

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Holien, Halverson, Olson, Scott, Klingenberg, and Bjornstad, and were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding.

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

Visitors and Delegations: Justine Puppe and Kenzie Mertens with the Cando Hockey Boosters were present to discuss the insurance needs for the hockey arena. The City owns the building and insures it. The contents inside will be insured by the park board. The ice maintenance system is not covered at this point, and the entities involved will need to come up with an arrangement. The City also is not insuring the arena at full replacement value. The Hockey Boosters and City will attend the next Park Board meeting to discuss. Miah Masterson was present to discuss the golf course road and maintenance agreements. The City will maintain the road from the railroad track out to Heartview in the months with no snow, and the township will maintain it in the snow months. When gravel needs to be purchased, the cost will be split.

Old Business: Brad Muscha with Moore Engineering was present on video to discuss the sewer project. Pipe Detectives will here in the near future to televise some lines. Additional work will also be starting soon. Public Works cell phones were discussed. Motion made by Councilor Olson was seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to have 2 active phone lines, and keep the data plan for the tablet. All voted aye, and motion passed. Council presented a job description for City Auditor compiled by them to Auditor Hoover. They also presented a document of concerns and opinions of her performance.

New Business: Computer backups were discussed. Motion by Councilor Bjornstad was seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the NRG Quote for the Backupify product. All voted aye, and motion passed. Auditor Hoover presented Council with several educational opportunities on a wide variety of topics. Councilor Holien gave a building committee update. The condition and cleanliness of City Hall was discussed. The museum area is quite dirty, with Council to talk to Jim Slusser about upkeep. Several potential future building issues and needs were discussed with no action taken. Public Works gave an update on work being done. Auditor Hoover presented a grievance against Mayor Bjornstad with the concern of him using his title as Mayor to force other duties on her. When attempting to follow what the employee handbook lays out with grievances, she was ordered to stop talking, by Mayor Bjornstad, with no Council input. Resident Concerns discussed were alley blockage, sidewalks and rules of sidewalks, berm care, and inconsistent decisions on commercial building permit fees.

The Financial Report for September 2022 was presented.

Bills: Motion by Councilor Olson was seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to approve the bills. All voted aye, and the motion passed.

Salaries Period #20	\$ 5,170.80	Cando Hardware	\$ 514.46	Cando Lumber	\$ 92.92
Captial Guardian	\$ 408.05	D & R Tire	\$ 40.50	First State Bank	\$ 7.00
GF Utility Billing	\$ 52.00	H.E. Eversons	\$ 116.32	Legacy Cooperative	\$ 871.46
ND Child Support	\$ 114.65	NDTC	\$ 398.47	Northern Plains Electric	\$ 4,361.39
One Call Concepts	\$ 13.00	Quill Corporation	\$ 69.99	Staus Family Enterprise	\$ 69.03
Time Clock Plus, LLC	\$ 576.00	T.C. Record Herald	\$ 287.40	Wade Hendrickson	\$ 393.62

At 9:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by motion.

Amanda Hoover
City Auditor