

Minutes of the Cando City Council

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

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

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

Visitors and Delegations: Brad Muscha, Kent Ritterman, and Andrew Aakre representing Moore Engineering were present on a video call to visit with the council about Cando receiving the Army Corp of Engineering grant for \$3.2 million, with a 25% match for a larger sewer project. The council will need to define the exact project soon. Additional funding will be needed. A committee will meet soon to discuss details.

Old Business: The fire department is looking at purchasing an additional truck, and is interested in a used one. The building will need to be modified to get the truck in the door. Discussion was had on how the City can support them. Motion by Councilor Parker was seconded by Councilor Olson to purchase a new door and install it. All voted aye, and the motion passed. The NDIRF insurance report was briefly discussed, as our renewal is due soon. Current coverage is below replacement cost for many of the insured items. Insurance on non-City owned equipment was discussed, as the State Auditors have expressed concern about it. Auditor Hoover is working on details on how to proceed.

New Business: The 2022 June election was discussed. There are three council seats, the mayor's seat, and three park board seats up for re-election. Petition packets to get on the ballot will be available soon. Midco Diving and Marine Services submitted an estimate for the water tower inspection. The last report looked good. Council was interested in getting the outside structure and legs inspected. This was tabled until further information can be gathered. The old City Hall sign/clock was discussed. Motion by Councilor Gibbens was seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to give the sign to the American Legion. They will assess how to repurpose it. If it gets repurposed, it should stay in the Cando area. All voted aye, motion passed.

Financial Report: Motion by Councilor Bjornstad was seconded by Councilor Olson to approve the amended 2021 Budget. All voted aye and the motion passed. Motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Holien to approve the fund transfers as presented by Auditor Hoover. All voted aye, and the motion passed.

Bills: Discussion was had on the sign removal cost. Motion by Councilor Gibbens was seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to pay the bills. All voted aye, motion passed.

At 9:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by motion.

Amanda Hoover
City Auditor