

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, March 10, 2014
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
Stacey Lavallie – Castor Advance
Landin Chambers – Q-14 Radio

Delegations/Interviews:

Agenda:

044/14 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the February 24, 2014 regular Meeting of Council.

045/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the February 24, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

046/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account numbers 16973 to 17003 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED .

Cash Statement:

The Cash Statement for the period ending January 31, 2014 was presented to Council. Cash flow continues to stay on par.

047/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Cash Statement for the month ending January 31, 2014 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Municipal Affairs – Flag: March 12, 2014 marks the completion of the Canadian military mission in Afghanistan. Alberta Municipal Affairs is asking all Municipalities to fly their flags at half-mast to mark this historic event. Council felt this would be a good way to recognize the contributions of Canadians in Afghanistan. The C.A.O. will make sure the flag is at half-mast at dawn on March 12 and will raise it again at noon.

Old Business:

TRAVIS Permitting System:

The C.A.O. provided Council with an update on the TRAVIS Permitting System. The contract has been drawn up to the Town's requirements, however, a Bylaw needs to be written and we are awaiting advice as to what is needed in the Bylaw before it is drawn up. Once that is in place, the Bylaw and the contract will be brought to Council for approval.

New Business:

Recreation Report:

Mayor DeVloo called upon Councillor Elhard to give the Recreation report.

- Recreation Board will donate \$5,000.00 from the Minor Sports Account and then another \$5,000.00 from the Castor Rocks account to help fund the pool renovations.
- The Men's Night Out Committee has been sent a request to help with funding for the pool project.
- Hourly pool rate has been raised for rentals.
- Ski hill requested funding from the Recreation Board. The Recreation Board has asked for more information.
- Bantam provincials are in Killam, our team will attend.
- Midget provincials are being held in Coronation. Two games will be held in Castor
- Arena shut down will be March 23.
- Sound dampening material is being priced out to place in the arena for the Castor Rocks Concert.

048/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard to increase pool rental rates as presented.

CARRIED

2014 Preliminary Budget:

The C.A.O. presented the first draft of a preliminary budget to Council for their information.

A discussion on raising garbage rates ensued.

049/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard to raise the garbage rates by \$1.00 per month, per residence/commercial site.

CARRIED

Report form Mayor's Caucus:

Mayor DeVloo and the C.A.O. attended Mayor's Caucus on March 5th and 6th in Edmonton. Mayor DeVloo reported on AUMA's conversations with the ministers. Key issues discussed were Long Term Transportation; Improvements

to Voluntary Amalgamation; Provincial Lodge Program; and Storm Water Management. A breakfast with the MLA's was held on March 6 with the highlight being the speech from the Premier.

Committee Reports:

Stacey Lavallie:

- Will be taking head shots of Council at the next meeting.

Councillor Nelner:

- Has a PEPS meeting coming up on March 11.

Councillor Wismer:

- Ambulance meeting is scheduled for March 12.
- Has an FCSS meeting scheduled for March 11.

Councillor Ryan:

- Castor Housing Authority meeting is next week.

Councillor Nichols:

- Ag. Society sponsored two individuals to go to leadership camp. They also donated \$200.00 toward leaders of tomorrow.

Councillor Elhard:

- Attended an Assisted Living meeting. Coronation has been working on physician recruitment. The Castor Legion donated funds toward the Assisted Living flooring. A Memorandum of Agreement will be forwarded to the Town.

Foreman:

- Continued to do snow removal to the end of September
- Water main break was repaired.
- Still looking for a water leak – the detector company will be here tomorrow.
- Read meters on the cold day at the end of February.
- Steamer was out for repairs today but is now ready to go for tomorrow.
- Council noted some areas where water is backing up, the Foreman has been watching the areas and feels the water is moving slowly.

C.A.O.

- Has not heard from our lawyer concerning the Weseen subdivision.
- Auditors have finished.
- Tax assessments are in the mail.
- Received a concern about the traffic speeding down 45th Street from the South. RCMP were contacted and have indicated that they plan to patrol the area more. It was also suggested that a flashing sign that tells the drivers the speed they are travelling could be set up there. Cost of that would be over \$2,000.00.
- The Golf Course would like permission to burn a brush pile on Town property within the Town limits.

050/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Golf Club be allowed to burn their brush pile within Town limits.

CARRIED

- On-line courses are available to Councillors who wish to obtain courses to help educate and inform Council.

Adjournment:

051/14 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:32a.m.

MAYOR

ASSIST. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER