

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Wednesday, December 27, 2017
Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall
Castor, Alberta**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Richard Elhard.

Councillors in

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

Absent: Trudy Kilner

Also in

Attendance: Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman

Agenda: **270/17 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes of the December 11, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

271/17 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the December 11, 2017 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

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

272/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 22509 to 22544 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

**Water & Gas
Reconciliation:**

Council was presented with the water and gas reconciliation reports to November 30, 2017. The gas system has maintained a small gain throughout the year. We continue to loose water but there was a slightly smaller loss in November.

273/17 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Water and Gas Reconciliation reports be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

No Correspondence was brought forward.

Old Business:

Fitness Classes: 2017 final cost for fitness classes was presented to Council. Suggestions to streamline the costs were also made. Considering the substantial loss on the program, it would not be prudent to continue with the fitness program at this time. If grants are acquired in 2018 Council will revisit the program in the fall.

274/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town not continue with the Fitness program starting January 2018.

CARRIED

New Business:

Paintearth Lodge Agreement: The Financial/Maintenance was presented to Council for approval. There are no changes to the agreement from 2017.

275/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the Financial/Maintenance Agreement between the Town and the Paintearth Lodge be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Animal Bylaw: A concern with the Town's new Animal Bylaw was received from a resident. Council discussed the concern at length. The Bylaw will not be changed. The C.A.O. will write a letter to the resident.

Reserve for Back Hoe: The C.A.O. requested that Council reserve funds for a backhoe. It was planned to purchase the hoe in 2017 but the purchase will now take place in 2018. The cost for the backhoe is approximately \$128,000.00; \$60,000.00 is MSI funding.

276/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that \$128,000.00 be placed into a reserve for the backhoe.

CARRIED

Paintearth Gas Co-op Development Permit: The Paintearth Gas co-op is planning to build a small addition on to the west side of one of the auxiliary buildings. They would like to place the addition only 3' from the property line, the Land Use Bylaw states auxiliary buildings should be 3.28' (1metre) from the property line.

277/17 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that a variance of .28' be given to the Paintearth Gas Co-op for an addition to their auxiliary building.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nelner:

- At the last Fire practice, the firemen discussed usage of the new building. They are looking at

moving in sometime this spring. The firemen are costing out a small addition. Designs for phase one will need to be drawn up – an architect has been contacted to draw up some designs.

Foreman:

- Gas Meters and AMRs have been installed to bring us up to date with installations.
- Truck inspections went well, only a few small repairs were required.

C.A.O.

- Informed Council that the new Municipal Government Act now requires the C.A.O. to provide all Councillors with information that any one or more Councillors have obtained concerning the operation or administration of the municipality.

In Camera Session:

Council moved to an in camera session to discuss an employee issue and a land issue.

278/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan to move to an in camera session to discuss an employee issue and a land issue.

CARRIED

Council moved to an in camera session at 7:58pm.

279/17 MOTION: Councillor Nichols to return to the Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council returned to the regular meeting at 8:10pm.

Adjournment:

280/17 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER