

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 7:03 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Bjornstad, Olson, Miller and Halverson were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilor Scott came in later and Councilor Klingenberg was absent.

A motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve the agenda with an addition added under Old Business. All voted aye and the motion passed. Motion by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve the minutes with the correction of Brad Moore to Brad Muscha under Old Business from the previous meeting being made. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business: After having some concerns with the initial permit application from Legacy Co-operative to tear down the Old Barley House, the council reviewed the revised permit application Legacy submitted. A motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to approve the revised permit application. A motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Olson to keep the same insurance coverage for the employees with the upgrade made to the vision portion. All voted and the motion passed. The topic of capping off water and sewer lines was discussed and how the city ordinances state that the City follows the State Plumbing code when it comes to those types of items.

New Business: The Council reappointed Todd Klingenberg to the North Central Planning Council. The city also received another property back from the county due to unpaid taxes. It was decided that Councilors Bjornstad and Halverson will go and take a look at the property and see what condition it's in. Northeast Regional Water District sent a letter informing the council that they will be raising the water rates for 2024. NRWD said that this increase would start with the City's March 2024 water bill. Due to this rate increase from NRWD, a motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Scott to increase the city's water usage rate from \$8.60/1000 to \$9.60/1000. All voted and the motion passed. This rate increase will appear on resident's March bill. A resident sent a letter to the council regarding the chair lift at the Audi. The council decided to table this topic until the next meeting. The Cando Park Board sent an inquiry to the council about the possibility of forming a committee that would have two people from the Park Board, two people from the Cando Hockey Boosters and two members of from the City Council. The purpose of this committee would be to work together on coming up with a solution for the roof at the All Seasons Arena. Councilors Miller and Bjornstad said they would be on this committee as the representatives from the City. Council discussed the letter of resignation from the City Auditor.

Open Committee: A resident had inquired about the possibility of more sanding being done on Main Street, as its been slick the past few days. The council also has a conversation on what the 2024 rates for Primitive Camping (no water, sewer or power hookup) would be at the Campground for weekly and monthly stays. It was decided that the rates would be \$75 per week and \$225 per month to go with the rate of \$15 per night.

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

At 8:13 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Rance, Recorder

Bills for Approval for December 19, 2023			
Salaries PP#25	\$ 5,697.26	ND Rural Water	\$ 700.00
TC Auditor/Treasurer	\$ 16,525.50	HE Everson	\$ 651.02
AES2	\$ 598.00	ND Telephone	\$ 380.03
Northern Lights Display	\$ 2,691.00	Houtcooper	\$ 2,433.67
One Call Concepts	\$ 7.80	Share Corporation	\$ 2,454.09
Legacy Co-op	\$ 2,053.20	School Outfitters	\$ 1,506.10
First State Bank	\$ 7.00	Ross Myers	\$ 363.46
Towner County Record Herald	\$ 110.50	Verizon	\$ 124.99
Time Clock Plus, LLC	\$ 33.00	Capital Guardian	\$ 252.14
A&W Standard	\$ 561.60	Digital Office Centre	\$ 63.81
Hendrickson Electric	\$ 1,136.30		
Grand Forks Utility Billing	\$ 52.00		
		Total:	\$ 38,402.47