Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, September 19 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Bjornstad, Olson, Klingenberg, and Scott were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilors Miller and Halverson were absent.

The meeting began with the Public Hearing for the 2024 City of Cando Budget. One resident came to the hearing and asked why the rates went up. After an explanation from the council, the budget hearing was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The regular meeting of the City of Cando then followed.

A motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg 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: Jeremy Schuler from Northeast Regional Water appeared before the Council to review the NERW rates for 2024.

Old Business: There was an update from the State on the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program along with a questionnaire that the City needs to sign off on and return back to the State before October 2. The council also received updates from the properties that received letters. The Campground rates for 2024 were discussed. After reviewing the rates that other campgrounds in the area are charging, a motion was made by Councilor Klingenberg and seconded by Councilor Olson to set the following rates for the 2024 season: \$15/night for primitive camping; \$25/night for water, power and sewer; \$150/week and \$450/month. All voted aye and the motion passed. After some discussion of the CD rates, the council decided to table that topic until the next meeting.

New Business: The Tax Assessor sent in a Tax Abatement for the council to review. This abatement is falling under the Homestead Credit (N.D.C.C. § 57-02-08. 1). A motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Scott to adopt the resolution to approve the tax abatement application. All voted aye and the motion passed. A discussion was had about the Audi Theatre and bringing it back under the city for insurance purposes. A motion was made by Councilor Scott and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to take the Audi Theatre back, so it can be added to the City's insurance and update the signature card at the bank to add Kathy Rance. All voted aye and the motion passed. Last month there were some water meter issues. The council was filled in on what was going on, and hopefully these issues will be resolved. The Park Board inquired about assistance from the council/city for repairs to the All Seasons Arena roof. The Council asked the Park Board to get quotes to replace the 13 to 15 sheets that bad. A motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to approve the Off-Premise Liquor License Permit for the Cando Bar and Grill. The council reviewed and acknowledged the financials for the month of August.

Open Committee: It was brought up that there is a lot more traffic going pretty fast up and down 5th Avenue since it has been re-paved. The council decided to talk to the Sheriff's Department and see if there could maybe be a little more police presence in that area.

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

At 8:35p.m., the meeting was adjourned. Kathy Rance, Recorder

Bills	for Ap	proval fo	r September 19,	202	3		
HE Everson	\$	370.62	Midland Excavating	\$	2,074.95	Extreme Sales	\$ 13,571.10
ND Telephone Company	\$	382.18	FICA	\$	3,732.01	Lakeview Books	\$ 602.28
TC Record Herald	\$	100.30	ND State Tax Comm	\$	304.57	Smart Apple Media	\$ 789.33
Moore Engineering	\$	7,423.58	Salaries	\$	9,965.95		
Pederson Septic Service	\$	390.00	Verizon	\$	124.93		
One Call Concepts	\$	18.20	Visa	\$	209.98		
Legacy Cooperative	\$	1,296.87	Capital Guardian	\$	241.74		
ND Chemistry Lab	\$	166.83	Newman Signs	\$	268.62		
GF Utility Billing	\$	52.00	First State Bank	\$	7.00		
ND Rural Water	\$	150.00	Derrick Childs	\$	120.00		
Ferguson	\$	4,821.96	Demco	\$	2,954.06		
AES2	\$	450.00	Xtreme Signs & Graphix	\$	216.00		
			Total:	\$	50,805.06		