

**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town Of Castor  
Held Tuesday, October 14, 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, Brenda Wismer, Travis Ryan, Tony Nichols, Rod Zinger, Richard Elhard.

**Absent:**

Travis Ryan

**Also in Attendance:**

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.  
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman  
Jenna Witherow – Q-14 Radio  
Joel van der Veen - Castor Advance

**Agenda:**

**205/14 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

**Delegations/Interviews:**

**Minutes:**

Council reviewed the minutes of the September 22, 2014 regular Meeting of Council.

**206/14 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the September 22, 2014 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 17881 payable to That's My Specialty.*

**207/14 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that Account numbers 17834 to 17888 excluding account 17881 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

**208/14 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that Account number 17881 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

**Cash Statement:**

The Cash Statement for the period ending September 30, 2014 was presented to Council. Currently, the Town is holding a reasonable financial position. The \$300,000.00 GIC will be re-invested on a 30 day basis.

**209/14 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that the Cash Statement for the month ending September 30, 2014 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**Budget Comparison:**

The C.A.O. presented the Budget Comparison for month ending September 30, 2014. We have a few capital items that will be purchased before the end of the year. The expenses were reviewed in detail.

**210/14 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the budget comparison be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Moved by tony for information

**Correspondence:**

Kevin Sorenson, M.P.:

A letter explaining the position of Canada Post and expressing the Federal Government's support. This letter is in response to the letter of concern sent by the Town of Castor.

**Old Business:**

Fire Radio Update:

A plan and a cost were received from Vercomm Wireless to change our fire radios from digital to analogue. The cost is \$2,988.70. A couple of members of the fire department reviewed the changeover and, after clarification, felt it should go ahead. Mr. McPhee was contacted to proceed.

FCSS Map Placement:

Further information was presented to Council on the placement of FCSS EMap project.

**210/14 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the FCSS be given permission to place EMaps around the community.

CARRIED

**New Business:**

Castor Recreation Board:

Mayor DeVloo called upon Councillors Elhard and Ryan to give the Recreation Report.

- Will be running a TV raffle & a cash raffle
- Arena score board has been ordered.
- Concession is working well so far.
- Teams are now picked – Midgets will have two teams and there will be one Bantam team.

- Ice went in Oct. 2 – we have been renting out the ice as we are earlier than some of the neighboring arenas.
- Ref clinic – 23 people attended.
- 3 members have resigned from the Rec. Board.

**Joint Meeting:**

The joint between Castor, Coronation, Halkirk, and the County of Paintearth will be held in Coronation on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Lion's Rec Centre.

Council discussed agenda items and no items

**Airport Fence:**

Council received a request from an adjacent land owner at the airport to erect a fence approximately 300' from the end of the runway to create a runway to move cattle from one side of the airport property to the other.

**211/14 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the erection of a fence 30 feet from the existing fence (four strand) be approved at the end of the airport runway.

CARRIED

**Citizens on Patrol:**

Councillor Elhard – brought the suggestion of starting up a citizens on patrol started in Town. There appears to be a lot of red tape involved in a startup. A public meeting was discussed. A call for interest will be put in our newsletter.

**Report from AUMA  
Conference:**

Mayor DeVloo and the Foreman attended the AUMA Conference.

- The foreman felt there was a lot of value in the trade show.
- Brownfield issues need multi ministry support..
- MSI funding will carry on for a few years and there will be something to follow.
- Updating the Municipal Government Act.
- Building Canada Fund – applications will start in January.
- Level of safety will need to be raised in old infrastructure.
- Government is under new management and they are not afraid to make decisions. They want to have a predictable funding model.
- Took a course on evaluating the C.A.O. – will need to set goals.

**Appointment of  
Auditor:**

Chapman and Co. have been the Town of Castor's Auditors for the past several years. The recent term is up for renewal. Auditors plan to be here for pre audit on November 17 and 18.

**212/14 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor appoint Chapman and Co. as their auditors for a three year term commencing 2015.

CARRIED

**Committee Report**

Councillor Nichols:

- Victims Services is looking at a program call “Smart Girls”.
- Victims Services has bought a 16’ van to put equipment in when they go to fires, etc. It is complete with a generator and has everything that would enable them to cook for or attend to firemen/police/victims. It is currently stored at Consort.

Councillor Zinger:

- Asked about driveways that are paved and responsibility if utility services would need to be dug up. In our utility Bylaw we must have access to the services. If the property has to be dug up, it would be at the homeowner’s cost.

Councillor Elhard:

- Brought up Beavers in the ponds. The C.A.O. explained that the Town crew has been trying to trap them and release them out of Town but the beaver keep returning. The best solution would be to shoot the beaver. Under our current Bylaw we cannot shoot them in the Town limits. A new Bylaw has been drafted to allow the shooting of pests.

Bylaw 1033 – Firearms  
Bylaw:

The Firearms Bylaw was presented to Council.

**213/14 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that Bylaw 1033 be given a first reading at this October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting of Council.

CARRIED

**214/14 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that Bylaw 1033 be given a second reading at this October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting of Council.

CARRIED

**215/14 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that Bylaw 1033 be read a third time at this October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**216/14 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that Bylaw 1033 be read a third time and finally passed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

CARRIED

Foreman:

- The sewer lagoon is now finished dumping.
- Patching – nearly finished.
- Cleaning around shop yard.
- RV Sewer dump is shut off and will be locked to avoid freeze up issues.

C.A.O.

- The Sewage Lagoon clean out will not be completed this year. Lamborne is unable to make it due to other commitments plus our berms are still quite soft. This will give us a chance to build up the burms and be ready for spring. There is still room in all the cells, so putting the project off until next year will not be a problem. We should reserve \$8,000.00 this year so that we have the entire cost of the lagoon cleaning at our disposal next year.

**213/14 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard to reserve \$8,000.00 from the 2014 budget for the sewage lagoon cleaning.

CARRIED

- The Traffic Bylaw and the Unsightly Premises Bylaw were sent to the lawyer to revamp giving the Town more enforcement power. The cost for the two Bylaws will be around \$7,000.00. If we still receive MSI Operating funds, this would be a good project.
- Council Open House – it was decided to plan the Council open house for Friday, December 12.
- December meeting, the C.A.O. will be unable to attend the December 22 meeting of Council. Options are to hold it on the 29<sup>th</sup> or cancel it until January. It will stay the 22 and the Assist. C.A.O. will take the meeting.
- Received a phone call late this afternoon from Richard Starke, MLA Vermillion-Lloydminster. He will be facilitating a rural health forum in Consort on Friday, Oct. 17. The Town of Castor is scheduled to make a presentation at 11:15am. They would like a delegation of up to 10 individuals to voice our challenges, opportunities, what we do well, and how our health care delivery can be improved.

**In-camera Discussions:** Council proceeded to an in-camera session to discuss a land issue.

Jenna Witherow and Joel van der Veen *left the Council meeting at 8:24pm.*

**214/14 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner to move to an in-camera session to discuss a land issue.

CARRIED

*Council went in-camera at 8:25pm.*

**215/14 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger to come out of an in-camera session.

CARRIED

*Council returned to an open session of Council at 8:47pm.*

Adjournment:

**216/14 MOTION:** Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:49pm

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER