

Minutes of the Cando City Council

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

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

Motion by Councilor Shock was seconded by Councilor Parker to approve the agenda, with the addition of the Fire Department. All voted aye and motion passed.

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

Motion passed.

Visitors and Delegations: Johnny Walston from Moore Engineering was present to answer questions the Council had on the hospital project, pertaining to water and sewer lines. The size of the pipes were discussed, as well as tapping into water lines owned by Skycan. Nathan Olmsted from ND Rural Water Systems Association was present to give additional information on backflow prevention. Ordinances will need to be drafted. He will work with the Auditor on details to provide to the businesses. Doug Howard with the Towner County Sheriff's Office was present with no concerns noted besides having an opening in their department.

Old Business: HydroKlean is in town water jetting and cameraing the area they relined last year. They have also been removing their supplies and equipment left behind last year. The derelict properties were discussed briefly. Any repairs will need to be done in the spring. Potential walk-throughs with owners contesting the claims can be arranged. Another letter will get sent out for the next step. If no plan of repair was provided, the City will move forward with condemnation proceedings. The garbage route change was discussed. A few calls were taken about the inconvenience and safety concerns of crossing streets in the winter with totes. Overall, the adjustment is going well.

New Business: The employee health insurance plan renewal for 2022 was discussed, noting the 3.2% increase in cost. Motion by Councilor Shock was seconded by Councilor Olson to renew the BCBS of ND plan for 2022. All voted aye and motion passed. Wages were discussed for 2022. Motion by Councilor Olson was seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to approve the wages as the 2022 Budget set forth, with the addition of a \$5000 salary increase for the Auditor. All voted aye and motion passed. The part time position in the Auditor's office was discussed. Motion by Councilor Parker was seconded by Councilor Olson to give Kathy Rance the title of Deputy Auditor with bank signature authorization.. All voted aye and motion passed. Scott Gable gave a brief Public Works Update. Seasonal employment needs were discussed in comparison to part time needs. The sewer by Rick Reed's residence has a root ball affecting it, with chemical intervention happening soon. There are some stop signs down that need to be put back up. A new curb stop key will need to be purchased. The Fire Department is looking into a new truck. The Fire Department will come to the Jan 18 meeting to discuss their needs in greater detail.

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

US Post Office	\$ 194.64	Salaries Pay Per #24	\$ 4,766.35	FICA	\$ 4,336.69
B&J Excavating	\$ 1,320.00	Cando Lumber	\$ 27.58	Decorated Wearables	\$ 120.49
NE Regional Water	\$ 7,187.98	Quill	\$ 36.99	Verizon	\$ 42.50
Visa	\$ 174.78	Standard Insurance	\$ 62.80	ND Child Support	\$ 114.65
Capital Guardian	\$ 598.11	AE2S	\$ 450.00	Advanced Bus. Methods	\$ 82.59
Legacy Cooperative	\$ 741.37	Cando Home&Hardware	\$ 35.82	Hendrickson Electrickt	\$ 805.55
Robert D. Sitz	\$ 35.00	HR Collaborative	\$ 50.00	Cando Lumber	\$ 60.57
Staus Family Enterprises	\$ 117.29	A&W Standard	\$ 470.85	Northern Plains Electric	\$ 4,385.09
One Call Concepts	\$ 6.25	Belle Trucking	\$ 4,000.00	BCBS	\$ 4,598.24
Circle Sanitation	\$ 8,624.25	H.E. Everson	\$ 514.99	ND Telephone	\$ 391.92
Butler Machine Co.	\$ 274.94				

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

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