

Minutes of the Cando City Council

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

The Cando City Council met Tuesday November 16, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Towner County Courthouse, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilors Holien, Shock, Gibbens, Olson, Bjornstad and Parker were present.

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

Motion by Councilor Olson was seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to approve the minutes from previous meeting, all voted aye.

Motion passed.

Visitors and Delegations: Jeremy Schuler from NE Regional Water District was present to discuss an upcoming rate increase to the City of Cando. He mentioned the backflow prevention enforcement will be coming, along with more information on what that means at a later date. He answered a few questions from the Council about functioning without a water tower. Andy Hillier was present as the new Towner County Sheriff. There is an opening in their department.

Old Business: The Hydro Klean issue was discussed. They still have some equipment and supplies being stored here, but did remove one truck. The drafted letter has not been reviewed by the City attorney yet. There is still no timeline on completing the camera work. The derelict properties were discussed. The property owners have received the second letters, requesting a timeline of repairs or future plans for 2022. If no timeline is provided, the City will move forward with condemnation proceedings. There are several more properties that need to be inspected. Councilor Olson and Building Inspector Childs will get together soon. The Lervold property from the 2020 condemnation was discussed. Clarification from the city attorney is needed before further action will be taken. The tentative garbage route change was discussed, with a tentative implementation of December 1. The Auditor's office will communicate the route to the residents by direct mailings and posting maps. No update on the NDSU Extension/Towner County Water shed project. They will reach out to us at a later time.

New Business: A building permit submitted by Myra Petersen was discussed. She is contesting the city measurements and will get a surveyor. The council concurred that area wasn't done correctly years ago. The building permit was approved, but will need to be amended once plans are finalized. Rick Reed has been having sewer back ups. There is a small dip in the line and it will be viewed with a camera next week. The Michael Campbell residence was discussed. A meter has been needing to be replaced for several months, with him being unreachably. His services were shut off until arrangements can be made for installation. A resident expressed concern of the city leaving ridges and blocking driveways when working on snow removal. Cando does not have the equipment to accommodate not leaving the ridge. It is the homeowners' responsibility to unblock their own driveway. There is someone interested in bidding to take down the old elevator on main street, and have requested to use our landfill to burn it. Discussion was had on trading demo services for landfill space. Tabled until more clarification is given. The Auditor presented a tentative change to the garbage fees, with additional tentative fee schedule changes to present at a later meeting. A public works update was given. Snow removal has started for the season and there are a few repairs that need to be done. Moore Engineering provided an updated plan for sewer for the hospital project.

Financial Report: The Financial Report for October was presented.

Bills: Motion by Councilor Gibbens was seconded by Councilor Shock to pay the bills. All voted aye, motion passed.

USPS	\$ 174.56	Salaries Pay Per #23	\$ 6,174.49	Aflac	\$ 17.28
Capital Guardian	\$ 303.92	Deplazes Redi-Mix	\$ 172.00	Derrick Childs	\$ 180.00
Ferguson Waterworks	\$ 827.46	GF Utility Billing	\$ 52.00	Legacy Cooperative	\$ 611.59
Mid-Land Excavating	\$ 3,969.75	ND Chemistry Lab	\$ 397.20	ND Child Support	\$ 114.65
NDC	\$ 399.00	Northern Plains Electric	\$ 4,015.89	NRG Technology	\$ 130.00
Standard Insurance	\$ 30.80				

At 9:00 pm the meeting was adjourned by motion.

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