

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Tuesday, October 13, 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.

**Absent:
Also in Attendance:**

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
Moush John - Castor Advance

Agenda:

217/15 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

RCMP - Sargent McGunigal

- **Traffic Safety** – Positive outcomes toward speeding and distracted driving. 226 traffic tickets in our area in the past 6 months. (compares to 214 in entire prior year).
- Seen a decrease in impaired driving 60% less this year.
- Taking advantage of coordinated patrols by utilizing things like EACT funding through Alberta Transportation. This enables the detachment to bring in officers from other areas to put together full sized check stops.
- **Property Crime Reduction** – seen a reduction of 48% overall in the area. 50 property crimes occurred this summer compared to 96 last summer.
- Clearance rate (solved crimes) has gone up by 25%.
- Habitual offender crimes are down. The detachment has put a plan together where habitual offenders are monitored.
- **Community involvement** – new program dedicated to the schools. Positive interaction between RCMP and students. For non-emergency issues – an RCMP is assigned to a specific school on a consistent basis and attends school functions. This has been a pilot project this year.
- Sargent McGunigal thanked everyone who contributed to the Police BBQ that was held in September.
- Mayor DeVloo thanked Sargent McGunigal for attending the meeting.

Sargent McGunigal left the meeting at 7:22pm.

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the September 28, 2015 regular Meeting of Council.

218/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the September 28, 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 19279 payable to That's My Specialty.

219/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that Account numbers 19240 to 19281 excluding account 19279 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

220/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account number 19279 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Cash Statement:

Council was presented with the Cash Statement for the month ending September 30, 2015. We continue to operate in a good financial position. MSI Operating grant arrived this month. There are still a few projects to clean up this year.

221/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Cash Statement for the month ending September 30, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Budget Comparison:

All systems appear to be on track at this point.

222/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Budget Comparison be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

TransCanada – Support:

A letter was received thanking Council for their support of the Energy East Pipeline.

Transportation – Hwy. 12:

After a recent meeting with Transportation at the AUMA convention, a notice was received from Transportation informing Council that they will be investigating Hwy 12 conditions. They will plan to come October 28 at 10:00pm.

Alberta Order of Excellence:

The Province of Alberta is looking for a volunteer to take over the Chair position on the Alberta Order of Excellence Council.

Old Business:

C.A.O. Bylaw 1039: The C.A.O. Bylaw 1040 was presented to Council for approval. Council made a few suggestions and the C.A.O. will make the changes and bring the bylaw back to Council at the next meeting.

Trees on Boundary: Councillor Elhard and the Town Foreman investigated the trees on the north Town Boundary.

223/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard to allow Mr. Davis to build his fence on Town property and remove trees as necessary.

CARRIED

Fire Radio Update: The work on the repeaters at the Nose Hill Tower and our Castor Tower is complete. Only fine tuning the radio's is left. The Ambulance Board will be giving us access to the privacy keys needed for the final programing.

New Business:

Recreation Board
Report:

Mayor DeVloo called upon Councillors Elhard and Ryan to give the Recreation Board Report.

- Fire Department will be renting the ice at the Minor Hockey Rental rate of \$75.00/hr.
- The recreation staff has requested that their office be closed from December 21, 2015 to January 4, 2016.
- There will be a safety review at the arena and a safety committee formed.
- Hockey school has been rescheduled for December 27, 28, & 29.
- Pool statistical report was made available.
- Arena Schedule was presented.
- Hockey is in full swing.

224/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Recreation office stays open the same hours as the Town office during the Christmas season and has at least one employee present.

CARRIED

Re-Zoning/Tree Removal: A request was received from Doug Zimmerman to remove a boulevard tree that will be in the way when a new duplex is built.

225/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that permission be given to Doug Zimmerman to remove a tree if necessary to accommodate a new residential build.

CARRIED

MOA – Doctor's House: A Memorandum of Agreement was presented to Council for their input regarding authorities of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee. A couple of changes were noted.

226/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that Council support the Memorandum of Agreement, with changes, Between the Town, Our Lady of the Rosary Hospital, and the County of Paintearth.

CARRIED

Pump house Tender: One tender was received for the demolition of the pump house. The tender, in the amount of \$48,900.00, was from Filipenko Bros. Construction Ltd.

227/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Town of Castor accept the tender from Filipenko Bros. Construction in the amount of \$48,900.00 for demolition of the pump house.

CARRIED

Engineer Contract: Council received the fee schedule for the engineering costs for phase 1 of the Water/Wastewater Infrastructure replacement.

228/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Town approve and sign the Engineering Agreement with ISL for the Water/Wastewater Infrastructure replacement project.

CARRIED

Committee Report

Councillor Wismer:

- FCSS meeting, looking for a community member at large.
- They have funding for the green space fence and shed.

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended a tour to the 911 call centre in Red Deer and look at fire halls. Found the tour interesting and worthwhile.

Foreman:

- Crew is working on bringing down the PH at the Lagoon before it is released.
- Moved dirt pile at home hardware so it can be re-sampled.
- Cleaned out and marked culverts in town.
- Flower pots have been emptied and removed as staff is available.

C.A.O.:

- The Town has qualified for a \$50.00 rebate to cover costs of the AUMA convention.
- October 26 will be the date of the organizational meeting. It normally starts at 6:30pm. One thing for Council to consider is asking for a volunteer member at large from the Town of Castor for the FCSS Board.

229/15 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that the Town add a member at large from the Town of Castor to the FCSS Board.

CARRIED

- The Legion would like a member of Council to give a welcome from the Town and lay the Town wreath at the Remembrance Day Service.
- On October 17 there is a Run sponsored by the ChooseWell committee. They will be spray painting directional arrows on the streets. It was suggested to use a color of paint other than blue, yellow, orange, or red.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Attended Golf Course annual meeting – they have a balanced budget. Irrigation - underground power will be installed this fall.

In Camera Session:

Council will go to an in camera discussion to discuss the Weseen Subdivision and an employee issue.

230/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the meeting move to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen Subdivision and an employee issue.

CARRIED

Council moved to an in camera session at 8:20pm

231/15 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Council return to the regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council Returned to the regular meeting at 8:40pm

Adjournment:

232/15 MOTION: Councilor Zinger that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER