

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town of Castor
Held Tuesday, October 9, 2018
Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall
Castor, Alberta**

Council Toured the arena at 6:45pm.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Mayor Richard Elhard.

Councillors in

Attendance: Lonny Nelner, Rod Zinger, Travis Ryan, Brenda Wismer, Trudy Kilner, Tony Nichols.

Also in

Attendance: Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman
Weston Gibson – Assist. Foreman
Kevin Sabo – Castor Advance Correspondent
Emily Wheller – ECA Review Correspondent
Natasha Bozek – Recreation Director
Stacy Renschler – Project Manager
Wendy Bozek - Librarian

Agenda: **259/18 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Delegation: Natasha Bozek, Recreation Director and Stacy Renschler, Project Manager updated Council on the progress of the arena project.

- Natasha informed Council what the costs have been to date.
- Only \$20,113.37 of the \$80,000.00 contingency has been spent.
- The committee is hopeful that we will come in under budget.
- Fundraising is on-going and a few donations have yet to come in.

Council felt the committee is doing an outstanding job.
Renovation budget is attached to these minutes.

Natasha Bozek and Stacy Renschler left the meeting at 7:20pm

Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes of the September 24, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council and the September 24, Public Hearing.

260/18 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that the Minutes of the September 24, 2018 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

261/18 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Minutes of the September 24, 2018 Public Hearing be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts: The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

262/18 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Account numbers 23717 - 23749 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule "A" and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

Cash Statement: Council was presented with the Cash Statement for the Month ending September 30, 2018.

263/18 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Cash Statement for month ending September 30, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Wendy Bozek entered the Council meeting at 7:25pm

Delegation: Wendy Bozek, Librarian presented Council with a Library Board report.

- Wendy presented the list of new board members
- Lyn Sabo is the new chairman.
- Membership is down.
- The library used to offer a summer reading program but stopped offering it when the Town started running the day camp program in two years ago.
- MCR used to be at the library but was moved to the Lodge over 10 years ago.
- Library computers are open to the public for free.
- The library currently has 102 members (some are families) – costs for membership: \$20.00 single membership – \$25.00 for a family membership.
- Electronics has had an impact on the amount of lending the library does.

A suggestion was made to put the Library hours and a write up in the newsletter each month.

Council discussed ideas to bring more people into the Library. Councillor Kilner will take some ideas to the board.

Wendy Bozek left the meeting at 7:35pm.

264/18 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Parkland Regional Library proposed budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Budget Comparison: The C.A.O. presented the Budget Comparison to September 30, 2018 to Council.

265/18 MOTION: Councillor Kilner that the Budget Comparison to September 30, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence: No Correspondence.

Old Business:

New Business:

Recreation Board
Report:

Mayor Elhard provided Council with the following Recreation Board Report:

- 3C's teams have been chosen and are posted on the 3C's website at www.3csmha.ca.
- Castor hockey teams will be doing the Nutrien Bear Tracks Ice Melt fundraiser. Pails are \$21/each and Castor Minor Sports will receive \$8/pail.
- In lieu of coaches' gifts going forward, each coach and manager will be given a nice thank you card and a team picture.
- Power skating will begin in the new year. The Rec Board would like Mark Dietz to run the programs as follows:
 - Novice – strictly power skating
 - Atom – 50% power skating, 50% skills
 - PeeWee-Midget – 100% skills
- Due to low numbers the Steve Nash Youth Basketball Program will be discontinued.
- The arena chiller will be installed the first week of November.
- We are currently in search of volunteers for the Oilers 50/50; we need approximately 20 more volunteers for a total of 57 volunteers.
- Natasha is working on completing the application for Registered Charity Status for Castor Minor Sports.
- Hockey School ran October 5-7 with 52 players registered.

It was asked how many people the arena would now sit after the renovations. Natasha has contacted the fire chief to have an occupancy completed before the arena is open to the public.

AUMA Convention
Report:

Mayor Elhard, Councillor Kilner, and the C.A.O. attended the AUMA Convention in Red Deer from September 27 – 29 – they presented the highlights of the convention.

- Councillor Kilner was impressed with the convention.
- Many communities are looking for Doctors and CAO's.
- Smoking bylaw was a contentious issue. Some communities plan to treat cannabis like alcohol but all communities are struggling to come up with a bylaw.
- Mayor Elhard attended a number of sessions on opioids; social media (be very careful how you use it); and a session on recruiting a CAO.
- Doug Griffiths gave a high energy presentation about changes that communities will face in the future.

C.A.O.'s convention report is attached.

Museum Update: Mayor Elhard, the Town Foreman and the C.A.O. met with members of the Museum Board to discuss the water and sewer lines. Council had previously approved the Museum Boards plans to run the water and sewer from the new addition to 49th Avenue and getting rid of the current line that runs to 51st Street. The final decision was to run a new line to current connection.

SCF Update: All the final reports have been submitted. We have a total of \$126,647.99 owed to us. We will not receive it until April of 2019.

Winter Flags: The C.A.O. asked Council if they wished to order winter flags for the street light poles. The Foreman and the CAO will look for options of lighting to place on the poles for the winter season. The Christmas Decorations we have are in poor shape.

ATCO – Franchise Fee:

Council was presented with the Distribution Revenue Forecast for 2019 Franchise Fee. We currently receive 5% of the distribution revenue.

A discussion was held to decide whether or not it would be feasible to increase our Franchise Fee.

266/18 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that the 2019 Franchise Fee at remain at 5%.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nelner:

- Fire department received \$5,000.00 in grant funding through PRWM granting program.
- The haunted house will be open to the public on October 27 at the new fire hall.
- Will attend the Palliser General meeting on Nov. 8.

Councillor Zinger:

- Asked about walk signs around Town. The CAO explained it is a part of the Castor Community Network initiatives that was started over two years ago.

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended the Regimental Ball at the end of Sept. Over 80 tickets were sold – the affair was well done.

Foreman:

- The lagoon has been discharged.
- There was an issue at the water plan last week where the water was off for a short time. The sensors were messed up, the low reservoir alarm was triggered.

C.A.O.

Report attached.

In Camera:

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

267/18 MOTION: Councillor Zinger to move to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen Subdivision.

CARRIED

Kevin Sabo left the meeting at 9:06pm

Council moved to an in camera session at 9:07pm

268/18 MOTION: Councillor Kilner to return to the regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council returned to the regular meeting at 9:18pm

Adjournment:

269/18 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:27pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER