

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 7:02 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Bjornstad, Halverson, Olson, Klingenberg, Miller and Scott were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding

A motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to approve the agenda. All voted aye and the motion passed. Motion by Councilor Halverson and seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the minutes as written. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Visitors/Delegations: Doug Berg from the Towner County Ambulance Board came to the meeting to talk about the restructuring that is going on with the Ambulance Board. He shared with the council that the board would like to have seven members total on the board. Currently, they have members from the Cando, Egeland and Bisbee Fire Departments, the hospital, the county and a member at large, and a representative from the city would be the seventh member. After a discussion, the council decided that Councilor Bjornstad would be the city’s representative on the Towner County Ambulance Board.

Old Business: Brad Muscha from Moore Engineering appeared before council via Teams with some exciting news about the sewer project. The partnership agreement from the USACE arrived last week and was sent to the city to sign and send it back. He said that they are continuing to work on the Environmental Assessment, which should be completed in early April, and the advertisements to bid the job should be able to start running in mid to late April. Muscha also said that they will be following up with residents who received Easement Agreements in relation to the sewer project. He ended the sewer project part of his presentation with an update on the budget and scope of the project, which will have some minor changes do to the increasing prices. Brad then moved on to give an update for the DWSRF Loan Forgiveness program that Cando qualified for. In the report that the state was requesting, Muscha explained to the council the information they included on the types of possible projects and costs that would be associated with them. He said that the city should receive a letter in a couple of weeks in response to the information in the report that was sent in. Based on the response, the city can decide how they would like to proceed.

New Business: A resident has contacted council letting them know that they had been getting charged for an extra garbage tote which they did not have for quite a while now. A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Olson to reimburse the resident for the extra amount they were charged. All voted aye and the motion passed. With the hiring of the new City Auditor, a motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to update the signature card at all the banks to now include all the council members and Ian Knutson as signers on the accounts. All voted aye and the motion passed. The Public Works Supervisor gave the council on that they have been working on. The city received correspondence from the Northern Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council and decided to table the correspondence until the next meeting so they can find out more information. The council acknowledged the Revenue, Expensed and Transfers for 2023 along with the monthly financials for January 2024.

Open Committee: Councilor Klingenberg inquired about where the city was with having an agreement drawn for the purchaser of 932 3rd Ave. The Auditor said all the information had been sent to the City Lawyer for the agreement to be created and was just waiting to hear when it will be ready. Mayor Bjornstad told council that he had received a phone call from the Lt. Governor of North Dakota, Tammy Miller. He said she had been getting in contact with other small towns as well and seeing how things are going. He also mentioned that the election is coming up and there are three spots up for election on council.

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

At 8:15 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.
Kathy Rance, Recorder

Bills for Approval for February 20, 2024			
USPS	\$ 1,500.00	Midland Excavating	\$ 2,727.06
Digital Office Centre	\$ 65.87	AE2S	\$ 450.00
Towner County Record Herald	\$ 410.00	D&M Electric	\$ 8,800.00
GF Utility Billing	\$ 52.00	Salaries PP#4	\$ 9,830.10
ND Telephone Company	\$ 380.14	FICA/MED/FED	\$ 4,051.66
HE Everson	\$ 127.41		
D&R Tire	\$ 1,385.04		
Quill	\$ 128.48		
First State Bank	\$ 7.00		
Verizon	\$ 125.01		
Ferguson Waterworks	\$ 23.99		
Glenn's Plumbing	\$ 135.22		
		Total:	\$ 30,198.98