

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors, Bjornstad, Olson, Klingenberg, Miller and Scott were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilor Halverson was absent. A motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to approve the agenda as written. All voted aye and the motion passed. Motion by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as written. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Visitors/Delegations: Austin from Bobcat in Devils Lake came to talk to the council about the yearly trade in program for the skid steer. A motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Miller to renew the bobcat lease for \$8000. All voted aye and the motion passed. He also informed the council that the new bobcat is in Devils Lake, and wanted to know when they would like it delivered. The council told him that he can deliver it now and going forward the renewal/trade-in time will move to the fall. The City Forrester, Ross Meyers also came to the council meeting to talk about the plans for Arbor Day this year. As of right now, Arbor Day will be on Wednesday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m. The location for the event will be on the north side of the Catholic Church. Depending on the weather, they hope that students from North Star School will be able to attend as well.

Old Business: Brad Muscha from Moore Engineering appeared before council via Teams, to give them an update on the Sewer Project. He said that he has been working with the USACE providing them with information that they've been requesting, and the hope is that the draft of the agreement will be ready to go in early to mid-November. Muscha also told the council that the environmental assessment should be completed in mid to late October, and that the company that will be doing the soil boring will be in town next week to begin the work on that part. After looking at the CD Rates from the banks in town, a motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to put \$250,000 at five percent for six months in First State Bank of Cando and Bravera Bank, and for seven months in First United Bank. All voted aye and the motion passed. Mayor Bjornstad told the council that he had been in touch with Joey from CC Steel regarding a new pump. Joey said that a new pump will take between eight to twelve weeks to come in. He told Bjornstad that CC Steel will rent the city a pump for \$1,500 to \$2,000 for that time frame, while the city waits for the new pump to arrive.

New Business: The water meters that were installed about 20 years ago are starting to reach the end of their life span, and the Public Works Department is replacing 10 to 20 meters a month. A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Scott to purchase 50 meters from Ferguson Water Works. All voted aye and the motion was passed. The Tax Assessor sent in a Tax Abatement for the council to review. This abatement is falling under the Homestead Credit (N.D.C.C. § 57-02-08. 1). A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to adopt the resolution to approve the tax abatement application. All voted aye and the motion passed. The council acknowledged the approved building permits for D. Burkhart, T. Belzer and North Star School. Public Works Supervisor, Scott Gable gave the council an update on what the Public Works Department has been working on. He said that they have been working on flushing the hydrants, cleaning the basins out at the water plant, trimming trees and exercising the gate valves so that they're ready for the winter. He also told the council that he had reached about to Rural Water about the Lead Copper project, and they told him that the engineering companies are starting to reach out to the cities to assist with the project. Mayor Bjornstad also told the council that there was vandalism at the airport. He said that he has been in touch with the insurance company.

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

At 8:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.
Kathy Rance, Recorder

Bills for Approval for October 3, 2023			
Northeast Regional Water	\$ 13,816.68	North Star School	\$ 900.00
Circle Sanitation	\$ 15,577.25	Pomp's Tire Service	\$ 730.00
BCBSND	\$ 5,632.65	Digital Office Centre	\$ 75.99
The Standard Insurance	\$ 33.60	Houtcooper Imp	\$ 37.43
Lane Pederson	\$ 1,300.00	Moore Engineering	\$ 7,375.49
Book Systems, Inc.	\$ 795.00	Cando Lumber LLC	\$ 75.87
Cando Park Board	\$ 6,751.04	Cando Home/Hardware	\$ 248.09
TC Auditor/Treasure	\$ 17,219.92	281 Spirit Shop	\$ 624.96
Lil Cats	\$ 2,000.00	Capital Guardian	\$ 242.84
Cando Arts Council	\$ 1,100.00	Salaries PP# 20	\$ 6,213.51
Cando Hockey Boosters	\$ 4,000.00		
Audi Theatre	\$ 15,890.67		
		Total:	\$ 100,640.99