

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Tuesday, October 11, 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, Tony Nichols Rod Zinger, and Richard Elhard.

Absent:

Travis Ryan

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman
Stacey Lavallie – Castor Advance

Agenda:

234/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the September 26, 2016 regular Meeting of Council.

235/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Minutes of the September 26, 2016 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The Lists of Accounts were presented to Council for payment.

236/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 20704 to 20741 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 of September 30, 2016. We are now seeing expenditures for our infrastructure program. Grant revenues will be forthcoming.

237/16 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the cash statement ending September 30, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Budget Comparison: The Budget comparison to Month Ending September 30, 2016 was presented to Council for information.

238/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Budget Comparison for the month ending September 30, 2016 be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

ELKS Anniversary: Council received an invitation to the 90th Anniversary Celebration of the Castor Elks Lodge #138 for Saturday, October 22 at 5:00pm at the Castor Curling Club. Tickets are \$20.00.

Parkland Regional Library:

An email was received reminding municipalities of the budget approval and that the creation of a revised budget would need to be ready for November 10.

Presented for Councils information.

Old Business:

Gas Agreement:

The gas agreement to purchase gas from Gas Alberta Inc. was presented to Council for approval.

239/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Gas Supply Agreement from Gas Alberta Inc. be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Handi Bus Booking:

The ambulance Administrator was approached to look after the booking of the Handi Bus through their office. They will not be booking the Handi Bus. Council discussed the issue again. Town staff will need to track the time spent on this.

240/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor look after the booking of the Handi Bus starting November 1, 2016 for a six month trial period.

CARRIED

51st Street Infrastructure Report:

The Foreman and the C.A.O. updated Council on the 51st Street Infrastructure Project.

- Services are now in.
- Will start to replace curbs and gutter, discussion to come as to whether all curb and gutter is replaced or just piece work.
- Pavement may not go in this year.
- One block of the gas line is in.
- 48 trees and the stumps have been removed.

Fire Service Agreement:

The County of Paintearth advised Council of their decision to offer each of the three fire departments \$20,000.00/year for smaller capital purchases.

241/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Town of Castor approve the Fire Services Agreement for three years with the inclusion of the County's \$20,000.00/year contribution for smaller capital purchases.

CARRIED

New Business:

Utility Right of Way: The C.A.O. presented Council with the Right of Ways for the Castor & District Housing property and Theresetta School property for approval.

242/16 MOTION: Councillor that the Town of Castor approve the Utility Right of Ways between the Town and Castor and District Housing Authority and Theresetta Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 23.

CARRIED

Recreation Report: Deputy Mayor Elhard was called upon to present the Recreation Board Report.

- 3 upgrades were approved – roll down door for the concession; inside entrance door windows; and new tin for the main entrance. It is hopeful that they can be covered by casino funds.
- Funds will be kept in the Tangerine account.
- The Recreation Director will start to develop an updated set of Bylaws and policies.
- Concerns were brought forward regarding the Goalline website and app.

AUMA Convention Report: Councillors Nelner and the C.A.O. attended the AUMA Convention in Edmonton last week. Councillor Nelner and the C.A.O. reported on their education sessions and the dialogue with the ministers.

- Councillor Nelner reported that both resolutions from the Village of Forestburg and Town of Hanna passed.
- Attended marijuana legislation session.
- Attended a session on the future of energy. Predictions that we will see a rise in gas and oil and that we will start exporting coal.
- CAO attended Education session with the Ombudsmen, a session on Councillor conduct.

Report from ATCO Meeting:

Deputy Mayor Elhard and the C.A.O. attended a meeting in Forestburg with representatives from ATCO, Westmoreland Coal, Village of Forestburg, Flagstaff County, and the County of Paintearth.

Jeff Bowen:

Placed brick pillars too close to the road. When asked to move them back he contacted the Mayor with complaints about Town staff. From now on all Town dealings with the Bowens must be done through their lawyer. Mayor DeVloo and Deputy Mayor Elhard will contact the Bowens to discuss the issue.

Committee Reports:

Stacey Lavallie:

- The Castor Advance has hired a new editor – Moush John is now the new editor.

Foreman:

- Helping Greyson with stump hauling.
- Spent time with the gas system between the regulating station and the new line on 51st Street.
- The new shed will go up at the regulating station if we have some nice weather.
- Councillor Nelner suggested that the Town crew sweep the truck route with all the hauling that Greyson has been doing. Greyson may be looking after that.

C.A.O.:

- The next meeting of Council on October 24th will be the organizational meeting.
- At the September staff Birthday lunch a gift was presented to Loreena MacGillivray on behalf of staff and Council. Loreena expressed her gratitude to staff and Council.
- Was approached by a Real Estate agent concerned that the youth racing up and down the streets in town is a reason for some citizen to list their property and sell. Mayor DeVloo asked Council about the possibility of having a Junior Council member from the high school that would attend meetings. The C.A.O. will approach the school.
- Asked if Council would be interested in a staff Christmas at the Golf Club fundraiser again this year.

243/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor send employees and fire department to the Golf Club Christmas fundraiser. Councillors will purchase tickets at their own cost if they wish to attend.

CARRIED

- Attended a Doctor Recruitment meeting this morning. It was noted that the Hospital Foundation is not able to own property so the Town and the County will need to purchase their 1/3 interest in the Doctor's House. This transaction can take place in 2017 and the Hospital Foundation will still continue to pay a 1/3 share of the costs towards the Doctors house.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Asked about the trees that were cut down at the Masonic hall.
- Thanked the CAO for attending the AUMA on his behalf

In Camera Session:

Council moved to an in camera session to discuss a personnel issue and the Weseen subdivision.

243/16 MOTION: Councillor Wismer to move to an in camera session to discuss a personnel issue and the Weseen Subdivision.

CARRIED

*Council moved to an in camera session at 8:29pm.
Stacey Lavallie left the meeting at 8:29pm.*

244/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols to return to the Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council returned to the regular meeting 8:39pm.

Adjournment:

245/16 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER