

## Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Halverson, Olson, Klingenberg, Miller and Scott were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilor Bjornstad was absent.

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

**Visitors/Delegations:** A couple of Heartview Foundation employees came to the meeting to inquire about the interest of building walking paths around the city. The road out to the golf course is a dangerous road to walk on due to the amount of traffic it sees. They informed the council of the grants that are available and that they cover up to 80% of the cost to build the trails and the city would have to cover the other 20%. Mayor Bjornstad said they need to know the cost before any answers could be made due to the city’s ongoing water and sewer projects. They were going to contact the landowners to gauge the interest in them selling some of their land for these paths.

**Old Business:** Brad Muscha from Moore Engineering appeared before council via Teams with some news about the sewer and water line project. The USACE is signing the partnership agreement this week. The EFT transfer is going to get set up soon along with submitting the requests for the loans. The USACE need to see proof of payment to disburse the funds for the projects. The environmental assessment is still being completed and should be finished around early to mid-April and then bid advertisements starting soon after. They are still anticipating a May bid opening for the sewer project. The expected completion date for the sewer project was 2025. Muscha continued his presentation with potential repayment for the projects and the costs. The state confirmed that the loan forgiveness replaces up to the curb stop for the lead line replacement. The loan forgiveness letter has arrived and shows that water main and lead service line replacement project is eligible to receive loan forgiveness up to 75% of the project. A motion to accept the DWSRF loan forgiveness was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg. The CC Steel quote was presented and a motion to accept the quote was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Scott. All voted aye and the motion was passed. An invitation to become a member of the Northern Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council was sent and a motion was made to pay the dues and join by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Scott. All voted aye and the motion was passed.

**New Business:** An issue concerning the water bill for an individual was discussed by the council and tabled to find out more information prior to deciding how to proceed. The council acknowledged the library’s annual report for 2023. The council acknowledged that the Cando Board of Equalization will take place on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm. The council acknowledged the monthly financials for February 2024.

**Open Committee:** Councilor Klingenberg brought attention to the council the need for gravel on the golf course road.

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

At 8:30 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Ian Knutson, Recorder

### Bills for Approval for March 19, 2024

FICA/MED/FED	\$ 4,312.80	ND Telephone	\$ 380.21
ND State Tax Commissioner	\$ 353.77	Northern Plains	\$ 5,105.93
First State Bank of Cando	\$ 7.00	One Call Concepts	\$ 7.80
Salaries PP#6	\$ 10,390.46	TC Record Herald	\$ 345.45
AE2S	\$ 450.00	Verizon	\$ 125.01
Decorated Wearables	\$ 146.74	Capital Guardian	\$ 571.58
Ferguson Waterworks	\$ 3,306.51		
First State Insurance Agency, Inc.	\$ 13,406.00		
HE Everson	\$ 14.97		
Kotaco	\$ 20.01		
Legacy	\$ 1,157.92		
Moore Engineering	\$ 4,829.94		
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 44,932.10</b>