

Minutes of the Cando City Council

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

The Cando City Council met Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Towner County Courthouse, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilors Olson, Bjornstad, and Parker were present, with Councilor Gibbens participating over video call. Councilor Shock and Hoilen were absent.

Motion by Councilor Olson was seconded by Councilor Parker to approve the agenda. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Motion by Councilor Parker was seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to approve the minutes from previous meeting, all voted aye. Motion passed.

Visitors and Delegations: Brad Muscha, representing Moore Engineering was present to update the Council on the TCMC project. He brought updated sewer and water maps and said the easement locations are just about settled on.

Old Business: The Backflow Prevention plan will need to be implemented soon. This will affect City owned properties, as well as businesses and multi family dwellings. A sample ordinance was given to council. This sample will be passed on to our Attorney to look over. Scott will apply for the extension through the Department of Environmental Quality. NE Rural Water rate increased \$0.10/1000 gallons, applicable this bill cycle. Discussion was had on passing this cost on to residents and if it should be increased more. Motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Parker to increase the water rate by \$0.10/1000 gallons, applicable this next bill cycle. All voted aye, and motion passed. The ND Insurance Reserve Fund renewal was discussed, again noting current coverage on City owned properties does not accurately reflect replacement costs. This was tabled until further information can be gathered.

New Business: The sewer project was discussed briefly. The planning committee has met several times and has decided to put out a Request for Proposal/Qualifications. A preliminary rough draft of the RFP/RFQ was provided to Council. This document will allow Cando to determine what the project is, and have the engineering firms submit their plans and cost estimates. The committee will meet again and narrow down the project details. Motion by Councilor Parker was seconded by Councilor Olson to grant a local permit to Northstar After Prom Committee. All voted aye, motion passed. The Council also acknowledged an offsite liquor license to Harvest Grill for 3/12/22. Discussion was had on Christmas decorations along Main Street. There are currently 8 poles that have decorations. Scott will check with Northern Plains to see if the remaining poles have power outlets, and the purchasing of additional decorations was tabled until the next meeting. Rick Reed had sewer issues again on the weekend, and is requesting reimbursement for his plumbing bills. Discussion was had on how to fix it-dig it up and repair it or jet it. Motion by Councilor Olson was seconded by Councilor Parker to pay Rick Reed in the amount of \$700 to reimburse him for sewer repairs. All voted aye, and motion passed. The water tower inspection quotes were briefly discussed and tabled until the next meeting.

Bills: Motion by Councilor Gibbens was seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to pay the bills. All voted aye, motion passed.

Salaries PP #4	\$ 5,564.98	FICA	\$ 2,978.15	First State Bank	\$ 7.00
Capital Guardian	\$ 339.84	Circle Sanitation	\$ 17,057.75	Gibbens Law Office	\$ 100.00
ND Child Support	\$ 114.65	ND League of Cities	\$ 30.00	NE Regional Water	\$ 6,081.90
Standard Insurance	\$ 30.80	T.C. Record Herald	\$ 251.05	Verizon Wireless	\$ 42.47
Visa	\$ 464.48	Adv Bus Methods	\$ 82.59	Aflac	\$ 17.28
Banyon Data Systems	\$ 3,090.00	BCBS of ND	\$ 5,069.87	Cando Home&Hardware	\$ 202.28
Ironhide Equipment	\$ 2,891.00	Jerry Ratzlaff	\$ 500.00	Lane Pederson	\$ 1,300.00
TC Auditor	\$ 13,184.75	U.S.P.S	\$ 265.00		

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

Amanda Hoover
City Auditor