

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, October 23, 2017
Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall
Castor, Alberta**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard Elhard.

Councillors in Attendance:

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

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman
Lynn Sabo – Castor Advance Correspondent

Agenda:

223/17 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the October 10, 2017 regular Meeting of Council.

224/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Minutes of the October 10, 2017 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The Lists of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

225/17 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that Account numbers 22221 to 22267 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

Gas and Water Comparisons:

The gas and water comparison for the month ending September 30, 2017 was presented to Council. We saw a gain in the gas system in September that put us over the 2% gain, however, the meters were read late in October. The loss in the water system was significantly less in September; part of that can be attributed to the late reading.

226/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Gas and Water comparisons be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Gus Wetter School: A request was received from the Live Different Team 2018 at Gus Wetter School for help funding a project they are undertaking in the Dominican Republic.

The students are prepared to work for funding. The Foreman has some jobs that the Town could hire students for this fall. The C.A.O. will discuss this with the committee.

227/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor not support giving a donation to the Live Different Team 2018.

CARRIED

Old Business:

Update on Unkempt Lot: The C.A.O. and Mayor Elhard, with permission from the owner, inspected the property and sent a list identifying issues with the property.

A response was received from the property owner addressing how he intends to rectify the situation.

New Business:

Removal of Tax
Penalty Request:

A resident that inadvertently forgot to pay taxes due to extenuating circumstances has asked for the penalty to be removed.

Council discussed repercussions if the penalty were removed.

228/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the penalty request be denied.

CARRIED

Municipal Asset
Management Policy:

Part of the process to put in place an asset management plan for the Town of Castor is the implementation of a Municipal Asset Management Policy. The C.A.O. presented the policy for approval.

229/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the Municipal Asset Management Policy be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Another component to Asset Management is funding. The Town of Castor was approved for funding through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. The C.A.O. presented Council with the Grant Agreement for approval.

230/17 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Grant Agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Water Master Plan: A draft of the Water Master Plan was brought to Council. At this point it is simply a draft and the engineer is looking for comments on it. Council discussed the draft and looks forward to meeting with the engineer to discuss plans.

Committee Reports:

Reporter Sabo:

- Jeff LaBean is the new editor at the Castor Advance.

Councillor Nelner:

- A Haunted House will be at the new fire hall on October 28. The Fire Department will have smokies and hot dogs. Bring a donation for the food bank.

Councillor Zinger:

- Attended a SMRWSC meeting - tenders went out for white sands water line. The tender will also go out for the Brownfield line.

Foreman:

- Spoke with Boarder Paving. They will scrape down the soft spots in project D. They hope to be here by Wednesday or Thursday of this week; paving should begin on Monday.
- Released the sewage lagoon starting on October 10th.
- Completed one sewer dig and has one more to go.
- Received an offer to crush the pile of concrete. They will crush it down to ¾". The Foreman is waiting for a quote.

C.A.O.

- Robert Pilsworth donated his personal tractor with a grapple fork for two days to the Town during the tree clean up.
- Looking into a "Neuter and Release" program for the feral cats we collect.

Mayor Elhard:

- Reported that the Museum Gala raised over \$20,000.00. The event was a huge success.

Adjournment:

231/17 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned .

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER