

**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town Of Castor  
Held Monday, September 12, 2016  
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, and Richard Elhard.

**Absent:**

**Also in Attendance:**

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.  
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman  
Moush John – Castor Advance

**Agenda:**

**199/16 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved with an addition.

CARRIED

**Minutes:**

Council reviewed the minutes of the August 15, 2016 regular Meeting of Council.

**200/16 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the August 15, 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 20625 payable to That's My Specialty.*

**201/16 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 20574 to 20629 with the exception of account number 20625 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

**202/16 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that Account number 20625 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

**Cash Statement:** Council was presented with the Cash Statement for the month of

August 31, 2016. Cash Flow appears to be healthy but we are being very cautious.

**203/16 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the cash statement ending August 31, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**Budget Comparison:** The Budget comparison to Month Ending August 31, 2016 was presented to Council for information.

**204/16 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Budget Comparison for the month ending August 31, 2016 be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Gas & Water  
Reconciliations:

The Gas and Water reconciliations to August 31, 2016 were presented to Council. The gas system did not see a loss this month. The water loss was the lowest we have seen in years.

*Moush John entered the Council meeting at 7:13pm*

**205/16 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan moved to accept the Gas and Water Reconciliations as information.

CARRIED

**Correspondence:**

Softball Umpires  
Assoc.:

A thank you for hosting the U12C Girls Provincials was received from the Red Deer Softball Umpires Assoc.

Economic  
Development Ideas:

A letter was received from the Grey Goose Motel with suggestions for Council to increase Economic Development. Council noted the suggestions.

**Old Business:**

ATCO Street Lights:

ATCO has asked that Council make a decision as to which street light they would prefer.

**206/16 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Town go with the 4000K natural white light head for the Main Street light poles.

CARRIED

Progress Report – 51<sup>st</sup>  
Street Infrastructure:

The C.A.O. and Town Foreman updated Council with the 51<sup>st</sup> Street Infrastructure project.

- Started out with a few issues at the 54<sup>th</sup> Street intersection.
- Sewer pipe size difference was corrected.
- Crew hit an unmarked Telus line.
- Greyson has been very good to work with.

**New Business:**

Digital Solar Radar: The C.A.O. checked into prices for a digital solar radar that could be used to slow traffic down. The cost would be \$12,000.00.

Election Bylaw: The C.A.O. presented Bylaw No. 1047, a Bylaw to provide for the number of Councillors and the appointment of the Chief Elected Official.

**207/16 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that ByLaw Number 1047 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 12th Day of September, 2016.

CARRIED

**208/16 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that ByLaw Number 1047 be Read a Second time this 12th Day of September, 2016.

CARRIED

**209/16 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that ByLaw Number 1047 be given a Third Reading at this Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**210/16 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that ByLaw Number 1047 be Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 12th Day of September, 2016.

CARRIED

ECAA Radio System: The East Central Ambulance Association has considered turning over ownership of the region wide radio communication system to the Municipal partners.

The C.A.O. will discuss costs with the East Central Ambulance Ops Manager.

Fire Agreement: Councillor Nichols and the C.A.O. attended a fire agreement meeting with the County of Paintearth, Town of Coronation, and Village of Halkirk. Our current fire agreement expired January 1, 2016. The only change from the current agreement that was suggested was that the County would contribute a set grant amount each year for capital items. The Towns and village are to discuss an amount for this change and take it back to the County for approval. Once set a new agreement would be drawn up.

Council discussed options. It was decided to discuss options with the Fire Department.

PRWM – Unanimous  
Consent:

A unanimous consent resolution of the members of the Paintearth Regional Waste Management Ltd. to provide a donation to the Paintearth Economic Partnership Society in

the amount of \$100,000.00 was presented to the Town of Castor as a signatory.

**211/16 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor consent to the provisions of a unanimous consent resolution of the Paintearth Regional Waste Management Ltd. authorizing a donation in the amount of \$100,000.00 to the Paintearth Economic Partnership Society.

CARRIED

Water Adjustment  
Request:

A water customer who suffered a significant water break inside his commercial business is requesting Council to consider a reduction in that bill.

Council considered the request.

**212/16 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor not reduce the water bill.

CARRIED

ATCO Franchise Fee:

The ATCO electric Franchise Fee is up for renewal. Currently the Town of Castor's fee is set at 5%.

**213/16 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the Town of Castor's Franchise Fee with ATCO Electric remain at 5% for the 2017 period.

CARRIED

Recreation Report:

Deputy Mayor Elhard and Councillor Ryan were called upon to present the Recreation Board Report.

- New Recreation Director has been working on new programs such as soccer and basketball. Currently only 1/3 of children in Town are playing hockey. This would provide a needed option for winter recreation.
- Fitness classes are in the works for adults, seniors, and teens.
- Deputy Mayor Elhard commented that the Recreation Director is doing a great job!

**Committee Reports:**

Councillor Nichols:

- Ag Society is giving out 9 scholarships to students moving on to secondary education (\$500 to each student; the Ag. Society receives a portion back in grant funding)
- The Non Event raised \$3405.00. A thank you will be placed in the Newsletter.

Foreman:

- Completed a couple of sewer digs – they were both difficult – very deep.
- The crew has been doing a fair bit of gas work, valves have been put in and they looped line at the north end.

- Campgrounds will be left on for a while, we will watch the weather.
- Councillor Nichols asked about a fire hydrant not functioning on south end. The foreman explained that they are currently looking for parts – they may have to replace the entire hydrant.
- Mayor DeVloo asked about the sewer dig on 48<sup>th</sup> street. The foreman explained that it was a very difficult dig.

C.A.O.:

- Our Safety program is nearly ready to apply for our COR thanks to a great job by Jillian Schaffner this summer.
- We were successful with our cemetery grant through PRWM/Progressive waste for \$4,300.00 to purchase a cement saw and other necessary tools.
- Color/Water Run – The schools will be holding a Terry Fox run this year with a twist. They plan to use color & water to hopefully create more interest. They are looking for help with the color and water.
- The owner of a commercial trailer parked on the street in a residential area has been asked to refrain from parking it there. He is refusing to comply. He will be sent another notice to comply.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Attended PEPS and PRWM meetings. Grants were given out at the PRWM meeting.

**In Camera Session:**

Council moved to an in camera session to discuss a personnel issue and the Weseen subdivision.

**214/16 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols to move to an in camera session to discuss a personnel issue and the Weseen Subdivision.

CARRIED

*Council moved to an in camera session at 8:20pm.  
Moush John left the meeting at 8:20pm.*

**215/16 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard to return to the Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

*Council returned to the regular meeting at 8:50pm.*

Adjournment:

**216/16 MOTION:** Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER