

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, September 28, 2015
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, Richard Elhard

Absent:

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
Jenna Witherow – Q-14 Radio
Moush John - Castor Advance

Agenda:

206/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Minutes:

The minutes of the September 14, 2015 regular meeting of Council were presented to Council for approval.

207/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Minutes of the September 14, 2015 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The Lists of Accounts were presented to Council for payment.

208/15 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Account numbers 19206 to 19239 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:

The water and gas reconciliations to August 31, 2015 were presented to Council. The gas system losses are currently under 1% which puts us in a good position going into winter. This is due to the diligent work of our gas department. The water system remains consistent in its losses, we are seeing our lowest losses this year compared to the past 5 years.

209/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the water and gas comparisons be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence: No Correspondence.

Old Business: No Old Business.

New Business:

C.A.O. Bylaw 1040: Council was presented with the updated C.A.O. Bylaw for their approval.

Council saw areas in the Bylaw that they would like to see changed. After discussion on the Bylaw, it was decided that Council will read over the Bylaw and bring it back to the next meeting of Council.

AUMA Conference Report:

Councillors Elhard and Ryan and the C.A.O. attended the AUMA Conference last week and presented Council with their informative reports for Councils information.

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.

210/15 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

Brushing Fence line:

Lerry Davis requested to brush along the common fence line on the north side of the Town limits. Council discussed the issue at length. Councillor Elhard and the Foreman will talk to Mr. Davis and discuss options.

Small Communities Fund Photos:

Municipal Affairs is requesting permission to use any photographs submitted in connection with the Small Communities Fund for any purpose including, but not limited to, illustrations, bulletins, publications, advertisements, and any promotional or educational materials.

211/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town grant permission to Municipal Affairs to use photographs as per their request regarding the Small Communities Fund.

CARRIED

Parkland Regional Library:

Council was presented with the Parkland Regional Library 2016 Budget for approval.

212/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Town of Castor approve the Parkland Regional Library 2016 Budget as presented.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Moush John:

- Attended the Hoja presentation and the Gus Wetter Convocation.

Jenna Witherow:

- Council wished her good luck with her new endeavors.

Councillor Nelner:

- Fire department will set up the haunted house again.
- A rest stop will be installed at highway 36.

Councillor Nichols:

- Victims Services will sponsor a presentation for high school girls focusing on teen violence, relationship issues, and behaviors to watch for that might indicate a problem.
- Victims Services will also sponsor a bullying workshop in Castor this year.

Councillor Elhard:

- Trees on the boulevard at the Masonic lot will be removed.
- Spent 2 days in Coronation doing hockey evaluations for the 3 C's.
- A referee clinic will be held in Castor on Oct. 4 for anyone interested.
- Hockey school has been postponed – it may run it in December during the holidays.

Foreman:

- Pool is closed up for the winter.
- Campsite is still on – it is now day to day whether we shut the water off.
- Road patching is steadily going on.
- Gas meter have been changed for the year.
- Hazardous waste has been removed from the pump house.

C.A.O.

- Alberta Transportation has contacted the Town of Coronation to set up an appointment in October to drive Highway 12.
- Home Hardware Remediation has gone well so far. Everything should be completed next week.

Mayor DeVloo:

- PEPS – one tower has been taken out of commission.
- PRWS – looking at a “take it and leave it” building for recycling.
- Grant roll out from Progressive Waste and PRWM was made – a smaller amount was distributed this time, it will allow more money to be available next time

In Camera Session:

Council will go to an in camera discussion to discuss the salary grid.

213/15 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that the meeting move to an in camera session to discuss the Salary Grid.

CARRIED

Council moved to an in camera session at 7:54pm.

214/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Council return to the regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council Returned to the regular meeting at 8:20pm.

215/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor approve the change in the salary grid as presented and, in addition, set an average maximum of 15 hours/week for the experienced Arena part time worker.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

216/15 MOTION: Councilor Ryan that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER