

Minutes of the Cando City Council

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

The Cando City Council met Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Holien, Halverson, Scott, and Bjornstad, Klingenberg, and Olson and were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding.

Motion by Councilor Bjornstad was seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the agenda. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

Visitors and Delegations: None

Old Business: Moore Engineering was present to discuss a few options for the sewer project. Estimated construction costs were presented. This was tabled until the next meeting. The estimate for new outdoor carpeting for the entrance to City Hall was discussed. Motion by Councilor Olson was seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to approve purchasing new carpeting for the outside entrance of City Hall, with the Public Works Department installing it. All voted aye and the motion passed.

New Business: The Public Works Part time employee is doing well, with the 90 probationary period ending. An agreement was made with committee to give a raise. Discussion was had on if there was enough work to justify 3 full time employees. Tree work, weed spraying, and curb painting has been happening. A sink hole by the pasta plant was discovered where the sewer line enters. The last of the smoke testing will be happening August 23-24. Discussion was had on if a pet waste disposal can would be helpful at the campground, with no action taken. A resident concern was noted about public works trimming trees not on the berm. The conclusion is that the City should only trim trees on the berm in accordance with the ordinances. A resident concern about the cleanliness of the restrooms at the campground was discussed, with duties reassigned from the Public Works Department to prevent this from happening. Towner County Public Health is requesting permission to put up a sign reserving some parking spots for their clients. After discussion, council approved the option of a portable sign Public Health will put in and out for parking, or a sign put up by the City for specific hours of parking. The Arrow Court trash collection was discussed, with their dumpster being utilized by other people that do not live there. The property owner will put up a sign to see if it gets better. The article that was printed in the Towner County Record Herald about the last City Council meeting was discussed, as it was filled with nonfactual interpretation of the meeting. A meeting with the newspaper owner has been requested, as well as more collaboration on City Council Meeting coverage moving forward. The AE2S invoice for the structural assessment of the grandstand was discussed. The Auditor had requested a quote for a structural assessment, not an actual assessment, but the engineer did the work on the way to another job.

Open Committee: Trimming around the trees was discussed with a request to take extra care trimming. A panel in the ambulance bay was hit and will be taken care of by the ambulance service, and the exhaust fan in that building needs to be looked at. The grass continues to be blown in the street and storm sewer by some residents. A question was raised on the resident utilizing sewer services that will be investigated by council to determine legitimacy. A couple of corners were mentioned as yield signs should be turned to stop signs to help alleviate traffic concerns. There are some reports of black residue in some water lines. This may be caused from stuff, breaking loose in the lines, it doesn't seem to be a health concern.

Financial Report: The Financial Report for July 2022 was presented with no concerns noted.

Bills: Motion by Councilor Olson was seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to approve the Bills. All voted aye, and the motion passed.

Salaries PP #16	\$ 5,780.02	Aflac	\$ 17.28	Cando Grocery	\$ 32.94
Cando Hardware	\$ 443.21	Capital Guardian	\$ 310.54	Cassie Axtman	\$ 90.00
D&R Tire	\$ 48.50	Dakota Implement	\$ 78.95	Ferguson Ent. LLC	\$ 93.79
Ferguson Waterworks	\$ 28,413.00	Gibbens Law Office	\$ 455.00	GF Utility Billing	\$ 104.00
HE Everson	\$ 133.75	Lane Pederson	\$ 250.00	Legacy	\$ 3,749.59
ND Child Support	\$ 114.65	ND Telephone	\$ 395.75	Northern Plains Electr	\$ 4,596.84
One Call Concepts	\$ 23.40	Staus Family Ent.	\$ 91.93	U.S. Post Office	\$ 211.30
Vining Oil & Gas	\$ 18.44				

At 8:40 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by motion.

Amanda Hoover, City Auditor