented with a proposed subdivision that lies within our fringe area of the County of Paintearth. Council is being asked for any comments or recommendations to the proposed subdivision.

Council had no comments or recommendations.

Change Orders:

Netook Construction presented the Town of Castor with recent change orders to the Infrastructure project. Most changes have been justified by our engineer and some have not.

243/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the Town of Castor agree to change orders as directed by our engineer.

CARRIED

Flower Order:

The 2018 flower order was presented to Council with an option to move away from the hanging baskets to banners.

The C.A.O. will look into the flags further and come back to Council with more information.

Committee Reports:

Advance Reporter:

- \$23,000.00 was raised at the Museum Galla.

Councillor Nelner:

- A Palliser meeting was held on Nov. 9. Setting up a new funding policy. Requisition could go up \$300.00. If the new funding model is approved, we could see an increase of \$1,200.00.
- The haunted house went over very well. \$450.00 plus plenty of food for the food bank was brought in. They plan to continue the event again next year.

Councillor Zinger:

- SMRWSC meeting. Mark Stanard is new chairman, vice chairman is Dale Kent. The contract to take the water line to White sands was given to Action Plumbing.

Foreman:

- The crew has been busy with snow removal.
- A number of the crew has been taking holidays.

C.A.O.

- Will be on holidays for two weeks, the Assistant C.A.O. will take the November 27 Council meeting.
- Attended a Highway 12 Regional Communications Group Meeting on November 10 in Coronation. It was recommended that the group move forward with the upgrades to the system at a cost of \$20,500.00 to be divided by the six members plus each member will be responsible for local reprogramming of the fire radios. The Group also committed each Member Municipality to contribute

funding each year to a reserve account, held by the Town of Castor, for future infrastructure work.

244/17 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that the Town of Castor approve moving forward with the requested upgrades to the fire radio equipment as presented.

CARRIED

245/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that funding be placed in a reserve for the Highway 12 Regional Communications Group for future infrastructure work as required. The Town of Castor will be responsible for the financial undertaking for the Group.

CARRIED

Mayor Elhard:

- Attended a County sponsored emergency operations event “Operation Deep Freeze”. Very informing, there are issues we need to look at to be pro-active.

In Camera Session:

Council moved to an in camera session to discuss a confidential report

The Advance and ECA Review reporters left the Council meeting at 8:57pm.

246/17 MOTION: Councillor Wismer to move to an in camera session to discuss a confidential report.

CARRIED

Council moved to an in camera session at 9.15pm.

247/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan to return to the Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council returned to the regular meeting at 9:27pm

Adjournment:

248/17 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER