

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, November 28, 2016
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.

Absent:

**Also in
Attendance:**

Donna Rowland – Assistant C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
John Wright – Castor Museum
Doug Zimmerman – Castor Museum

Agenda:

276/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Delegation:

John Wright and Doug Zimmerman, on behalf of the Castor and District Museum appeared before Council to give an update on the status of the Museum.

- The Museum has 6 sites in which they operate.
- One of these sites is the “Freight Shed” which is attached to the main Museum building.
- It was discovered this summer that the “Freight Shed” has a considerable gap between the baseboard and floor. After further investigation, it was discovered that when the “Freight Shed” had been placed it was not placed on a proper foundation. It had been placed on a foundation of old railway ties. These ties are rotting and the floor joists are crushing the ties resulting in the north wall starting to shift. The Museum has been closed to the public until they can have the situation with the “Freight Shed” rectified.
- Options were discussed regarding reinforcing and supporting the existing structure vs. demolishing the “Freight Shed” and rebuilding.
- They are in the very early stages of planning at this time, and are hoping to be able to secure grant funding and use volunteers to help alleviate the costs associated with the project.

Mayor and Council thanked the members for coming in and explaining the situation that has arose.

Mr. Wright and Mr. Zimmerman left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes of the November 14, 2016 regular Meeting of Council.

277/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Minutes of the November 14, 2016 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 20933 Payable to That's My Specialty.

278/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that Account numbers 20878 to 20936 with the exception of account number 20933 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

279/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account number 20933 payable to That's My Specialty 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, 2016 were presented to Council. Water losses are consistent, construction was still going on in this period. The gas loss is a bit higher and can be explained by the gas shack project when gas was blown off during the connection.

280/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the water and gas comparisons be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Old Business:

Alberta Environment: The assistant C.A.O. presented Council with the clarification to the updated management plan.

New Business:

Assessor – Contract: Council received the contract proposal from Municipal Property Consultants (2009) Ltd. for services from 2017 through to 2021.

281/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard to accept the contract proposal from Municipal Property Consultant (2009) Ltd. for assessment services from 2017 – 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

PEPS Requisition: The 2016 PEPS Requisition was presented to Council for approval.

282/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger to approve the 2016 PEPS Requisition as presented.

CARRIED

C.A.O.'s Report: The C.A.O.'s report was presented to Council as information.

Garbage Complaint: A complaint had been received regarding a stroller being collected during regular garbage pick up. The owners of the stroller are requesting compensation for the stroller.

283/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger to send a letter to the stroller owners advising them there will be no compensation for the stroller.

CARRIED

Committee Reports

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended the AG Society meeting. They will be ordering 100 new chairs for the Community Hall.
- 4-H Beef club is looking for support for the beef show this year. The AG Society will be donating \$500.00. The Show will be held in Alliance.

Foreman:

- The Public Works department are exercising block valves.
- They had their first bout with snow removal.
- The mercaptan tank was filled last week which resulted in several gas calls. In a week or two the gas operators will recheck the houses.
- Wally's Backhoe will commence the West Water Main project tomorrow. He will get the valves in the ground before things start to freeze up. He will start by Theresetta and the Lodge and then will go to 50th St. and 55 Ave. and then continue with directional drilling
- Christmas lights are up.

Assistant C.A.O.:

- There will be a Coal Advisory meeting in Leduc on Dec. 16 at 10:45 – 12:15. Any interested parties will need to respond tonight.

In Camera Session:

Council moved to an in camera session to discuss a Land issue.

284/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols to move to an in camera session to discuss a land issue.

CARRIED

Council moved to an in camera session at 8:02 p.m.

285/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan to return to the Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council returned to the regular meeting at 8:08 p.m.

286/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the lease agreement with Sunrise Construction Ltd. be accepted.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

287/16 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

MAYOR

ASSISTANT CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER