

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Tuesday, October 15, 2013
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:

Troy Slep, Rod Zinger, Mike Bain, Jeff Ensign, Brenda Wismer, and Dennis Filipenko.

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Stan Boettcher – Town Foreman
Kate Davis – East Central Review

Agenda:

212/13 MOTION: Councillor Slep that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the September 23, 2013 regular Meeting of Council.

213 /13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the Minutes of the September 23, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

214/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account Numbers 16366 to 16421 inclusive be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED .

Cash Statement:

The Cash Statement for the period ending September 30, 2013 was presented to Council. Cash flow continues to stay on par.

215/13 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the Cash Statement for the month ending September 30, 2013 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Budget:

A comparative budget was presented to Council. The revenues and expenditures continue to be on track. We have approximately \$250,000.00 of capital and operational grant money to be spent.

216/13 MOTION: Councillor Slemph to accept the comparative budget as information.

CARRIED

Gas and Water
Reconciliations:

The gas system is in excellent shape – our losses are at 1.84% at the end of August which is where we want to be. The water losses, however, have increased from last year. The Foreman feels that the losses in the water system are due largely to underground water main leaks.

Correspondence: No Correspondence.

Old Business:

Weseen Subdivision: Progress on the Weseen subdivision was presented to Council for discussion.

217/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger to go to an in camera session to discuss the progress on the Weseen Subdivision.

CARRIED

Council went to an in camera session at 7:14pm. Kate Davis left the meeting at this time.

218/13 MOTION: Councillor Wismer to come out of an in camera session.

CARRIED

Council came out of the in camera session at 7:21pm. Kate Davis returned to the meeting.

New Business:

Recreation Board
Report:

Mayor DeVloo called upon Councillor Slemph to give the Recreation Report.

- Hockey school was well attended.
- Discussed charging for senior ball teams during the summer.
- Memorial crests will be purchased for Minor hockey jerseys.
- Campground fees will remain at \$25.00/night, it will be raised to \$15.00/night for sites without power.
- Two Recreation Board members have stepped down. A couple of volunteers have come forward.
- Alden Fuller was selected as one of the four 2013 Recreation Volunteer Recognition Award recipients.
- Rec. Board is looking at setting up camera's on the north side of the arena to keep individuals from climbing on the roof of the arena and destroying the vents.

The Recreation Report was received as information.

Utility ByLaw #1027:

Council was presented with the new utility bylaw that would repeal all individual utility bylaws.

219/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that ByLaw Number 1027 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 15th Day of October, 2013.

CARRIED

Discussion on Bylaw 1027 ensued. Council felt that the gas service charge should be increased to \$25.00/month since we will have a few major capital gas expenses in the future. The C.A.O. will make the changes to the bylaw and bring it back to the next meeting .

Golf Club:

Mayor DeVloo reported that, at the last golf club meeting, it was decided to remove one of the power services to cut back on costs. They have requested that the Town hydrovac the line for them.

220/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the Town provide hydrovac work as necessary for the Golf Club.

CARRIED

The C.A.O. informed Council that work has started on the right of way for the Golf Club water line.

Doctor's House
Renovations:

The C.A.O. presented Council with the costs for renovations to the Doctor's residence. The Town's portion of the renovations is \$17256.01, payable to the County of Paintearth. If the County is interested in purchasing a 1/3 share in the house, Council is open to that.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Zinger:

- Attended SMRWSC meeting. Progress has been made on the lines to Botha and Donalda.
- Felt that main street looks dingy with the new street lights. We may need the second bank of lights on each post.
- Thanked the Council for a tremendous last few years.

Councillor Bain:

- Attended a Trail of the Buffalo meeting this morning. He feels the greatest economic potential is with this group, however, representation is paramount. The Town will need to participate actively. The annual general meeting will be November 5, 2013 in Stettler.
- Thanked administration and fellow Councillors for the past three years. Feels that this has been one of the best groups he has served on.

Councillor Ensign:

- Ambulance meeting is still going ahead with the contract – should be finalized by the end of the month.

- There is a 911 meeting on Friday.
- Thanked everyone for the last six years and wished everyone the best going forward.

Councillor Wismer:

- Three years has gone fast and she has learned lots. Councillor Wismer thanked Council for all their hard work.

Councillor Filipenko:

- Thanked Council and staff for working together. He has enjoyed his time on Council.

Foreman:

- Spent a lot of time on the street light project, still has the cold mix to put in yet.
- Worked on the water plant project. Contractor was here last week and will be back next week. Our staff will continue to work on the project this week.
- Spit Fire completed the gas leak project.
- Water main valves have been started.
- Work on lagoon burms, still lots left to do .
- Storage pond at lagoon is drained.
- Brett is killing tree stumps.
- Hauled black dirt to the airport, Mr. Hill has made improvements to the airport and terminal building.
- Installed a gas service.
- Hydrovac work was done for the gas co-op for a day and a half.
- Street repairs to do yet along with water and sewer.

C.A.O.:

- Grant application has been submitted to UFA. If Council has a chance they should check out the site and see our submission, Shawna did a great job on the application.
- We now have our amended water license that includes the Golf Club.
- Festival of Trees – Tracy is working with FCSS to light up the trees in Pals Park for the holiday season. Businesses and groups in Town will be each decorating a tree, then on December 1 there will be a tree lighting ceremony.
- We have received the insurance money for the radio equipment in the amount of \$3,833.70. This amount represents our cost, less \$1,000.00 deductible.
- The RCMP detachment secretary is on holidays from now until November 4 so Vanessa will be splitting her time between the Coronation office and the Castor office until then. The RCMP will plan to attend a Council meeting in November, once the new Council is settled in.
- Suggested that October 28 be set as the Organizational meeting.

221/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that October 28, 2013 be set for the Organizational Meeting.

CARRIED

Mayor DeVloo:

- Discussed the alley to the south of 49th Street. The foreman has looked at it with the C.A.O., the mayor and a few of the residents. Building the

alley to conform would be costly. Currently there is flooding problems behind some of the properties. Council discussed the issue at length. It was suggested to put gravel at the west end of the alley but it was undecided as to how far gravel should be placed. The pile of dirt at the entry to the alley will be removed as soon as possible.

222/13 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that this Council hold off on any decisions concerning the alley, leaving any decision to the new Council.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

223/13 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:32p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER