Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 7:01 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Halverson, Olson, Klingenberg, Bjornstad and Scott were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilor Miller was absent.

A motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to approve the agenda with an addition under New Business. All voted aye and the motion passed. Motion by Councilor Klingenberg and seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the minutes as written. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Visitors/Delegations: A resident came in wondering about the Chicken ordinance in Cando. He mentioned that Grand Forks, Minot and other North Dakota towns allow chickens. The council informed him that the only way to change the ordinance in town would be to fill out a petition to get it on the ballot for a vote.

Old Business: Brad Muscha from Moore Engineering appeared before council via Teams with news about the sewer and water line project. He started his presentation off with getting the first reimbursement request to pay the 75% of the invoices to date. A motion was made by Councilor Olson to complete the first reimbursement request and it was seconded by Councilor Scott. All voted aye and the motion passed. Muscha added that from now on the cost share reimbursement requests will be done monthly. He added that they are awaiting the publication of the environmental assessment. Bid advertisements will be starting soon after with the bid opening late May to early June. They had some good news that they have been getting the easements signed for the sewer line project. They are still anticipating some temporary financing needed to be in place by July. He said that they will have more information on the water line replacement and lead service line replacement by the next meeting on May 7th. The DEQ is expected to start their preliminary services soon. On the lead line replacement, the state is only in Phase I. The city has done their part in getting the survey information out there, so they are compliant with Phase I. Phase II involves going door-to-door to get the surveys completed, so it is still something that will be pushed at state and federal levels. Lastly, Muscha informed the council that they are working on doing the sewer testing at the new hospital. The council went over the Public Nuisances ordinance again and a motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad to approve the 2nd reading of the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Olson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

New Business: At the last meeting, a hiring committee consisting of Councilors Bjornstad, Halverson, Scott, the Auditor and Public Works Supervisor was formed to complete the interviews for the Public Works position. After interviewing two candidates, the interview committee gave their recommendation for the open Public Works position. The council talked about the recommendation from the committee and then decided. A motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to hire Tim Goergen. All voted aye and the motion passed. The council acknowledged the remaining ARPA funding. The council decided to forward the BEK Hometown Series to the Chamber of Commerce. The council declined the proposals for both TextMyGov and PSN. The committee acknowledged the insurance form. The residential water meter concern was discussed and anything from the curb stop and in, except the meter, is the owner's responsibility. The Public Works Supervisor came in and gave an update on what they have been working on. The council acknowledged the March month-end financials. Councilor Miller was going to get in touch with the Chamber of Commerce regarding a community app.

Open Committee: Councilor Klingenberg got a bid to fix the outlets at the fire department. Councilor Klingenberg made a motion to have Hendrickson Electric fix the outlets at the fire department, with Councilor Scott seconding. All voted aye and the motion passed. Councilor Halverson had a few people ask about the barbershop on Main Street, which is going to be used for crypto mining. Councilor Scott inquired about a date for Free Dump Day, but the council decided that Public Works can set the day.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilor Scott and seconded by Councilor Miller. All voted aye and the motion was passed.
Bills for Approval for April 16, 2024

At 8:36 p.m., the meeting was adjourned. Ian Knutson, Recorder

Salaries PP#8	\$ 6,585.46	BCBS of ND	\$	4,974.59
One Call Concepts	\$ 1.30	BCBS of ND	\$	4,469.37
Houtcooper Implement	\$ 26.46	Northern Plains	\$	5,037.05
Digital Office Centre	\$ 94.18	Moore Engineering	\$	297,619.56
Time Clock Plus, LLC	\$ 33.00	AE2S	\$	450.00
GF Utility Billing	\$ 52.00			
Share Corporation	\$ 1,292.91			
Deplazes Redi-Mix	\$ 198.00			
HE Everson	\$ 428.75			
Legacy	\$ 2,027.70			
TC Record Herald	\$ 614.40			
Rollie Bjornstad	\$ 38.00			
		Total:	\$3	23,942.73