

Minutes of the Cando City Council

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

The Cando City Council met Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Holien, Gibbens, Parker, Bjornstad, and Olson were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilor Klingenberg was absent.

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

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

Visitors and Delegations: Michael Halvorson was present to discuss a property concern. A neighboring property owner seems to be infringing on his property, and several others. Upon discussion, this issue was referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Terry Biby with Legacy Cooperative was present to discuss future plans for the store. The process of changing the zoning from residential to commercial for the land next to the store will start if he petitions to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Old Business: The RFQ for the sewer project has closed. Interviews will be scheduled in the near future. The golf course land was discussed. The City would like to offer the land to the golf club if they are interested. The property taxes have been calculated, and the golf club will need to decide if they want the land. Also discussed was the future of the fairgrounds and the campground. The grandstands were discussed, and we will need a bid for demo. A resident would be interested in slabs of concrete if it is demoed in a way that there are large slabs cut off of it. We received no bids for purchasing the pavilion and removing it from the property, but did receive some interest in restoring it for use of events. The Council did not want to sell a portion of this land for private use. This will be tabled until more information is gathered. The derelict properties from last fall were discussed. 220 4th Ave has not responded with an action plan, so we will proceed with the condemnation process. 304 4th Ave has been sold and the new owner has a repair plan for the next year. 321 3rd Ave has submitted some documentation, and the Auditor will follow up with the owner. There are more properties the City will need to look into, such as the property across from nursing home. Grass being cut and blown into the street is against City ordinance and is destructive to our storm sewer system. Also, residents are reminded to keep their lots cut to 8 inches or less of growth. The City Tax Assessor situation was discussed, and the County will be at the next meeting with their proposal for contracting with them. The election is June 14, and the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Armory.

New Business: No bids were received for the purchase and removal of the pavilion. Building permits for Amy Nikolaisen and Thomas Gratton were acknowledged. A proof for a new campground sign from Xtreme Signs and Graphix was presented and tabled until property issues can be discussed. A Public Works Update was given. There are a few trees that will need to be removed that are City responsibility, and there are many trees around town that need to be taken down at the expense of the property owners. Grass is being cut as it can be due to moisture. The lift station control panel needs to be upgraded at the bus barn. Motion by Councilor Gibbens was seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to approve the lift station proposal from AE2S in the amount of \$38,450, using ARPA funds. All voted aye, and the motion passed. Smoke testing will be happening soon to look for leaks in the system, and letters will be sent to residents in the next month. North Central Planning Commission has requested replacement of Gary Shock on the board, with no action until the election. Northern Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council has requested the City having representation on their board, with no action taken. Motion by Councilor Holien was seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to approve a gaming permit for Hal Parker Post #79 Sons of American Legion. All voted aye, and the motion passed. Another free dump weekend will be towards the end of June.

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

Circle Sanitation	\$ 8,565.25	Copy Cat Printing	\$ 500.00	Delux	\$ 993.15
Ferguson Waterworks	\$ 1,499.18	Fire Equipment Co	\$ 228.00	Holly Wilson	\$ 132.89
Jerry Ratzlaff	\$ 2,639.50	Landscapes Unlimited	\$ 749.96	Lowe's Garden Center	\$ 235.98
NE Regional Water	\$ 7,068.39	Standard Insurance	\$ 30.80	T.C. Record Herald	\$ 418.05
Verizon Wireless	\$ 40.00	Visa	\$ 493.24	Salaries PP #11	\$ 5,771.67
FICA	\$ 4,876.03	Adv Business Methods	\$ 82.59	Aflac	\$ 17.28
BCBS of ND	\$ 5,069.87	Cando Lumber LLC	\$ 19,240.22	Cassie Axtman	\$ 60.00
Decorated Wearables	\$ 34.98	Dick Rham Constructor	\$ 1,910.63	Jerry Ratzlaff	\$ 500.00
Lane Pederson	\$ 1,500.00	ND Child Support	\$ 114.65	One Call Concepts	\$ 34.75
Towner Co. Auditor	\$ 21,517.75	Wade Hendrickson	\$ 1,936.37	A & W Standard	\$ 497.16
Capital Guardian	\$ 313.75	Dakota Implement	\$ 50.50	Derrick Childs	\$ 60.00
U.S.P.S	\$ 191.62				

At 8:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by motion.

Amanda Hoover, City Auditor