

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Holien, Klingenberg, Olson, Scott, and Bjornstad, and were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilor Halverson was absent.

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

Visitors and Delegations: Alan Howard was present to discuss a concern of an alley and street obstruction near 9th Ave. Not only do property owners need to have access, but utility companies and snow removal equipment utilize the right of way on a regular basis. The building inspector will measure and mark the boundaries of the alley and the Auditor's Office will communicate the importance of keeping that area clear of obstruction to property owners.

Old Business: The part time employees had their reviews, with no concerns noted. Discussion was had on making the Public Works employee full time. Motion by Councilor Bjornstad was seconded by Councilor Holien to hire Michael Givens full time, effective immediately. All voted aye and motion passed. More information is needed on the Verizon options for him. Kathy Rance requested for paid holidays and vacation/sick time, effective beginning of 2023. This was tabled until more information can be collected. Brad Muscha with Moore Engineering was present on video to discuss the options for the sewer project. The options were explained with the Council agreeing on the plan moving forward. There are a couple of spots that will need to be cameraed to see what the best plan for those will be. The derelict properties were discussed. The owner of 215 5th Ave will get a letter giving them 30 days to demo the property. The owners of 220 4th Ave will do repairs and we will revisit it next spring. The owner of 321 3rd Ave is also working on repairs. The new owner of 304 4th Ave is attempting to get here to do repairs, but has run into situational complications. The AE2S charge for the grandstands assessment was negotiated off.

New Business: Edward Walters was present to request a tax abatement for 2022. The condition of his property is dilapidated and 2023's taxes will reflect the corrected value. Motion by Councilor Olson was seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the tax abatement for 2022 for Edward Walters. All voted aye and motion passed. It will now go to Towner County for final authority. The public hearing to hear input on vacating the north end of 5th Avenue happened, with no one present to oppose. Motion by Councilor Olson was seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the vacating of the north end of 5th Avenue, and splitting the land between the 2 adjoining property owners, which is Gary Timms and Pat Esterly. All voted aye, and motion passed. The building permits for James Clay, Nathan Gibbens, John Builie, and Ryan Miller, were approved by Building Inspector Childs and acknowledged by the Council. An estimate for a shelving unit for City Hall was submitted from U-Line and Council requested more vendors to find competitive pricing. Public Works is doing tree work, and will be attending water operator training in Grand Forks this week. The sewer line under the pasta plant should be cameraed, as it appears to be caving in. Old water meters are being changed out.

Open Committee: Tri-State Paving swept some debris into the storm sewer on the street, and public works can clean it out. Residents also were not happy about Tri-State not giving opportunity to move vehicles before paving started. Larry McDonald has expressed concern about an alley being platted on the City map, but no alley has ever been there. He needs access for propane.

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

Salaries PP #17	\$ 5,942.37	FICA	\$ 2,968.85	AE2S	\$ 450.00
Capital Guardian	\$ 322.77	First State Bank	\$ 7.00	ND Child Support	\$ 114.65
Quill	\$ 408.95	Ross Myers	\$ 172.50	Standard Insurance	\$ 30.80
TC Record Herald	\$ 407.15	Verizon	\$ 82.55	VISA	\$ 314.57
US Post Office	\$ 213.16	Aflac	\$ 17.28	Advanced Bus. Method	\$ 85.05
AE2S	\$ 450.00	TC Auditor/Treasurer	\$ 28,549.92	BCBS of ND	\$ 5,069.87
Cassie Axtman	\$ 120.00	Cando Lumber	\$ 771.67	Circle Sanitation	\$ 8,595.00
Lane Pederson	\$ 1,300.00	MARC	\$ 250.00	ND League of Cities	\$ 250.00
ND Rural Water	\$ 255.00	NE Regional Water	\$ 9,998.76	Railroad Management	\$ 626.68

At 8:20 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by motion.

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