

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, April 22, 2013
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:

Troy Slempp, Rod Zinger, and Brenda Wismer.

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Stan Boettcher – Public Works Foreman
Gord Norris – Q-14 Radio

Delegations/Interviews:

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the April 8, 2013 regular Meeting of Council.

076/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Minutes of the April 8, 2013 Regular meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

077/13 MOTION: Councillor that Account Numbers 15671 to 15711 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED .

2013 Budget:

The C.A.O. updated Council on the progress of the 2013 budget.

Correspondence:

No correspondence was brought forward.

Old Business:

MSI Funding Allocations: Revised MSI Funding allocations were presented to Council.

078/13 MOTION: Councillor Slempp that the 2013 MSI funding allocations be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Street Light Project:

A contract for the streetlight project was received from ATCO Electric. The Firm Cost has increased by \$11,545.00 over the ball park figure presented at the end of January. Council felt that we should go back to ATCO and have this quote re-visited.

079/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor go back to ATCO with a request for more information as to the increase.

CARRIED

Fire Agreement Update: Mayor DeVloo, the Fire Chief, and the C.A.O. met with Representative from the County of Paintearth, Town of Coronation, and Village of Halkirk to discuss the fire Agreement. A presentation was made by the Towns and Village. The County will discuss the proposal with their committee and then take the proposal to County Council. The next Fire Agreement Meeting is May 9th at 10am at the County office.

Pump House Update: An engineering proposal to upgrade the pump house and alarm systems was received. The Town Foreman walked Council through the proposal. This is still a work in progress.

- Pump house was looked at. The Foreman clarified some of the points made by the engineering company. We need the water reservoir but not the building and the idea of decommissioning the pump house and placing the pumps in the water plant was an option the Foreman preferred. The 1998 plant houses nearly everything now. There is still a line running from the 1974 plant, the plan is to hydrovac it up and decommission it properly this summer.
- Alarm system was also looked at. This is another project that is not necessary at this point.
- Sewer lift station – replace the rails and the pumps and the building. Keep the concrete tank. A standby power source of some sort is necessary.

080/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town authorize ISL to proceed with the Town of Castor Water Treatment Plant, whereas pumps are moved to the 1998 plant.

CARRIED

New Business:

Financial Statement 2012: The Audit of the Town of Castor's financial system is now Complete. Council reviewed the statement.

081/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor accept the 2012 Financial Statement as presented.

CARRIED

Election 2013: The C.A.O. reported changes to the 2013 elections and asked Council if they would like to have a bylaw made to specifically address the proof of identity issues for the election. Council will also need to appoint a Returning Officer.

082/13 MOTION: Councillor Slempe that the Town of Castor appoint Sandra Jackson, C.A.O. as Returning Officer for the 2013 election.

CARRIED

East Central Alberta
Tourist Information:

The East Central Review is creating a Community and Tourist Guide. They are asking the Town to promote a page. The cost is \$570.00 and the distribution targets all of East Central Alberta.

083/13 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that the Town of Castor not purchase a full page in the East Central Review Tourist publication.

CARRIED

Airport Lease:

Robert Hill approached the Town to lease a lot at the airport to build a hanger on. He is interested in Lot C-4. The C.A.O. will look at having pins located. Once approved, Mr. Hill may proceed with applying for his Development permit through the County.

084/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town approve, in principal, to lease an airport lot (C-4) to Robert Hill to build an airport hanger on.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Zinger:

- Had a SMRWSC meeting. The water rates have dropped slightly. No line brakes this year. The big valley line is nearly finished, then they will start the Donalda line.

Councillor Wismer:

- Attended an FCSS meeting, the new coordinator will start May 1.

Foreman:

- Clarence and Adam both obtained their class 3 license.
- Clarence Brown is interested in taking over the garbage system. He will sweep after the morning run.
- Brett Pendelton is currently doing some on call training. He may be ready to go on call in May.
- Transportation and dangerous goods course recertification was run today.
- H2S Alive courses have been completed
- Brett has air brake course coming up.
- Brett and Stan will take their first aid training.
- Arjan will take a tree pruning course.
- May 7 & 8 – ground force training course – Arjan is booked into.

- Clarence is making some progress in street cleaning.
- First load of cold mix should be here next week. The tack oil will arrive on May 1.

C.A.O.

- A new RCMP officer has arrived at the Coronation RCMP detachment. He may look at living options in Castor. If he is interested in living here is Council interested in providing a living incentive?

085/13 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that the Town of Castor provide a living incentive of \$200.00 per month for an RCMP to reside in Town.

CARRIED

- Jim Hole has agreed to change our meeting to May. Council set tentative dates of May 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, or 22.
- MRTA grant work has been sent away.
- The Community Hall sign has been placed on the hall. The Foreman will also look at a cost on recreation signage.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Has a Paintearth Lodge meeting Tuesday, Apr. 23.

Adjournment:

086/13 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER