

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Bjornstad, Olson, Klingenberg, Miller Scott and Halverson were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding.

A motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Miller 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: Hannah Roerick from the Library Committee came to the meeting to give the council an update on their trailer project and also talk about the lighting in the non-fiction room at the library. Roerick told the council that they had obtained and quote and with the changes that have been happening in the library, they would be able to pay for it. The committee just wanted to know if the council would be okay with the lighting being fixed in that room. With no one having an issue with their request, a motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to give the library committee the go ahead to fix the lighting in the non-fiction room. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business: Brad Muscha from Moore Engineering appeared before the council via Teams to give everyone an update on the Sewer Project. Muscha told the council that they hope to now have a draft of the agreement between the City and USACE by early to mid-January and also shared where they were in the list of items they have been working on. He also told council that they were able to locate the existing BNSF Permit and reviewed the Liquidated Damages form. Muscha ended his presentation by telling the council that Moore Engineering had been selected by the state to work with the city on the Lead Line/Copper Service Inventory project. The council was also given the answers they had regarding the Pavilion presentation along with an update on the houses for condemnation.

New Business: The council reviewed the quote from CC Steel to replace by the gate and check valves at the lift station by the car wash. A motion was made by Councilor Klingenberg and seconded by Councilor Olson to accept CC Steel's quote for the repair work. All voted aye and the motion passed. The council talked about the city's Christmas decorations. We are currently missing one to put on the light pole outside of Gordy's Bar. After looking over the information from Northern Lights Displays, they decided that they would like to order more decorations, and hopefully next year, have decorations on the rest of the light pole heading west towards the school. A motion was made by Councilor Klingenberg and seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to purchase more Christmas decorations for the city that will not exceed \$3,000. All voted aye and the motion passed. The Public Works Supervisor provided the council with an update on what they have been working on. The council also talked about another house that they might need to start the condemnation process on.

Open Committee: A question was asked if the city might be able to store some of the Chamber's items that they use in the summer. They thought they probably could, they would just need to figure out where the best location would be to store them. The council also talked about the employee's insurance.

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

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

Kathy Rance, Recorder

Bills for Approval for December 5, 2023			
Salaries PP#23	\$ 7,210.09	NPEC	\$ 4,782.30
FICA/MED/FED	\$ 3,382.61	Cando Home & Hardware	\$ 387.20
Northeast Regional Water	\$ 10,624.41	Houtcooper	\$ 143.11
The Standard	\$ 33.60		
Advanced Business Methods	\$ 266.43		
ND League of Cities	\$ 210.00		
Decorated Wearables	\$ 226.49		
Capital Guardian	\$ 347.73		
Moore Engineering	\$ 8,247.92		
Gibbens Law Office	\$ 200.00		
281 Spirit Shop	\$ 391.00		
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 4,833.47		
Total:			\$ 41,286.36