Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors, Bjornstad, Olson, Klingenberg, Miller and Scott were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilor Halverson was absent.

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

Visitors/Delegations: Dan Ruby and Trina Holter from Circle Sanitation appeared before council to discuss renewing the City's contract. The current contract is set to expire at the end of this year, and Ruby presented to council a new contract for the council to review. After looking at the contract, a motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to stay with Circle Sanitation and renew the contract for five years. All voted aye and the motion passed. Sheriff Hillier came to the council meeting to inform the council that Deputy Snyder has given his two weeks' notice and the school would be without a Resource Officer for a while. Hillier said they are working on trying to fill the current openings in the department, but it is proving to be a hard job.

Old Business: Moore Engineering provided Council with an update on the sewer project along with the project's preliminary plans that are 75% complete. The council has been purchasing CDs at the banks in town, but one bank requires the council to give the check signers permission to purchase a CD. A motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to give authority to the check signers to purchase CDs at the local banks in town. All voted aye and the motion passed.

New Business: There was a question from Northern Plains Electric on who would be paying the power for the pump in the retention pond that will direct the water from the pond into the storm sewer. Originally, it was thought that the city would pay, but Northern Plains ended up finding out that the hospital will be paying the bill. A construction worker that has been working on the hospital project inquired about the possibility of staying out at the campground for the winter. He was told that the water and sewer will be shut down for the winter and that there is no maintenance i.e. no snow clearing that is done at the campground during those months. The worker said that he has had experience camping off the grid and had no problems with the water and sewer being shut off for the winter. He also said that he was fine with no snow clearing being done and would bring a snow blower with him. The council said he could stay, but if we get a snowfall where it would be too much for the snow blower, it would be up to him to find and pay for the snow removal. The council acknowledged the Building Permit from M. Bjornstad and the Financials for September. The Public Works Supervisor told the council that the department has fixed four gate valves and have been working on digging up curb stops that are buried underground and under sidewalks. He said that they fix the crack in the garage door, the new skid steer has arrived and they have been slowly getting ready for the upcoming winter season.

Open Committee: Councilor Miller mentioned that he was approached about the roof at the All Seasons Arena. He was told that the council asked for quotes to repair the worst part of the roof. A few roads and alley ways were discussed with the Public Works Supervisor being told to fill in some potholes in some areas will scraping down some of the patchwork that was done in other areas.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Miller. All voted aye and the motion was passed.

Bills for Approval for October 17, 2023

At 8:05p.m., the meeting was adjourned. Kathy Rance, Recorder

Bills for Approval for October 17, 2020					
Northern Plains	\$	4,320.60	TC Record Herald	\$	246.60
Houtcooper	\$	290.83	Ferguson Waterworks	\$	2,218.40
Cando Grocery	\$	14.27	TC Highway Dept.	\$	54.70
Bobcat	\$	8,420.23	David Parker	\$	150.00
Legacy	\$	516.74	Book Systems Inc	\$	46.36
Time Clock Plus	\$	33.00	Digital Office Centre	\$	61.60
One Call	\$	51.45	First State Bank	\$	7.00
HE Everson	\$	517.13	Capital Guardian	\$	330.07
AE2S	\$	450.00	TC EDC	\$	2,845.35
GF Utility Billing	\$	52.00	Salaries PP#21	\$	6,761.50
ND Telephone	\$	385.45	Derrick Childs	\$	120.00
Verizon	\$	124.99			
			Total:	\$	28,018.27