

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, October 27, 2014
Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall
Castor, Alberta**

The meeting was called to order at 7:26 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
Joel van der Veen - Castor Advance

Agenda:

222/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the agenda be approved with the addition.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the October 14, 2014 regular Meeting of Council.

223/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Minutes of the October 14, 2014 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

Councillor Nelner declared an interest in Account number 17929 payable to That's My Specialty.

224/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account numbers 17896 to 17934 excluding account 17929 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 .

225/14 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Account number 17929 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Gas & Water Comparisons:

The C.A.O. presented Council with the Gas and Water Comparisons to September 30, 2014. We are still below 1% losses in the gas system and our total losses are only ½

of what they were last year at this time. The water system losses were back up again for the month of September. Overall our water losses are only slightly above the losses from last year at this time.

226/14 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Gas and Water Comparisons be accepted by Council as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Battle River Water
Shed Alliance:

A request for funding was received from the Battle River Water Shed Alliance. The C.A.O. informed Council that, in the past, the Town has not committed to support this organization.

227/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor not commit a financial support to the Battle River Water Shed Alliance at this time.

CARRIED

Farm Safety Centre:

A request was made for funding in the amount of \$300.00 from the Farm Safety Centre in support of your Safety Smarts Program.

Councillor Nichols informed Council that the Ag. Society has been funding some farm safety programs.

228/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Town of Castor not support the Safety Smarts Program.

CARRIED

Red Deer River Water
Shed Alliance:

The RDRWA is requesting Municipal support for 2015. They are suggesting a contribution of \$.50/capita.

Council discussed support and felt that possibly the support should come from the SMRWSC. Councillor Zinger will inquire at the next SMRWSC meeting.

Old Business:

Joint meeting Agenda:

Council was presented with the joint meeting agenda for the October 28, 2014 meeting in Coronation.

Fire Radio Update:

The C.A.O. informed Council that Verrecom is working on the change back to analog. A new radio, an old radio, and a pager have all been sent in to be programmed. Once successful, the remainder of the radios will be updated and we will be back on the analog system. Mr. McPhee indicated that the conversion is approximately half completed.

Cemetery Maintenance
Update:

The cemetery application for a BFI grant was unsuccessful and word has not been received on the Community Initiative Program. The cost of contracting the services

came to nearly \$20,000.00 this year for the Municipal Cemetery and the Legion. If the Catholic Cemetery is included next year we will have to look at options.

Council felt it would be worthwhile to work with the Coronation cemetery committee and make another joint presentation to County Council.

New Business:

Assisted Living:

The Coronation Regional Health Services Board along with the Castor and District Housing Authority has entered into a partnership to have a comprehensive Regional Needs Assessment completed. They are applying for an Alberta Community Partnership Grant and are looking for a supporting resolution, as well as a letter of support from the Town of Castor.

229/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Town of Castor support, in principal, the application for funding through the Alberta Community Partnership Grant program by the Coronation Regional Health Services Board and the Castor and District Housing Authority.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Wismer:

- FCSS is looking for Community Garden spot for next season. The C.A.O. will put a notice in the Town newsletter.

Councillor Nichols:

- Victims services trailer was recently used in Consort and worked very well to feed emergency crews.

Councillor Elhard:

- Rec. Board received \$5,000.00 toward the score clock at the arena from the BFI Grant.

Foreman:

- The crew has been hauling concrete chunks to lagoon and working on building the burms up.
- New call truck has been ordered but will not arrive until January.
- Robert is performing the gas leak detection this year with the new leak detection instrument.
- Our trucks have all passed their inspections.
- Vehicles and equipment are all ready for the winter season.

C.A.O.

- Remembrance Day Service is November 11 and the Legion is asking the Town to give a welcome, also lay the wreath for the Town during the service. The Legion would also like a Councillor to lay the Provincial and Federal Wreaths. Deputy Mayor Elhard will give the welcome and lay the Town wreath and Councillor Wismer will lay the Provincial and Federal wreaths.
- Participated in a presentation to the Provincial Health Committee to inform the committee of what

Castor has to offer, what we do well in Health Care, where our gaps and challenges are, and what we are currently working on. It was well received. We now need to meet as a group once more to complete "Feed Back Guide" We need to set a date for a meeting.

In-camera Discussions: Council proceeded to an in-camera session to discuss the Weseen subdivision.

Jenna and Joel left the Council meeting at 7:53pm.

230/14 MOTION: Councillor Nelner to move to an in-camera session to discuss the Weseen subdivision.

CARRIED

Council went in-camera at 7:55pm.

231/14 MOTION: Councillor Ryan to come out of an in-camera session.

CARRIED

Council returned to an open session of Council at 8:09pm

Adjournment: **232/14 MOTION:** Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER