

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, June 22, 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

Also in Attendance:

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

Agenda:

153/15 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved with an addition.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

Minutes:

The minutes of the June 8, 2015 regular meeting of Council were presented to Council for approval.

154/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Minutes of the June 8, 2015 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The Lists of Accounts were presented to Council for payment.

Councillor Nelner declared an interest in Account number 18808 payable to That's My Specialty.

155/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that Account numbers 18775 to 18814 excluding account 18808 payable 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

156/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account number 18808 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Councillor Nelner did not participate in any discussion concerning this account.

Water and Gas Reconciliation:

The water and gas reconciliations to May 31, 2015 were presented to Council. The gas system is consistently

holding its own. The water system loss was higher in May but overall the losses this year are lower than in 2014.

157/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the water and gas comparisons be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Budget Comparison:

Council received the budget comparison to May 31, 2015. The revenues are a bit deceiving as they do not reflect the cash flow. The taxes have been billed out but are not collected. We have not received any MSI funding. We are still managing to operate without borrowing.

158/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the budget comparison be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Boulevard Tree Concern:

Council received a letter from Kyle Lundgren voicing a concern with the boulevard trees in front of his property. He feels that they are tilting and lifting from the ground as a result of trench work.

The Foreman felt there is no problem with the trees. They could be trimmed down in the spring next year. There is no need to remove them at this time. They are young trees, Council felt that the trees should remain and be placed on the trim list for the future.

Canada Post:

A notice was received from Canada Post that the hours of our local post office may be reduced. We will be notified once a final decision has been made.

Presented to Council for their information.

Old Business:

Fire Department Radios:

Communications Group reassured Council that the new repeater for the fire radio's would be compatible with a different call centre.

Presented to Council for their information.

Speed Bumps:

The C.A.O. presented Council with two options to attempt to slow traffic down on 45th Street. The first was the cost of a battery powered radar speed sign at \$5,089.90 for a pole mount model. Different attachments were available at additional costs.

The second option was a lower grade of speed bump designed to slow traffic to 32 km/hr. Cost would be determined by the length of each speed bump.

159/15 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the Town proceed with low grade speed bumps on south 45th Street.

CARRIED

A request was also made to place speed bumps in the alley behind Parkview Crescent. Once the speed bumps were placed in front of the playground, the speeders moved to using the alley and now speed through there.

The Foreman has some drainage issues in that alley and will try to address both issues at the same time.

New Business:

ATCO – Release:

The former ATCO office site, now owned by the Town of Castor has been undergoing environmental investigation and remediation. ATCO is now asking the Town to release and discharge ATCO Electric from any actions or claims by reason arising out of the Groundwater Contamination of the Lands. The C.A.O. will contact Brownlee LLP for legal advice on this matter.

Development Permits:

The C.A.O. presented Council with the Development permits for the month of June.

Presented to Council for their information.

Cheque Approval:

The next Council Meeting will be July 27. Approval for any cheques that may need to be sent out before then is required.

160/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Mayor or Deputy Mayor be authorized to approve cheques, if necessary before the July 27 meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nelner:

- Has a PEPS meeting on Wednesday, June 24.

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended an informal Victim's Services meeting. A member from "K" Division was in attendance. The board went over their programs with the member from "K" Division, he was very impressed with the trailer. Feedback from the visit should be forthcoming.

Foreman:

- ASM cathodic protection was here to do their final inspection. Robert and Wes have been fixing shorts so we are now compliant.
- Planted trees, the spacing was tricky as we had to work around driveways and service lines.
- Emergency door has been installed at the arena.
- Trimmed dead branches off trees.
- Lamborne have started work at the lagoon and should be finished soon.
- It appears we may have our lights fixed at the airport. There has been a short somewhere in the electrical but it has been located.

C.A.O.

- Lamborne has encountered a problem with the disposal of sludge from the sewage lagoon. The land they had obtained to spread the sludge on needed to have lime spread on it first as it tested below 6.5Ph levels (5.5 Ph -

too acidic so they need to neutralize the soil), so we have had to purchase approximately \$8,000.00 of lime (150 tonnes for 16 hectares).

In Camera Session:

Weseen Subdivision/
Employee Issue:

Council moved to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen Subdivision and an employee issue.

Jenna Witherow and Moush John left the Council Chambers at 7:33pm.

161/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Council go to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen subdivision and an employee issue.

CARRIED

Council moved to an in camera session at 7:33pm.

162/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Council come out of the in camera session and resume the regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council moved out of the in camera session at 7:46pm.

Adjournment:

163/15 MOTION: Councilor Nelner that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER