

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, March 18 at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Bjornstad, Halverson, Olson, Klingenberg and Scott were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilor Miller was absent. The evening started at 6:00 p.m. with a meeting for the residents that live on 5th Avenue who will be affected by the next part of the Sewer Project. When that meeting was completed, the council began their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilor Klingenberg and seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the agenda. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Motion by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Olson to approve the minutes as written. All voted aye and the motion passed.

5th Ave Residents' Meeting: Plans for the next part of the Sewer Project were presented by Brad Muscha of Moore Engineering for when construction resumes. Muscha told everyone the plans for bringing the sewer pipe out from under the residents' properties to the street, what the timeline would be for this part of the job and what would be done for the people who live in the affected area. When Brad finished his presentation, there was a question-and-answer period for the residents and council members.

Old Business: Once the 5th Avenue Residents' meeting ended and the regular council meeting began, Brad let the council know that BEK would like to have a kick-off meeting on April 15, before construction starts up again. Muscha then went to the next part of his agenda, which included an update on the 4th Avenue Water Main Project and presenting the council with the plans for this project. Although he noted that some minor changes needed to be made, he said that these plans were 99% done and would be considered the final ones. Brad then went on to tell the council that the ads for requesting bids for this project will be running in the Grand Forks Herald and Towner County Record Herald by the time these minutes are printed. The bid date for the project is April 10 and will close at 11:00 a.m., with the public reading of the bids being done at 11:15 a.m. There was a discussion about funding the project, and Brad said that the financial documents should be ready to sign at the June meeting. Once Muscha finished his update on the 4th Ave Water Main Project, there were some motions that needed to be made. A motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Klingenberg to approve the final plans for the 4th Ave Water Main Project. All voted aye and the motion passed. The next motion that was made was to advertise the bids for the 4th Ave Water Main Project. Councilor Bjornstad made the motion which was seconded by Councilor Olson. All voted aye and the motion passed. The last motion that needed to be done for this project was to submit Reimbursement Request #1 to the State Water Commission. Councilor Olson made the motion, and Councilor Scott seconded it. All voted aye and the motion passed. Brad ended his presentation by letting the council know workers from Moore Engineering will be back in town tentatively the first week in April to help people complete the Lead Line Survey that weren't done the first time. Also, there will be a Public Meeting before the Council meeting in May regarding funding for replacing lead pipes. More information about this meeting will be available as the date comes closer. After discussing the insurance coverage for the Pavilion and the Bathhouse at the campground, a motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Scott to upgrade the coverages on both of those properties with the estimated premium on the Pavilion coming in at \$206 and the estimated premium on the Bathhouse being \$66. All voted aye and the motion passed. After seeing that part of the employee insurance that is with Colonial Life coming in much higher than was expected, a motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to go back to Blue Cross Blue Shield starting May 1st and provide the employees with a single vision and dental. All voted aye and the motion passed.

New Business: The council received a petition from Northern Plains Electric to annex the Northern Plains Addition (their pole yard) to the City of Cando. Seth Syverson, the General Manager, told the council they plan to move the office and yard to that location. He said they ideally would like to sell the current spot once everything is set up in the new location. They have already talked to the Planning and Zoning Committee about these plans and have received approval from the State on where the approach/driveway will be. A motion was made by Councilor Klingenberg and seconded by Councilor Olson to accept the petition to annex the Northern Plains Addition into the City of Cando limits. All voted aye and the motion was passed. Ordinance 031825: Ordinance Extending and Increasing Corporate Limits of City was given its first reading at this meeting. A motion to cover fund changes as needed was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Bjornstad. All voted aye and the motion passed. The CD at Bravera Bank is coming up for renewal and the council decided that they would like to redeem it. The financials for January were acknowledged.

Open Committee: Councilor Kligenberg told the council that the curb in front of Gordy's Bar is gone. This is the city's responsibility to replace it, and the council discussed replacement options. Councilor Olson shared that the clean-out from the hospital has rubber gloves and wipes in it which can cause damage to the infrastructure. The hospital will be contacted about the issue. Councilor Bjornstad said that there has been an issue with a lot of cats roaming around 4th Ave, but they think they have an idea where they're coming from. Councilor Halverson said that there is something going on with the street by the cul-de-sac where he lives. Apparently, it was dug up in the past to see if there was an issue, but there didn't seem to be a problem. The thought is that maybe they did not dig deep enough. Halverson also asked if there was an update on the search for an Auditor, which there was not.

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

At 8:33 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Rance, Recorder

Bills for Approval for March 7, 2025							
Salaries PP# 5	\$ 5,446.98	Northern Plains Electric	\$ 5,597.48				
ND Child Support	\$ 854.78	ND Telephone	\$ 385.25				
Towner County Record Herald	\$ 760.65	Runnings	\$ 96.75				
Capital Guardian Trust	\$ 722.26	One Call Concepts	\$ 6.00				
Advanced Business Methods	\$ 95.02	TC Auditor/Treasurer	\$ 20,128.08				
Banyon Data Systems	\$ 595.00	Verizon	\$ 125.09				
BCBS	\$ 5,094.64	Visa	\$ 387.77				
Circle Sanitation	\$ 16,331.80	Colonial Life	\$ 327.10				
Cando Home & Hardware	\$ 102.86	Standard Insurance	\$ 34.80				
Dakota Imp./Napa	\$ 22.99	281 Spirit Shop	\$ 204.79				
Lane Pederson	\$ 1,300.00	USPS	\$ 1,000.00				
Northeast Regional Water	\$ 13,113.09						
		Total:	\$ 72,733.18				

Bills for Approval for March 18, 2025							
Salaries PP# 6	\$ 6,706.15	Legacy Coop	\$ 4,643.85				
ND Child Support	\$ 854.78	Houtcooper Imp	\$ 376.79				
VISA	\$ 34.00	Time Clock Plus	\$ 38.50				
First State Bank of Cando	\$ 7.00						
Decorated Wearables	\$ 260.02						
Column Software PBC	\$ 310.08						
AE2S	\$ 450.00						
Verizon	\$ 125.09						
HE Everson	\$ 9.86						
GF Utility Billing	\$ 104.00						
D&R Tire	\$ 2,264.94						
Mid-Land Excavating	\$ 2,532.06						
		Total:	\$ 18,717.12				