

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town of Castor
Held Monday, December 17, 2018
Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall
Castor, Alberta**

The meeting was called to order at 7:16p.m. by Mayor Richard Elhard following a tour of the arena.

Councillors in

Attendance: Rod Zinger, Trudy Kilner, Lonny Nelner, Brenda Wismer, Tony Nichols.

Absent: Travis Ryan

Also in

Attendance: Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman
Kevin Sabo – Castor Advance Correspondent

Agenda: **304/18 MOTION:** Councillor Kilner that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes of the November 26, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

305/18 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the November 26, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts: The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

306/18 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 23945 - 24011 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

Cash Statement: Council was presented with the Cash Statement for the Month ending November 30, 2018.

307/18 MOTION: Councillor Kilner that the Cash Statement for month ending November 30, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

308/18 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the 2018 MSI Funding for the Garbage Truck be reserved to 2019 and the remaining fire capital from the County be reserved to 2019 as well.

CARRIED

Budget Comparison: The C.A.O. presented the Budget Comparison to November 30, 2018 to Council.

309/18 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Budget Comparison to November 30, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence: No Correspondence brought forward.

Old Business:

2019 SMRWSC Budget: Councillor Zinger reviewed the 2019 SMRWSC budget with Council.

310/18 MOTION: Councillor Nelner moved to accept the SMRWSC budget as presented.

CARRIED

MOA – Coronation &
District Seniors Housing
Society:

Council was provided with a set of Bylaws and guidelines for the Coronation & District Seniors Housing Society.

Presented for Council's Information.

Tax Sale Property: An Appraisal was completed on the Tax Sale property. The valued was lowered to \$25,000.00. Council will consider what they wish to do with the property.

New Business:

Recreation Board
Report:

Mayor Elhard provided Council with the following Recreation Board Report:

- The 3C's Midget A team has put in a bid to host Provincials; this would be a 10-team tournament that would use both Castor and Coronation arenas for the full weekend.
- The \$20,000 from the Shane and Andrea Doan Fund were received and with the exchanged amounted to \$26,000.
- The Castor Rec Dinner has purchased the arena naming sponsorship; they have recently provided the Arena Improvement Fund with \$15,000 in addition to the \$57,000 that has been provided since the Arena Improvement Fund began for a total of \$72,000 and the sponsorship is worth \$50,000.
- Due to league scheduling, Minor Hockey Day will be moved from January 19th to February 2nd.
- Castor Minor Sports is looking for 10-15 additional volunteers for the Oilers 50/50 on January 20th.

- After touring the arena Council had concerns with the ice situation at the foot of the outdoor stairs. There have also been a few complaints regarding the lights on the front of the building.

Preliminary Budget: The C.A.O. presented Council with a Preliminary Budget for 2019.

311/18 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the 2019 Preliminary Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Fire Radio Update: All Fire Radio work has been completed and the fire department has tested the radios with very positive results. Councillor Nelner informed Council on the testing process. Only some small tweaking needs to be done.

CDHA – 2019
Maintenance
Agreement:

The 2019 Financial Maintenance Agreement was presented to Council for Approval.

312/18 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the 2019 CDHA Financial Maintenance Agreement be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Residential Water
Meter Issue:

The staff noted two issues regarding water meters. One where a residence had a water filter hooked up before the meter – the furnace went out in the residence and the water filter cracked and water leaked out before the meter.

The second issue is after the Town staff shut a water service off for non payment, it appears that the resident turned the water back on at the shut off valve.

Both of these issues are prohibited and the residents may be fined.

313/18 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the owner of the residence who's water filter broke will be fined \$500.00 for having a fixture on the upstream side of his water meter. He must have the problem rectified within 30 days.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nichols:

- Cleared up on the AGLC Audit. Funding will be donated to the Fire Department.

Foreman:

- Clarified the issues with the Zamboni. Our mechanic feels it is running well now and is confident that it will last for a few years yet. We put approximately 100 hours per year on the machine.

- Councillor Zinger commented on how good the Street light ornaments look.
- Truck inspections are coming up.

C.A.O.

- Staff did a great job holding things together while I was away.
- Attended a BREOC meeting this afternoon. The Transition centers are still not open. The staff continues to work at the County office.

Mayor Elhard:

- Announced that the raffle fund raiser for the Community hall seen an \$8,000.00 profit.
- Opportunity Centre made a \$5,000.00 to the community hall and \$5,000.00 to the Museum, plus \$500.00 was given to the Town towards the utilities for the building.

In Camera:

Council moved to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen subdivision, The C.A.O. Contract, and the new employee.

314/18MOTION: Councillor Kilner to move to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen Subdivision, the C.A.O. Contract, and the new employee.

CARRIED

*Council moved to an in camera session at 8:54pm
Kevin Sabo left the meeting at 8:55pm.*

315/18 MOTION: Councillor Nelner to return to the Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council returned to the regular meeting at 9:33pm

316/18 MOTION: Councillor Nelner to approve the hiring of Sean Baldwin in the position of Public Works Operator.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

317/18 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:38pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER