

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The following is subject to the City Council's review and revision

The Cando City Council met Tuesday April 20 2021 at 8:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilors Holien, Bjornstad, Shock, Gibbens, and Weber were present. Councilor Olson was present via phone.

Motion by Councilor Weber was seconded by Councilor Shock to approve the Agenda, all voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Councilor Weber was seconded by Councilor Gibbens to approve the minutes from previous meeting, with a correction to the wording of the Fire Department's Heating project, all voted aye. Motion passed.

Visitors: Several community members were present to discuss reviewing the current Animals and Fowl Ordinance. Tyler Olson with Cando Fire Department was present, as well as Ross Myers with the Shade Tree Committee.

Old Business: Shana Lannoye spoke and proposed the city allow backyard chicken on a special permit basis, and cited several reasons why she would like to see the ordinance changed. Robert and Scierra Ford spoke and presented several reasons why they should get to keep their chickens. Several neighbors of theirs were present to show their support in favor of allowing the chickens to stay. A petition was presented. Lindsey Masterson from Uffda Animal Rescue was present and asked to be included in input if the ordinance is reviewed. Mayor Bjornstad stated he has received calls from citizens not in favor of allowing Chickens. Councilor Weber stated citizens have reached out and expressed concerns and support. After mixed discussion, a motion made by Councilor Weber was seconded by Councilor Gibbens to pursue reviewing the current Chapter 11- Animals and Fowl Ordinance with a committee of individuals. A roll call vote was done with Councilor Holien, Shock, Gibbens, and Weber voting yes, and Councilor Bjornstad and Olson voting no, citing the reason being is this issue should be based on the vote of the citizens on a ballot, not City Council. Motion passed.

The Hendrickson Electric quote for \$1957 approved at the last meeting was revisited. Hendrickson submitted an updated quote for the lift station panel replacement, near Highway 281. Motion by Councilor Shock was seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to approve the quote from Hendrickson Electric in the amount of \$2459 for the removal of the old control panel and purchase and installation of the new panel. All voted aye and motion passed.

The bus barn lift station quotes were discussed again, with more information needed to make a final decision.

Scott Gable gave a Public Works update. The street sweeper will need some repair costing around \$400, and a manhole will need some repair. HydroKlean has acknowledged the letter sent to them about reimbursement to residents pertaining to the sewer issues last year. A possible master water meter installation was discussed for the trailer park, and will get estimates for cost. Towner County is interested in adding in water into the shop and will be present at the next meeting. Discussion was had on possibly renting Bruce Ford's chipper. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Tyler Olson representing Cando Fire Department was present. They will not be applying to the Cando Community Development Board for the grant to reimburse them for the heating project, as was suggested at the last council meeting. The Fire Department feels that is a city cost to maintain a city owned building. Motion by Councilor Gibbens was seconded by Councilor Holien to approve reimbursing the Fire Department for the heating project costs, to be taken out of the City Sales Tax Fund. All voted aye and motion passed.

The platting of the Industrial Park was discussed. A current landowner is not in agreement with the plat as presented by Moore Engineering. The City will work with landowner and come up with something agreeable to both parties prior to the final plat.

New Business: Park River Volunteer Fire Department requested approval to operate a gaming site in Gordy's Bar. Discussion was had on local group preference. Motion by Councilor Weber was seconded by Councilor Holien to approve Park River Volunteer Fire Department's Gaming Site Authorization at Gordy's Bar. All voted aye and motion passed.

Two Quotes were received for crack sealing and street repairs. Discussion was had on the differences and priority levels on areas in town that need it. Motion by Councilor Shock was seconded by Councilor Gibbens to approve Zimmerman Contracting Inc's crack sealing quote of \$9999.45. All voted aye and motion passed.

Ross Myers with the Forestry Department and Shade Tree Committee stated there are several trees around town that need to be removed, and letters will be going out this week. The Arbor Day celebration date has been set for September 17.

Gerry Laternus requested a license for fireworks sale within the city limits. Motion by Councilor Shock was seconded by Councilor Weber to approve the fireworks license to Gerry Laternus. All voted aye, except Councilor Bjornstad, who abstained from voting. Motion passed.

Motion to pay the bills was made by Councilor Bjornstad was seconded by Councilor Shock. All were in favor and motion passed.

Salaries	\$ 5,755.51	AE2S	\$ 450.00	Cando Home/Hardware	\$ 126.44
Capital Guardian	\$ 317.61	Dakota Pump & Control	\$ 560.00	Grand Forks Utility	\$ 52.00
H.E. Everson	\$ 226.60	Legacy Coop	\$ 2,614.35	ND Child Support	\$ 114.65
ND Telephone	\$ 389.32	Northern Plains Electric	\$ 4,490.05	Staus Family Enterprises	\$ 131.89
Record Herald	\$ 111.35	Towner Co Recorder	\$ 20.00		

At 10:00 the meeting adjourned by motion. ---Submitted by Amanda Hoover, City Auditor