

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, October 22, 2018
Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall
Castor, Alberta**

The meeting was called to order at 7:24 p.m. by Mayor Richard Elhard.

Councillors in

Attendance: Lonny Nelner, Rod Zinger, Travis Ryan, Brenda Wismer, Trudy Kilner, Tony Nichols.

Absent:

Also in

Attendance: Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan VanHienen, Foreman
Weston Gibson – Assist. Foreman
Emily Wheller – ECA Review Correspondent
Kevin Sabo – Advance Correspondent

Agenda: **270/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

271/18 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the October 9, 2018 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

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

272/18 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 23757 to 23800 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

Water and Gas

Reconciliation Reports: Council was presented with the water and gas comparisons to month ending September 30, 2018.

273/18 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the water and gas comparisons to September 30, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Provincial Cannabis: A letter was received from the AUMA expressing the disappointment in the new provincial grant program underfunding for the Cannabis Transition Program. Only

52 towns, cities, and urban service areas will receive minimal funding.

Council directed the C.A.O. to send a letter to the Province expressing Castor's disappointment with this decision.

274/18 MOTION: Councillor Kilner to send a letter to the Province voicing our disappointment with their selective funding from the excise tax generated by cannabis.

CARRIED

Purchase of AltaGas: Altagas has recently sold their Commercial and Industrial energy supply contracts to Birch Hill Equity Partners Management Inc. The Town of Castor, through 8760 has a power contract with Altagas to supply power to the Town. It is expected the transition will go smoothly with no customer service issues.

Old Business:

Christmas light options: Council was presented with a street light Christmas decoration option.

It was discussed at length and Council felt that new decorations could be made in the community. Councillor Zinger will spearhead the project.

New Business:

Arena Paint: Paint for the Arena Renovation was planned to be taken out of the contingency. It will run just over \$5,000.00 plus the cost of the painter - \$3,500.00.

Playground Sign: A request was made to place a "Caution, Slow Down, Pedestrian Traffic" sign at the top of the beach hill on both the Town side and the County side. The County has already approved the placement and will order two signs – we can purchase one sign from them.

275/18 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that a "Caution, Slow Down, Pedestrian Traffic" sign be placed at the top of the beach hill as requested.

CARRIED

Air Quality Policy: An Air Quality Policy was presented to Council for consideration.

Council felt that a procedure for Air Quality would be more practical at this time.

Trap Club Lease: The Trap Club is requesting that Council review their current lease and extend it an additional five years. There was some confusion as to the extension date so the C.A.O. will contact the group for confirmation.

Controller Purchase: The controller at the south gas station is not working properly. It will need to be replaced and is currently not a part of the budget. The cost to replace it will be between \$6,000.00 and \$7,000.00.

276/18 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the controller for the south gas station be replaced at requested.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nelner:

- Will be attending a Palliser meeting Nov. 8.
- Fire delegation went to the County to make a presentation. They were given \$50,000.00 to put towards the fire hall renovation.

Councillor Zinger:

- Informed the Foreman that the back alley behind 49th Street between 51st Avenue and 52 Avenue has a sink spot in it.

The Town crew will take a look at it.

Foreman:

- A new water distribution pump has been changed. We are not using it yet because our system pressure came up too high. We need to have a controller installed to regulate the pressure.

C.A.O.

Report Attached

Councillor Nichols was disappointed that the radio codes did not work. The C.A.O. was instructed to contact EC911 and insist the proper codes be given to the Highway 12 Regional Emergency Communications Group by the end of the year or the Town of Castor will resign from EC911.

Mayor Elhard:

- Has been approached by a few residents to consider a Recycling program in Town.

The C.A.O. has investigated options in the past, we also sent out a survey a few years ago and the responses suggested that, if there was a cost, they were not interested.

Councillor Kilner:

- Discussed the speeding in Town, people are going through the four way stops without coming to a stop at all. The RCMP will be contacted.

In Camera:

Weseen Subdivision:

Council moved to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen Subdivision.

277/18 MOTION: Councillor Ryan to move to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen Subdivision.

CARRIED

Emily Wheller and Kevin Sabo left the meeting at 8:38pm.

Council moved to an in camera session at 8:39pm.

278/18 MOTION: Councillor Kilner to return to the regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council returned to the regular meeting at 9:10pm.

Adjournment:

279/18 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:12pm

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER