

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Holien, Halverson, Olson, Scott, Bjornstad and Klingenberg, were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding.

Motion by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Olson to approve the agenda with the addition of Nathan Gibbens to the visitor section. All voted aye and the motion passed. Motion by Councilor Holien and seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as written. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Visitors/Delegations: Carolee Vote and Troy Reemtsma were in attendance on behalf of Hal Parker Post #79 in regards to making an amendment to their gaming site permit. After explaining the reason for the need to make an amendment to their gaming permit, a motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to approve amending their permit. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Nathan Gibbens came to council inquiring about building on top of the City's easement for a storm sewer. Maps are showing that there is an easement for a storm sewer that goes through the lot lines on two of his lots on the frontage road. Gibbens wanted to know if the Council would be willing to sign an agreement giving him permission to build on the storm sewer easement on the condition that if he causes damage or it collapses under his building, he will have to pay to route around it. Motion was made by Councilor Holien and seconded by Councilor Olson to sign an agreement with Nathan Gibbens giving him permission to build on top of the easement. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business: Brad Muscha from Moore Engineering was at the meeting to talk about the sewer project. He updated the council on new information from the surveyors in regards to easements that would possibly be needed for the project. Council also decided on which option they wanted to focus on for the project. After being presented with quite a few options, they decided to go with option 2A/Scenario #1 which would have the sewer pipe being moved out into the street. Motion by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to go with option 2A for the sewer project. All voted aye and the motion passed. Muscha also talked about the PAR Grant and the Application for Lead Service Line Inventory Assistance which is a program run by the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality to help public water systems comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Lead and Cooper Rule Revision.

After looking over the recommendations from Chuck Horter in regards to the City of Cando Employee Handbook, the council had one change they wanted made in the paid holidays area. A motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Olson to accept Horter's recommendations, with the change of the one item. All voted aye and the motion passed.

The decision for the maintenance agreement for the Lift Station was tabled as the council is looking for more information in regards to prices from the different companies that have shown interest.

New Business: A resident shared with council a concern they had in regards to a sewer charge. The resident mentioned that they have been receiving a sewer charge on their utility bill, but they have a septic tank and are not hooked up to the City's sewer line. Council agreed that since they are not attached to the sewer line that they should not be paying a sewer charge. Councilor Scott made a motion which was seconded by Councilor Holien to give the resident back the money they paid for the sewer charges. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Public Works Supervisor Scott Gable told council that the payloaders has been repaired and they have been busy clearing the streets and alleyways. He also told council that he is working on the paperwork for the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Lead and Cooper Rule Revision and plans on showing the other guys how to fill it out, so they can help him with that project.

Open Committee: Councilor Halverson mentioned that a few people have been in contact with him about the garbage rates and how they were decided on. Circle Sanitation bases the rates for the single and family garbage by the weight of the tote. As for commercial garbage, when the city took back the billing for it, they put a \$10 base rate on it, to go towards wear and tear on the streets.

