

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, August 13, 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, Travis Ryan, Brenda Wismer, Trudy Kilner, Tony Nichols.

Absent: Rod Zinger

Also in

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

Agenda: **206/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes of the July 23, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council and the minutes of the July 23, 2018 Public Hearing.

207/18 MOTION: Councillor Kilner that the Minutes of the July 23, 2018 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

208/18 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Minutes of the July 23, 2018 Public Hearing be approved.

CARRIED

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

209/18 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Account numbers 23458 – 23466 and 23475 - 23524 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 July 31, 2018.

210/18 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that the Cash Statement for month ending July 31, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Budget Comparison: The C.A.O. presented the Budget Comparison to July 31, 2018 to Council.

211/18 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Budget Comparison to July 31, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Minister of Municipal
Affairs – ICF:

The timeline for Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks has been extended by one year for Municipalities that require an extra time frame due to certain circumstances. If the extension is required, a municipality would need to apply to the Minister.

Highway 12 Paving: Alberta Transportation will begin paving highway 12 from east of Halkirk to Highway 36 this month.

Presented for Council's information.

Old Business:

Fire Hall Tenders: Councillor Nelner reported the results of the Fire Hall addition tender opening.

CRS Construction	\$97,890.00
KJ Sorenson Construction	\$118,374.00

He recommended to Council that the bid from CRS Construction in the amount of \$97,890.00. Additional costs will be as follows:

Aprons	\$15,000.00
Electrical	\$11,000.00
Overhead Doors	\$10,000.00
Sump System	\$ 7,000.00
Concrete Removal/Dirt Work	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
Total	\$143,890.00

Concrete work could be completed in October and the build could start in the new year. It may be prudent to look at purchasing some of the material this year. Councillor Nelner will look into this.

212/18 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Town of Castor move forward with construction of the fire hall addition

CARRIED

213/18 MOTION: Councillor Kilner that the tender from CRS Construction in the amount of \$97,890.00 be accepted.

CARRIED

New Business:

Tax Collection: Taxes were due and payable on July 31, 2018. The collection rate was down slightly at 76% this year.

BREOC Update: Mayor Elhard and the CAO updated Council on the last two BREOC meetings. An application had been submitted to Western Economic Diversification for \$257,664.00 to help with the creation

of the centres (renovations and furnishings). This amount has been approved.

Mayor Elhard and the CAO also met with ATCO power and were briefed on their latest updates.

PRWM – Unanimous
Consent:

A unanimous consent resolution of the members of the Paintearth Regional Waste Management Ltd. to provide a donation to the Paintearth Economic Partnership Society in the amount of \$100,000.00 was presented to the Town of Castor as a signatory.

214/18 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Town of Castor consent to the provisions of a unanimous consent resolution of the Paintearth Regional Waste Management Ltd. authorizing a donation in the amount of \$100,000.00 to the Paintearth Economic Partnership Society.

CARRIED

Sidewalk Assessment:

Safewalks Canada has provided the Town with an estimate to assess our sidewalks within the Town at a cost of \$1,500.00. This would identify all potential defect conditions that may pose a hazard. They would then outline the requirements for addressing the hazards.

215/18 MOTION: Councillor Kilner that the Town proceed with the sidewalk assessment as presented.

CARRIED

Arena Chiller:

The Arena chiller was condemned during its annual inspection last week. Steps were immediately taken to drain the ammonia out. The cost of a replacement chiller is quoted at \$103,990.00 + GST.

Council discussed the issue at length. It was decided that more information is needed and possibly prices from another company.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nelner:

- Car show was a success with over 40 cars. The new parade route also went over well as it didn't cross over.

Councillor Nichols:

- Reported that the Victim's Services BBQ served over 90 burgers in Castor. They were very enthused with the turnout.
- Fair Breakfast – Ag Society served over 200 people.

Foreman:

- Students had a hard week – crack filling in the heat and constantly watering trees and flowers.
- Students have started to return to school. One student will remain on for the month of September.

C.A.O.

- The staff would like to thank Council for allowing them to take Friday afternoon for a staff golf event.

The staff all appreciated it and looks forward to making this an annual event. It was paid for out of the Public Works slush fund. The office did stay open and two employees offered to man it. We received a special rate from the Golf Course. This was an excellent team building experience and Harold did a fabulous job planning it.

- Garry DeVloo will be receiving a Distinguished Service Award at the AUMA Convention this year.
- We will be having our safety meeting at 9:30am until 11:00am. The office will be closed during that time.

Mayor Elhard:

- Received notice that there is a Pit Bull in Town that has not been tied up nor does it have a tag.
- Has been asked by residents if we will be putting a Fire Ban in place – we are currently under a fire advisory.

In Camera:

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

216/18 MOTION: Councillor Nelner to move to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen Subdivision.

CARRIED

Emily Wheller left the meeting at 8:26pm.

Council moved to an in camera session at 8:27pm.

217/18 MOTION: Councillor Wismer to return to the regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council returned to the regular meeting at 8:50pm.

Adjournment:

218/18 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER