

**+Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town Of Castor  
Held Wednesday, December 28, 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, Tony Nichols Rod Zinger, and Richard Elhard.

**Absent:**

Brenda Wismer, Travis Ryan.

**Also in Attendance:**

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.  
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman

**Agenda:**

**298/16 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

**Minutes:**

Council reviewed the minutes of the December 12, 2016 regular Meeting of Council.

**299/16 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Minutes of the December 12, 2016 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

**Accounts:**

The Lists of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

*Councillor Nelner declared an interest in account number 21045 Payable to That's My Specialty.*

**300/16 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that Account numbers 20991 to 21048 with the exception of account number 21045 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

**301/16 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that Account number 201045 payable to That's My Specialty be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

**Budget Comparison:**

Council was presented with the Budget Comparison to the month ending November 30, 2016. The CAO suggested that \$12,000.00 be reserved for the airport since the gate was not purchased this year and a significant amount of work needs to be done at the airport. The cemetery is another area where a lot of future work is needed. A reserve amount of \$5,000.00 could be set aside for future expenditures.

**302/16 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that \$12,000.00 be placed into reserves for the airport and \$5,000.00 placed into reserves for the cemetery.

CARRIED

**Water and Gas  
Reconciliation:**

The water and gas reconciliations to November 30, 2016 were presented to Council. Water losses are consistent, construction was still going on in this period. The gas system has reached an acceptable level of losses.

**303/16 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the water and gas comparisons be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**Correspondence:**

Town of Whitecourt:

A letter was received from the Town of Whitecourt looking for support in lobbying the Provincial Government regarding the impact that the upcoming carbon levy will have on communities.

**304/16 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor support the Town of Whitecourt by sending a letter to the Province regarding the impact of the carbon levy.

CARRIED

Federation of Alberta  
Gas Co-ops:

The Town of Castor will be receiving a membership levy rebate from the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops now that the Federation is in excellent financial shape. Our rebate totals \$2,156.00.

**Old Business:**

Castor and District  
Housing Authority:

Deputy Mayor Elhard brought forward the subject of amalgamation of the Castor and District Housing Authority and Town of Coronation Housing Boards. All communities must be in agreement for the amalgamation to move forward.

Council discussed the issue at length.

**New Business:**

Amending Agreement: An amending agreement was brought forward by the RCMP to modify the original Lease agreement to show the relocation of the RCMP office to 4901 – 50 Avenue.

**305/16 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Amending Agreement between the Town of Castor and the RCMP showing the relocation of the RCMP office in Castor be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

East Central 911: A notice from East Central 911 was received informing the Council that the requisition for 2017 will increase from \$3.43/capita to \$6.40/capita in 2017. This will be an increase for the Town of Castor of \$2,769.04.

Council felt that more information as to the increase should be forthcoming from East Central 911. Our member is unable to attend the General Meetings as they fall on Council meeting dates.

The C.A.O. will invite a representative from the East Central 911 to a Council meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

Councillor Nelner:

- Attended Coal Panel meeting in Leduc on December 14. Members from Economic Development were in attendance as well as legal and business representatives. Economic Development representatives indicated that they will be meeting with Communities in the new year.

Foreman:

- Truck inspections have been completed. Government will be doing these inspections from now on.
- Crew is exercising water valves and trying to locate valves.
- Gas meters have been changed and AMR's installed.

C.A.O.:

- There is a new volunteer to look after the recycling at the post office.

Mayor DeVloo:

- The Christmas Eve Santa that was put on by Gord Baker and the Castor Fire Department was a huge success. A letter will be sent thanking Mr. Baker.
- Thanked the Foreman for going out Boxing Day to clean the streets.

**In Camera Session:**

Council went to an in camera session to discuss the Fire Hall property.

**306/16 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner to move to an in camera session to discuss the Fire Hall Property.

CARRIED

*Council moved to an in camera session at 8:05pm.*

**307/16 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols to return to the Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

*Council returned to the regular meeting at 8:25pm.*

Adjournment:

**308/16 MOTION:** Councilor Nichols that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER