

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, September 11, 2017
Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall
Castor, Alberta**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Garry DeVloo.

Councillors in Attendance:

Lonny Nelner, Brenda Wismer, Travis Ryan, Tony Nichols, Rod Zinger, and Richard Elhard.

Absent:

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman
Lynn Sabo – Castor Advance Correspondent

Agenda:

189/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the August 28, 2017 regular Meeting of Council.

190/17 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the August 28, 2017 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The Lists of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

191/17 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account numbers 22062 to 22107 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 August 31, 2017.

192/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the cash statement for the month ending August 31, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Budget Comparison:

The Budget Comparison for the month ending August 31, 2017 was presented to Council.

193/17 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Budget Comparison to month ending August 31, 2017 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

FCM – Grant: A grant to help cover costs of the Asset Management program was applied for and received through the Municipal Asset Management Program. The amount received was \$50,000.00.

AUC – Notice: A notice was received from the Alberta Utilities Commission informing Council of a hearing to review the applications and submissions received to consider the application to construct and operate the Halkirk 2 Wind Power Project.

Received as information.

Task Force Letter: The Village of Forestburg, on behalf of the Economic Opportunities Task Force, has drafted a letter thanking Minister Bilous for taking the time to meet with us and committing his support in the form of the CARES Grant Program.

Also presented was the press release announcing the CARES Grant Program funding for Coal Community Transition.

Received as information.

Old Business:

ATCO Franchise Fee: The C.A.O. brought information on franchise fees paid to other Municipalities to Council. A discussion was held to decide whether or not it would be feasible to increase our Franchise Fee.

194/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the Town of Castor leave the franchise fee at 5%.

CARRIED

New Business:

Recreation Report: Mayor DeVloo asked Deputy Mayor Elhard and Councillor Ryan to give the Recreation Report.

- 3C's registration is complete; we have the following registration numbers:
 - Castor IP: 14
 - Castor Novice: 11
 - Castor Atom: 16
 - PeeWee Boys: 24
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 - Bantam Boys: 34
 - Midget Boys: 24
- Coaches for the IP, Novice and Atom team were approved by Rec Board:
- Hockey Canada has mandated ½ ice for the IP program.
- Leanne is currently running dryland training for the month of September and her classes will start September 11th.

- A jersey sale will take place during Hockey School, October 6-8, 2017, to clear out the old jerseys that are stored at the arena. Jerseys will sell for \$2 and proceeds will go towards the arena renovation.
- The soccer program is well underway with 39 players registered; players are broken into U10, U8 and U6 groups.
- Harold Hanson started on September 5th as the Part-time Arena Attendant and he is currently helping to put the ice in.
- Jay Marshall has been hired as the arena Concession Operator and Raelene Schulmeister has been hired as the Recreation Photographer; Raelene will be signing a 3-year contract.
- Castor Minor Sports will hold their first Annual General Meeting on October 2nd at 7pm at the Town Office.
- Cabaret that was held in August was left in less than satisfactory condition. There was a large amount of clean up and the Recreation Board is considering raising the damage deposit.
- Scott Dyki installed the new arena sound system.

195/17 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Hockey Team Coaches be approved as presented.

CARRIED

196/17 MOTION: Councillor Elhard to hire PGA Architects as the engineer for the arena renovation project.

CARRIED

Infrastructure Progress Meeting:

An Infrastructure progress meeting was held on September 5 at the Town office. Council was presented with the meeting notes for their information.

Equalized Assessment:

Council received a copy of the 2018 preliminary equalized assessment. Both residential and non residential have increased slightly.

Task Force Update:

An Economic Opportunities Task Force meeting was held on September 1 via teleconference. Meeting notes were presented to Council for their information.

Election Officers:

During the upcoming election, Town employees will be called in to count ballots and man the poll.

197/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the workers receive an honorarium of \$100.00 for a full day and \$50.00 for the count only.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nelner:

- Attended one of the public hearings with Coal coalition.

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended an Ag. Society meeting – 11 students will receive scholarships of \$500.00 each.

Councillor Elhard:

- Sold tickets at a Farm Sale on behalf of the Ag. Society.

Foreman:

- Students have all finished for the summer. We were very pleased with the work accomplished by most of the students.
- The gas crew has started to install the permanent gas line.
- Netook ran the camera through the sewer. We should see results of that soon.

C.A.O.:

- Will be away September 12 & 13 for a training session on the Municipal Government Act.
- Both the Dr. Recruitment meeting and the Task Force meeting that were scheduled for tomorrow have been cancelled.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Reiterated that the summer students did an excellent job.
- Progressive Waste grants were handed out at the last PRWM meeting. Six grants were awarded for a total of \$27,000.00.

In Camera Session:

Council moved to an in camera session to discuss a staff issue.

198/17 MOTION: Councillor Nichols to move to an in camera session to discuss a staff issue.

CARRIED

Council moved to an in camera session at 8:01pm.

199/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan to return to the Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council returned to the regular meeting at 8:19pm

Adjournment:

200/17 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER