

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, October 26, 2016
Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall
Castor, Alberta**

The meeting was called to order at 7: p.m. by Mayor Garry DeVloo.

**Councillors in
Attendance:**

Lonny Nelner, Brenda Wismer, Travis Ryan, Tony Nichols, Rod Zinger, and Richard Elhard.

**Absent:
Also in
Attendance:**

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
Kevin Johnson – Vision Credit Union
Steve Davies – Vision Credit Union

Agenda:

246/16 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the October 11, 2016 regular Meeting of Council.

247/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the October 11, 2016 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 20790 Payable to That's My Specialty.

248/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account numbers 20748 to 20794 with the exception of account number 20790 to That's My Specialty to be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule "A" and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

249/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that Account number 20790 payable to That's My Specialty be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Water and Gas

Reconciliation:

The water and gas reconciliations to September 30, 2016 were presented to Council. Both system losses remain consistent.

250/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the water and gas comparisons be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

County of Paintearth:

A copy of a letter from the County of Paintearth to the Advisory Panel on Coal Communities was presented to Council for their information.

Councillor Nelner suggested that the Town of Castor write the Advisory panel a letter voicing our concerns with the pending mine closures.

251/16 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Town of Castor write a letter to the advisory panel voicing our concerns.

CARRIED

Resident – Tree Removal:

A request was received for permission to remove a tree that appears to be on the property line of their residence. The Foreman will check the location of the tree.

252/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor stand by their bylaw and not allow the tree to be taken down if it is on boulevard property.

CARRIED

Old Business:

ECA Radio Equipment:

A meeting was held on October 19, 2016 with member Municipalities to discuss the ECA radio equipment. The group agreed to accept the system and to form an agreement purchasing the equipment and an agreement naming the Town of Castor the lead community.

Delegations/Interview:

Vision Credit Union – Kevin Johnson & Steve Davies

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Davies entered the Council meeting at 7:35pm.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Davies approached Council to present a proposal to bring the Town of Castor banking to the Vision Credit Union.

Councillor Ryan entered the meeting at 7:38pm.

- The C.A.O. will make comparisons with the current agreement with the ATB Financial and bring a recommendation back to Council.

Mr. Davies and Mr. Johnson left the meeting at 7:50pm.

ASSETT Management: The C.A.O. met with ISL to discuss their ASSET Management proposal. The C.A.O. and assistant C.A.O. will look into the proposal further.

51st Street Infrastructure Report: The C.A.O. and the Foreman reported on the progress of the 51st Street Infrastructure Project. The paving and the sidewalk/curb work will have to wait until the spring. The crew is now wrapped up for the winter. Contract C will go to tender this week.

AUMA Report: Councillor Ryan gave his report from the AUMA convention.

- Attended a workshop on Drones – no regulations but insurance is required plus proper training. In 2017 regulations will be coming out.
- Attended a workshop on medical marijuana. Operations are highly regulated and security is prevalent. Towns need to be prepared as these operations will be starting up in many municipalities.

New Business:

Red Deer River Watershed: A Municipal funding request was made by the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance.

253/16 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the Town of Castor not support the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance at this time.

CARRIED

Veteran's Memorial Highway Assoc. update: The C.A.O. reported to Council on the Veterans Memorial Highway Association's General meeting.

Committee Reports

Councillor Nelner:

- Attended the RCMP appreciation last Friday.
- The Fireman sponsored Haunted House is Friday evening, October 28.

Councillor Nichols:

- Victims Services is looking for ways to use the funds from the Casino. One suggestion is to help seniors in each community with up to a \$5,000.00 donation in each of the three communities.
- Attended the Elks Club anniversary on the weekend. The Elks Club donated \$1,000.00 toward chairs for Ag. Society.

Councillor Zinger:

- Asked how the Chicken Bylaw is coming. The C.A.O. let Council know that she has not completed much work on an animal bylaw yet.

Councillor Elhard:

- Attended the Elks Club anniversary. \$3,000.00 in funding was donated to the Recreation Board.

Foreman:

- Released the lagoon early last week and closed it by the end of the week.
- The crew has repaired a couple of water hydrants.
- Plenty of work has been done at the west regulating station. The welder will need about 10 days to pre-fabricate before the new station can be installed.

C.A.O.:

- Asked if Council would like to host a Christmas Open House in December. December 16 at 2:00pm was decided upon.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Reported on the Assisted Living needs assessment. Amalgamation was suggested but the board numbers would remain the same. If accepted it will come back to Council for approval.

In Camera Session:

No In Camera Session.

Adjournment:

254/16 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER