

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, February 26, 2018
Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall
Castor, Alberta**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Richard Elhard.

Councillors in

Attendance: Rod Zinger, Travis Ryan, Trudy Kilner, Tony Nichols.

Absent: Lonny Nelner, Brenda Wismer

Also in

Attendance: Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Weston Gibson – Assist. Foreman
Lynn Sabo – Castor Advance Correspondent
Emily Wheller – ECA Review Correspondent
Dwight Nagel – Parkland Regional Library

Agenda: **042/18 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews: Dwight Nagel of Parkland Regional Library attended Council to make a presentation.

- It was explained to Council how the Parkland Regional Library started out in Castor.
- Discussed services provided by libraries – to have equitable access and coordinated services.
- Talked about the role of Council in the library
- The Regional Library System is a network of regional libraries that is supported through innovation, cooperation, and services. The Parkland Regional Library System was created in 1959 and has a network of 64 libraries.
- Nationwide resources are available to anyone belonging to the library through the Regional Library.
- Parkland Regional Library looks after the cost of Supernet.

Mr. Nagel left the meeting at 7:56pm.

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the February 12, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

043/18 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the Minutes of the February 12, 2018 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The Lists of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

044/18 MOTION: Councillor Kilner that Account numbers 22742 to 22747 and 22771 to 22798 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 Reports:**

Council was presented with the water and gas comparisons to month ending January 31, 2018.

045/18 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the water and gas comparisons to January 31, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Federation of Canadian
Municipalities:

A letter was received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities informing Council that the Municipal Asset Management Program grant reporting obligations have been fulfilled and our funding of \$50,000.00 was disbursed.

Old Business:

ATCO Street Lighting

LED Conversion:

The C.A.O. explained the final costing amounts for the conversion of the Town's street lights to LED. The actual breakdown is as follows:

Upgrade to 88 LED	\$5,709.66 (up front cost)
Extra yearly cost total	\$1,700.00

Council would like to have ATCO change two lights to 44 LED to see if that amount of light would be sufficient. It was recommended that the two lights be within close proximity. The C.A.O. will contact ATCO.

Holloway Fence:

Mr. Holloway is asking Council if he can change the material he plans to build a portion of his fence from. The portion of the fence running along the north side of his lot from the driveway to the east side would be made from glass block.

There was a concern that it could break or shift if a proper base was not placed first.

046/18 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the request to change the original fence from wrought iron to glass be denied.

CARRIED

New Business:

**Bylaw 1054 – Appointment
Of Assessor:**

A Bylaw to appoint an assessor as a designated officer.

047/18 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that ByLaw Number 1054 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 26th Day of February, 2018.

CARRIED

048/18 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that ByLaw Number 1054 be Read a Second time this 26th Day of February, 2018.

CARRIED

049/18 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that ByLaw Number 1054 be given a Third Reading at this Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

050/18 MOTION: Councillor Kilner that ByLaw Number 1054 be Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 26th Day of February, 2018.

CARRIED

Cannabis: The C.A.O. presented Council with information regarding production and retail of cannabis. Discussion ensued. The C.A.O. will work with Palliser to make changes to the Land Use Bylaw and bring those changes back to Council in a timely manner.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended a Victims Services Meeting. They have plans for two fundraisers. On May 30th they will hold the “Walk-A-Mile In Her Shoes” in Castor.
- On September 29 a Regimental Ball will be held in Coronation.

C.A.O.

- Attended a seminar dealing with the emerging trends in Municipal Law. Informed Council on changes, new legislation, and new policies that will take place and how we are affected.

Mayor Elhard:

- The Alumni game raised close to \$30,000.00. It was a Huge success.
- Attended an ATCO meeting in Forestburg. ATCO power is expecting to receive six months’ notice of termination of the PPA for Battle River #5 in March, resulting termination in September. A decision has not yet been made regarding conversion of the remaining units to natural gas. ATCO is working with TransCanada to increase the size of the line going into the plant. Eventually there will need to be a series of public consultations in regard to a new natural gas line and the

conversion of units to natural gas. Unit #4 is in the process of a conversion to 50% natural gas. If that is successful they will consider conversion of #3. ATCO is also looking at opportunities for businesses to operate on their site behind the distribution lines.

- Bottle Depot is now under new ownership.

Adjournment:

051/18 MOTION: Councilor Kilner that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:21pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER