

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, November 23, 2015
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, Richard Elhard.

**Absent:
Also in Attendance:**

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman

Agenda:

267/15 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interview:

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the November 9, 2015 regular Meeting of Council.

268/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Minutes of the November 9, 2015 Regular 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 19423 payable to That's My Specialty.

269/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 19396 to 19431 excluding account 19423 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

270/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account number 19423 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

**Water and Gas
Reconciliation:**

The water and gas reconciliations to October 31, 2015 were presented to Council. The gas system losses are currently under 1% which puts us in a good position going into winter. This is due to the diligent work of our gas department. The water system saw a rise in losses in October due to the water break.

271/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the water and gas comparisons be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

No Correspondence.

Old Business:

No Old Business.

New Business:

Equalized Assessment:

Council received the 2016 Equalized Assessment report showing that the Town of Castor's Equalized Assessment has increased by 734,438 in assessed value.

Bridge Truss:

SMRWSC approached the Town requesting that we place cement blocks at both end of the truss to stop ATV and vehicle traffic. The foreman will place two or three cement blocks on each end and paint them with florescent paint. Signs will be placed warning of the closed off area.

Council Committees:

Councillor Ryan was moved to the Hospital Board as the Town's Representative at the 2015 organizational meeting. He is not eligible to sit on the Board as he is an employee of Alberta Health Services. Mayor DeVloo will take Councillor Ryan's place.

Provincial Coal Future:

With recent announcements by the NDP Government there is growing concern in the area that our Westmoreland Coal Co. (Paintearth Mine) may be in danger of a shut down. Town of Castor would be impacted by closures. A letter was circulated in the Edmonton Journal supported by a number of Municipalities in from around the Province questioning the decision to close coal mines within the Province. The C.A.O. will gather information to present to the province in support of keeping the mines open.

Councillor Ryan left the meeting at 7:23pm.

**CDHA – Financial
Agreement:**

The C.A.O. presented Council with the 2016 Financial Agreement between the Town of Castor and the Castor and District Housing Authority.

272/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the 2016 Financial Agreement between the Town of Castor and the Castor and District Housing Authority be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Safety Officer: The safety officer position is becoming more daunting and requires far more work than the office can handle. We may need to look at hiring a part time qualified safety officer.

Day Care Traffic: The RCMP has had numerous complaints about the students driving/stunting past the Day Care. They are suggesting that we consider putting in cement blocks in an “obstacle” type formation that we can operate our machinery around but it would slow the traffic down. They have offered to come work with the Foreman on this.

It was suggested that the school be asked to close down the parking lot at the high school. The C.A.O. will contact the school for options.

Committee Report

Foreman:

- Robert and Weston been changing gas meters.
- Brett and Harold have been busy exercising valves.
- Work at ball diamonds has been done to get ahead of the spring work.
- Working on locates at the water plant for the pump house tear down.
- Working with engineer on the SCF project.

C.A.O.:

- The Firemen had an MVC last week and received a complement from a person that was on the scene. They commended our department on how they handled the situation.

Adjournment: **273/15 MOTION:** Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER