

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, November 24, 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, Travis Ryan, Tony Nichols, Richard Elhard.

Absent:

Rod Zinger and Brenda Wismer

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
Joel van der Veen - Castor Advance
Sargent Darcy McGunigal - RCMP

Agenda:

243/14 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

Mayor DeVloo welcomed Sargent McGunigal.

- October was a very good month – occurrences were down. Year to date – there were some incident rises and decreases in other areas. Property crimes seen an increase. Persons crimes has decreased over the past year.
- Have been investigating a number of vehicle thefts lately.
- Community policing – they were well represented at the Remembrance Day Services. They had an enhanced visibility this year.
- Dare program will start at Gus Wetter School and Theresetta. Constable Hall will be running the program that starts Dec. 10 and run to May or June of 2015.
- Detachment is back up to full strength. New constable is Dustin MacIntyre.
- The RCMP are busy planning their driving check stops.
- Council felt that the increased visibility in the community has helped.

Mayor DeVloo thanked Sargent McGunigal for attending the meeting.

Sargent McGunigal left the meeting at 7:15pm.

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the November 10, 2014 regular Meeting of Council.

244/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the November 10, 2014 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

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

245/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account numbers 17998 to 18034 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED .

Gas & Water Comparisons:

The C.A.O. presented Council with the Gas and Water Comparisons to September 30, 2014. We are still below 1% losses in the gas system and our total losses are only ½ of what they were last year at this time. The water system losses were slightly less for the month of October. We are par with last year’s losses for the same time period.

246/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Gas and Water Comparisons be accepted by Council as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence: No Correspondence

Old Business:

Fire Radio Update: The C.A.O. informed Council that Jamie McPhee has not answered her email requesting an update.

Health Care Update: The Rural Health Services Review Committee presented Council with “what they heard” during the presentation that representatives from Castor made on October 17, 2014. Mayor DeVloo shared with Council that he was interviewed by the Edmonton Journal on the subject of Health Care. There will be a “Rural Hospital Series” coming up in the Edmonton Journal.

New Business:

Five Year Capital Plan: The C.A.O. presented Council with the updated Multi Year Capital Plan. Council reviewed the plan.

247/14 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the 2015 Multi Year Capital Plan be approved as presented.

CARRIED

8760 Extended Power Contract:

The C.A.O. informed Council that the natural gas acquisition process is now concluded and a list of prices from 2016 – 2020 was presented. Council acknowledged this as information.

Apache Proximity Agreement:

An environmental soil sampling will be in progress during the week of December 1, 2014 that will cross our abandoned pipeline #13095, lines 3 and 7. The agreement is in place.

Fire Permit Bylaw
#1034:

A Bylaw to reduce the risk of fire due to various recreational and open burning practices was presented to Council. They reviewed the bylaw and asked for a few changes. The C.A.O. will make the changes and bring the revised Bylaw back to the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nichols:

- Ag. Society received a BFI grant. That will help with some of the dish replacement. Little theatre will help out with more funding. They have also applied for another grant for a floor scrubber.

Councillor Elhard:

- Assisted Living – new flooring is going ahead. They currently have 3 vacancies. The needs assessment is going ahead.

Foreman:

- Maintenance is being done on hydrants.
- The crew hung Christmas lights.
- The hydrovac was used to clean the sewage lifts.
- The crew is in the process of cleaning the town shop.
- Continues to exercise the valves, there are still a few left to do.

C.A.O.:

- The auditors were here last week for two days and have now completed this portion of the audit. They will return in February.
- Contacted Home Hardware for a price on the solar lights. We should plan to spend approximately \$500.00 - \$600.00 per light.
- New employee has been given an offer for the public works position.
- Thank you to the Council for the Christmas Party, it was thoroughly enjoyed by the staff, firemen, and rec. board members.
- Reminder, the Council Open House is December 12 from 1pm to 4pm.
- Shawna passed her Arena Operator's Level II.

Adjournment:

252/14 MOTION: Councilor Elhard that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER