

## Minutes of the Cando City Council

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

The Cando City Council met Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Holien, Gibbens, Klingenberg, Parker, Bjornstad, and Olson were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding.

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

**Visitors and Delegations:** ND Rural Water Users Association was present to discuss a sustainable management action plan for the water system and a water utility rate audit. Dan Overmoe presented the action plan. Office staff and Public Works evaluated current and future needs, and asked for feedback from the Council. Nathan Olmsted presented the water audit findings, and gave the Council some direction on increasing profits for the water utility account. The strategy would be to increase the fund each year, so future repairs can be done in a timely manner, and sustain the service for the residents. The most common way to get the outcome needed is to increase rates, or change the way fees are collected. The auditor will work up some variables with rates and fees to present soon.

**Old Business:** Joni Morlock, Towner County Auditor, was present to discuss the City Tax Assessor role. Motion by Councilor Olson was seconded by Councilor Gibbens to approve the contract with Towner County to do City Assessment duties annually, at \$18665, plus \$50 per parcel of property assessment. All voted, aye, and motion passed. The RFQ for the sewer project has closed. The committee will have interviews tomorrow with engineering firms. The golf course, fairgrounds, and campground were discussed, with no new action at this point, pertaining to change in ownership. The derelict properties from last fall were discussed. 220 4<sup>th</sup> Ave has not responded with an action plan, so we will proceed with the condemnation process. 304 4<sup>th</sup> Ave has been sold and the new owner has a repair plan for the next year. 321 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave has submitted an action plan, and it will be revisited at the end of the season. 701 5<sup>th</sup> St. was discussed as a condemnation from 2020, and will proceed with continuing that process. 1021 6<sup>th</sup> Ave was discussed as a safety concern, since there are open windows and a mold-like odor. The building inspector did a brief street view inspection, and did not see rodent activity or other concerns. 932 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave was also discussed, with the building inspector stating it's in rough shape, but doesn't appear to be a safety risk, as there is no rodent activity, or broken windows. Several other unsightly properties were discussed, as well as potential demolition costs. It was decided to not pursue action from others at this point. The unofficial election results were presented, with official results available 6/28/22. The Logan J. Corday Chin & Grin Foundation submitted the signed agreement with the City of the event in July. The NDIRF Insurance renewal is due July 1. More information was requested from insurance and coverage changes were tabled pending additional information.

**New Business:** An application for a variance to the forestry ordinance was received from the City Forester. This was tabled waiting for further clarification. Building permits for Barry Hause and Todd Klingenberg were acknowledged. The Reorganizational Meeting was discussed and scheduled for July 5.

**Financial Report:** The Financial Report for May was presented with no concerns noted.

**Bills:** Motion by Councilor Gibbens was seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to pay the bills. All voted aye, motion passed. After council members approved bills for payment, Councilors Gibbens and Parker were thanked for their service and dedication to the City of Cando.

At 8:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by motion.

Amanda Hoover, City Auditor

List of Bills for June 21, 2022					
Salaries PP#12	\$ 10,270.38	AE2S	\$ 450.00	Bruce Ford	\$ 379.50
Cando Home&Hardware	\$ 385.10	Capital Guardian	\$ 346.35	D & R Tire	\$ 260.85
Dakota Pump & Control	\$ 11,015.00	Ferguson Waterworks	\$ 12,274.87	Gerrell's Sports Center	\$ 6.41
GF Utility Billing	\$ 202.00	H.E. Everson	\$ 248.95	JetWay Multi Services	\$ 2,212.50
Legacy Cooperative	\$ 1,071.47	Midland Excavating	\$ 1,655.39	ND Child Support	\$ 114.65
NDDEQ	\$ 75.00	ND Telephone	\$ 421.49	Northern Plains	\$ 4,674.24
Peter Bjornstad	\$ 350.00	Staus Family Enterprise	\$ 128.55		\$ 7,648.15
	\$ 23,368.95		\$ 15,525.60		
	Total		\$46,542.70		