

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Bjornstad, Klingenberg, Olson, Halverson and Scott were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilor Miller was absent.

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

Visitors/Delegations: Sheriff Andy Hillier was at the council meeting, giving the council an update on what is going on in the Sheriff's Office.

Old Business: Brad Muscha from Moore Engineering appeared before council via Teams regarding the Easement Agreements for the Sewer Project. A motion was made by Councilor Scott and seconded by Councilor Olson to approve the Easement Agreements. All voted aye and the motion passed. Muscha then moved on to the letter the City received from the Drinking Water State Revolving Program (DWSRF), advising the council that the Cando is on the 2024 Project Priority list. He said right now the State is looking for more information and the deadline to submit the information would be February 19. The council talked about this opportunity and told Brad to submit the information that is needed. With the update from Moore Engineering done, the council then discussed 304 4th Avenue and other properties that the city received back to due to unpaid taxes. At the last meeting, the term lengths for the Cando Community Board was brought up. After learning what would need to be done to increase the term length for the CCD Board, the council decided to move ahead with it. A resolution was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to change the term limit on the CCD Board from two years to four years with a one-year break after the term is up before a person can be reappointed to the board. All voted aye and the motion passed. The council discussed implementing a Junk Ordinance, but decided to table it till the next meeting. They did this so that the Sheriff and the City Lawyer could review the one that Devils Lake shared with the council.

New Business: The Mayor told the council that he and Councilor Bjornstad met with two members of the Rural Fire District and two members of the City Volunteer Fire Department to get the insurance all straightened out. The city has so far received two applications for the Auditor's position, so the council created a committee to conduct the interviews. There was a brief conversation on PPE for the public works department and also about an employee receiving holiday pay. A motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to approve the gaming permit application that was submitted by the Cando Hockey Boosters. All voted aye and the motion passed. The Council acknowledged the financials for December and a motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the Amendments to the 2023 Budget as written. All voted aye and the motion was carried. The Public Works Supervisor told the council that the new pump has arrived and that they are waiting for the weather to warm up a little before installing it. He also gave an update on what the department has been up to.

Open Committee: Councilor Klingenberg inquired about the door at the Fire Hall that needs to be repaired.

A motion to pay the bills with the \$3 correction was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Olson. All voted aye and the motion was passed.

At 8:11 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Rance, Recorder

Bills for Approval for January 16, 2024			
Salaries PP#1	\$ 4,962.88	Legacy	\$ 2,466.61
Capital Guardian	\$ 230.66	ND Telephone	\$ 388.05
One Call Concepts	\$ 3.90	Northern Plains	\$ 5,113.65
Time Clock Plus	\$ 33.00	Nd League of Cities	\$ 1,451.00
AE2S	\$ 450.00	Moore Engineering	\$ 7,617.19
Cando Home & Hardware	\$ 285.77	First State Bank	\$ 7.00
Home of Economy	\$ 99.99	BCBS	\$ 4,974.59
Houtcooper	\$ 27.99		
TC Record Herald	\$ 325.75		
D&R Tire	\$ 29.00		
Banyon Data Systems	\$ 840.00		
GF Utility Billing	\$ 104.00		
		Total:	\$ 29,411.03