

Minutes of the Cando City Council Meeting

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, July 18 2023, at 7:01 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Halverson, Bjornstad, Olson, Klingenberg, Miller were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilor Scott was absent.

Motion by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve the agenda as written. All voted aye and the motion passed. Motion by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as written. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Visitors/Delegations: There has been an inquiry from two residents about purchasing some properties that are currently owned by the city. Kevin Dahle appeared before the council asking about the possibility of purchasing the city owned lot that is located right next to his. The council also received a letter from Chad and Jo Staus regarding the possibility of purchasing the city owned lot next to Sharon Fust's property. After a discussion, the council decided on a price per footage for each property. A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to sell the property that Chad and Jo Staus are interested in for \$300 plus the cost of paperwork and sell the other property that Kevin Dahle inquired about for \$180 plus the cost of paperwork. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business: Brad Muscha from Moore Engineering provided the council with an update on the Sewer Project. He showed the council the exhibits for the easements that they will be presenting to the landowners, and also shared the project plans that are 50% completed. Muscha asked the council to look over them and see if they have any questions or concerns.

Mayor Bjornstad reached out to the City of Devils Lake regarding the new ordinances that they have created to deal with junk around properties. He asked the council to look over them, and see if they think the city would need to create some new ordinances to deal with these types of issues.

The council was told that the letters for the houses that are on the condemnation list have been sent out. The letters are requesting the owners to either come to the August 1st meeting or submit a write up by then, informing the council what their plans are for the properties.

After holding interviews on July 7th for the position in the Public Works Department, the Public Works Committee shared their recommendation on who should be hired. A motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Olson to hire Hunter Bandt for the position. All voted aye and the motion passed

New Business: The council reviewed the preliminary budget for 2024. A motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to give the employees in the Public Works Department and Office Staff a 5% raise and a \$6000 raise to the Auditor. All voted aye and the motion passed. Another motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to accept the preliminary budget with changes being made to the wages. All voted aye and the motion was passed.

The new owners of the property between the Fire Hall and Country Manor where the propane tank for the Fire Hall is currently sitting, sent a request to the council asking for the propane tank to be moved. A motion by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Halverson to move the tank to the south end of the Fire Hall on the other side of the alley. All voted aye and was passed.

A quote from Tri State Paving was discussed. A motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Miller to spend a maximum of \$210,000 for repairs to the street. All voted aye and the motion passed.

At the last meeting, it was decided to get a quote for the repairing the Audi Theater roof. A quote from Brandt Contracting, Inc. for \$43,172 was presented at this meeting. After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Klingenberg and seconded by Councilor Halverson to accept the bid from Brandt to repair the Audi roof. All voted aye and the motion was passed.

