

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, March 26, 2018
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, Brenda Wismer, Trudy Kilner, Tony Nichols.

Absent: Travis Ryan

Also in

Attendance: Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman
Kevin Sabo – Castor Advance Correspondent
Emily Wheller – ECA Review Correspondent

Agenda: **067/18 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the agenda be approved with an addition.

CARRIED

Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes of the March 12, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council and Public Hearing. The minutes of the March 22, 2018 Special Meeting of Council were also presented.

068/18 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the March 12, 2018 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

069/18 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Minutes of the March 12, 2018 Public Hearing be approved.

CARRIED

070/18 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Minutes of the March 22, 2018 Special Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

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

071/18 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 22843 to 22887 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

Water and Gas

Reconciliation Reports:

Council was presented with the water and gas comparisons to month ending February 28, 2018.

072/18 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the water and gas comparisons to February 28, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Town of Olds:

A copy of a letter sent to the Honorable Shannon Phillips by the Town of Olds outlining the potential infestation of Quagga and Zebra Mussels was presented to Council for information.

073/18 MOTION: Councillor Nichols to send a letter to the Honourable Shannon Phillips endorsing “prevention of Quagga and Zebra Mussels” that are currently posing a threat to our lakes.

CARRIED

Old Business:

ATCO Street Lighting
LED Conversion:

Additional information on LED street lighting was received from ATCO Electric. There is an intersection light soon to become available that will throw more light into an intersection. That light would cost less than an 88 LED and may be a better option for our intersections.

Personnel Policy
Handbook:

Changes have now been made to the personnel policy handbook. The C.A.O. pointed out a couple of minor changes that were made since the previous Council meeting.

074/18 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that a change to the wording regarding the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) be made to read “At the discretion of Council, the cost of living allowance (COLA) may be provided to all employees, and is based on the National Consumer Price Index (CPI).

CARRIED

075/18 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that a 2% Cost of Living Allowance be given to all employees starting January 1, 2018.

CARRIED

076/18 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Personnel Policy Handbook be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Proposed Subdivision: The C.A.O. brought the final draft of the subdivision for Lot 10, Block 24, Plan 752 1405 for Council's approval.

077/18 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the proposed subdivision for Lot 10, Block 24, Plan 752 1405 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

New Business:

Hiway 12 Regional Emergency

Communications Group: The C.A.O. reported on the Hiway 12 Regional Emergency Communications Group meeting, held March 21, 2018.

CCTF Funding: It was reported that the CCTF application has been approved for \$1,750,000.00. This is in line with what other coal communities received.

MSI & Gas Tax Funding: Following the announcement of the Provincial Budget, the following funding allocations were announced for the Town of Castor:

Gas Tax Fund	\$51,238.00
MSI Capital component	\$162,257.00
BMTG component	\$55,740.00
MSI Capital March 2018	\$122,680.00
MSI Operational	\$66,370.00

Notice of Retirement: The C.A.O. presented Council with a one year notice to retirement. It was noted that mechanic, Clarence Harder plans to retire at the end of 2018.

Request to Trench: A request was made by a resident to place a power service across an alley, they would plan to trench the service. All costs would be incurred by the resident. Council discussed the issue; a gas line currently exists in the alley. The foreman will assess the project and report the back to Council.

Committee Reports:

Kevin Sabo:

- Will be the new freelance reporter for the Castor Advance.

Councillor Kilner:

- Will be attending a museum meeting March 27.

Councillor Nichols:

- Received word that the Ag. Society will receive stable funding for next 3 years.
- Victims Services will host a Domestic Violence Workshop May 1 & 2 in conjunction with FCSS and Clearview School Division.

- Completed his Alberta Assessment Complaints Training Program.
- Attended a Drug Awareness program workshop.

Foreman:

- The crew will proceed with a water dig tomorrow morning, now that they have narrowed down the water leak.
- A lot of time has been spent thawing culverts and sewer lines.
- Robert has started work on installing gas meters and remotes.

C.A.O.

- There will be a seminar on Municipal Governance in Strome on April 10th.

Mayor Elhard:

- Will meet with County of Paintearth to give an update on the arena .

In Camera Session:

Council moved to an in camera session to discuss Land issues.

Kevin Sabo and Emily Wheller left the meeting at 8:09pm.

078/18MOTION: Councillor Kilner to move to an in camera session to discuss Land issues.

CARRIED

Council moved to an in camera session at 8:10pm

079/18 MOTION: Councillor Nichols to return to the Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council returned to the regular meeting at 8:35pm.

080/18 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Town's Lawyer send a letter to Barry and Mary Ann Weseen requesting a time line in regards to completion of the roadways and drainage of the subdivision.

CARRIED

081/18 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town Lot 2, Block 50, Plan be sold to Rod Andersen for \$5,000.00 .

CARRIED

082/18 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Town of Castor assume the costs of moving the Ag. Society's sign across 50th Street.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

083/18 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER