

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Holien, Halverson, Olson, Scott, Bjornstad and Klingenberg, were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding.

Motion by Councilor Holien and seconded by Councilor Olson to approve the agenda. All voted aye and the motion passed. Motion by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as written. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Visitors/Delegations: John LaLonde was in attendance on behalf of the Park Board in regard to obtaining a second bid for the roof at of the All Seasons Arena.

Old Business: Brad Muscha from Moore Engineering provided an update on what they have been working on since the council decided on the option they wanted for the sewer project. In his update, Muscha also said that he has started the application for the Lead Service Line Inventory Assistance.

Nathan Gibbens submitted the agreement for Council to look at and review in regards to building on the city's storm sewer easement. With no issues with the agreement from Gibbens, a motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Holien to approve the agreement as written. All voted aye with the exception of Councilor Halverson, who abstained from the vote. The motion was passed.

The decision for the maintenance agreement for the lift stations was tabled until the next meeting. It was decided by the council that they would like to look at the numbers from past maintenance work done on the lift stations in order to get a better idea of where the new prices fall into place from the different companies that have shown interest.

New Business An email was received from the State letting the city know that Cando's Renaissance Zone designation is set to expire on September 1, 2023. The email said that the city could request an extension for an additional five years. As the members of council are not overly familiar with this program, it was decided that Councilor Halverson would reach out to former Councilor J.R. Gibbens to find out more about the Renaissance Zone designation, so the city can decide if they would like to apply for the extension.

At the January 3 council meeting, Councilor Halverson mentioned that he had done some research into different insurance options that are out there and that could be more beneficial to the city employees. Council thought it would be a good idea to get more information from the Blue Cross Blue Shield representative. At this meeting, the council members were provided with the information, but it wasn't quite what they were looking for. They asked Auditor Rance to get back in touch with the BCBS representative and see if she could provide different numbers, so they could see what the difference would be between the current insurance option the city has and the different options that Councilor Halverson has done research on.

Public Works Supervisor Scott Gable gave an update on what is happening in the Public Works Department.

Open Committee: Councilor Scott mentioned that Wes from Legacy has told him the fuel trucks had been getting stuck in the alley ways. Councilor Holien said that he had talked to the Public Works employees about widening the alleys more, so the trucks will be able to get through them easier.

Mayor Bjornstad brought up street work for this year. He wanted to know what the council's thought about doing more crack sealing this year, and wait until the sewer project is completed before tackling the big repair jobs. The thought of council was that they would do the regular amount of crack sealing this year and maybe do more if it is required.

Bills: A motion was made to pay bills by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Bjornstad. All voted aye, and the motion passed.

List of Bills for February 21, 2023			
HE Everson	\$ 246.55	ND League of Cities	\$ 180.00
TC Record Herald	\$ 229.50	Houtcooper	\$ 61.99
TimeClock Plus, Inc.	\$ 33.00	First State Bank	\$ 7.00
CC Steel, LLC	\$ 1,200.00	Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 4,824.06
Vulcan Ironworks	\$ 35.65	Farmers Insurance	\$ 14,024.00
Cassie Axtman	\$ 150.00	Butler Machinery	\$ 255.00
WSI	\$ 2,167.28	Visa	\$ 1,080.49
Northern Plains	\$ 4,447.90	FICA/Medicare/FED	\$ 3,271.63
Verizon	\$ 189.51	Circle Sanitation	\$ 14,978.25
AES2	\$ 1,763.06	Capital Guardian	\$ 315.82
ND Child Support	\$ 114.65	Standard Insurance	\$ 30.80
Christopher Carlson	\$ 191.00	Salaries PP#4	\$ 6,371.66
		Total:	\$ 56,168.80

At 8:15 p.m., the meeting was adjourned by motion.

Kathy Rance, Recorder