

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Halverson, Bjornstad, Olson and Miller, were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilors Scott and Klingenberg were absent.

Motion by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Halverson to approve the agenda as written. All voted aye and the motion passed. Motion by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Olson to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with striking out Councilor Olson as present. All voted aye and the motion passed. Next, Jeff Miller was sworn in to fill the vacant Councilor spot.

Visitors & Delegations: Joni Morlock was present to talk to the council about the Renaissance Zone in Cando which was created about 15 years ago and the function/benefits of the program. After hearing Morlock's talk about the program, the council decided to table making a decision on if they would like to stay being a part of the program. Morlock then switched gears and talked about the financials for the city. She talked about accounts would require transfers from the General Fund in order to keep them going for this year. A motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to transfer the following amounts out of the General Fund: \$15,000 to the Fire Equipment Reserve, \$16,000 to the Cemetery Fund and \$2.59 to the Equipment Reserve.

Jim Gibbens came to the council to talk about the amount of time the pumps in Devils Lake are running which is becoming less and less. Apparently, the reason that they are not running the pumps as often is because it will save money. He told council that he appeared before the County Commissioners and Water Board that morning and presented a resolution which both boards adopted and asked if the City of Cando would be willing to adopt the resolution as well. The goals of this resolution are to continue the outlet discharge by pumping the water to an elevation of 1,446' and prevent damage that would be caused by high and rising waters of Devils Lake. A motion was made by Councilor Halverson and seconded by Councilor Miller to adopt the resolution that Gibbens had brought forward to the Council. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business: Brad Muscha via Teams and Josh Reiner from Moore Engineering appeared before council to talk about the sewer project. Reiner presented the Letter Agreement Amendment No. 1 which is still part of the first phase and highlighted the important details for the council. A motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Olson to approve the Letter Agreement Amendment No. 1 in the first phase. All voted aye and the motion passed.

New Business: A resident's concern was shared with council regarding their water meter. There was a fire at the resident's home and their meter showed a spike in water usage. The water meter was replaced, but it did not show that there was any damage done to it. Council's thought on the matter was that the water had been used and would need to be paid for and recommended that the resident submit their water bill to their insurance.

The Ambulance sent an idea to council in relation to dealing with damage that is done to the building i.e., the ambulance accidentally backing into a door. The Ambulance is proposing that the City would submit any claims under the City's insurance and the Ambulance would pay the deductible. The council wanted the Auditor to get more information from the insurance company first.

Midco sent a new franchise agreement as the current one is set to expire on August 16, 2023. A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Halverson to accept the new franchise agreement from Midco. All voted aye except for Councilor Bjornstad who abstained from the vote. The motion was passed.

Council acknowledged approved building permits for the Towner County Highway Department and Bryan Berg.

A motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to approve the gaming permit that was submitted by the Can-Do Senior Citizens.

Council acknowledged the resignation letter they received from Michael Givens and advised the Auditor to put an ad in the paper for a Full Time Public Works Employee. Public Works Supervisor Scott Gable also provided council with an update on what the department has been working on. Free Dump Days was discussed and it was decided that it would be held on May 20 & 21, weather permitting of course.

Open Committee: Councilor Miller asked the council what was going on with Elevator Road. He was told that it is supposed to be bladed once a week.

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

At 8:39 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Rance, Recorder

List of Bills for May 2, 2023			
Advanced Business Methods	\$ 85.05	Northeast Regional Wate	\$ 8,417.47
Enviro. Equip. Services Inc.	\$ 853.48	Cassie Axtman	\$ 60.00
Circle Sanitation	\$ 14,625.75	Cando Home & Hardware	\$ 430.01
Bruce Ford	\$ 415.98	Salaries PP# 9	\$ 6,020.00
VISA	\$ 22.99	281 Spirit Shop	\$ 537.83
Butler Machinery	\$ 2,588.69	Capital Guardian	\$ 361.63
Ferguson Water Works	\$ 1,472.59	Derrick Childs	\$ 90.00
Standard Insurance	\$ 30.80		
Cando Community Library	\$ 388.49		
ND Child Support	\$ 114.65		
Lane Pederson	\$ 1,300.00		
Towner County Recorder	\$ 60.00		
		Total:	\$ 37,875.41