

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Bjornstad, Olson, Klingenberg, Scott and Halverson were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilor Miller was absent.

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

Visitors/Delegations: Brad Bergdahl, Mark Fox and Doug Beck appeared before the council to talk about the Pavilion at the fairgrounds. They have been working on trying to figure out the logistics on how the Pavilion could be brought back to life for the community to enjoy again. Bergdahl told the council what they have discovered along the way and the plans that they have come up with for the Pavilion.

Old Business: The council discussed the condemnation process on 304 4th Avenue. The current state of the building on the property is not good, especially with the large hole in the foundation on the north side of the house. Letters were sent to the owner of the property this past summer, one, requesting them to attend or submit their plans for the building on the property for the August 1, Council Meeting and a second letter for non-compliance. The owner of the property never responded to either letter. After some discussion, the council determined that the building needs to be demolished and the next step in the process be taken. A motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Scott to proceed with the condemnation on the house located at 304 4th Avenue. All voted aye and the motion passed. Another property was discussed for condemnation. The city had received it back due to taxes and the new owner who purchased the property said they would be taking the building down right away. It has been quite a few months since the new owner purchased the property and the building still hasn't been taken down yet, so a motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Halverson to start the condemnation process. All voted aye and the motion passed. The building permit for Legacy Cooperative for removal of the old Barley House was briefly discussed.

New Business: The insurance renewal for employees was discussed. The Council decided to table the topic for the next council meeting when the insurance representative can hopefully attend and provide more information. The financials for October were reviewed and acknowledged by the council. The Public Works Supervisor provided the council with an update on all the items they have been working on.

Open Committee: The council talked about some plans for snow removal this year. Water meter issues were also discussed.

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

At 8:07 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Rance, Recorder

Bills for Approval for November 21, 2023			
Salaries PP#22	\$ 6,820.09	Circle Santation	\$ 15,622.25
BCBS	\$ 4,833.47	MTS	\$ 7,300.00
Midland Excavatin	\$ 1,014.78	Moore Engineering	\$ 6,489.14
Verizon Wireless	\$ 124.99	Glenn's Plumbing	\$ 275.00
Pederson Septic Service	\$ 150.00	VISA	\$ 1,150.21
ND Water Users Assoc	\$ 300.00		
Butler Machinery	\$ 364.62		
TC Record Herald	\$ 209.95		
AE2S	\$ 450.00		
TC Highway Dept	\$ 57.50		
Grand Forks Utility Billing	\$ 52.00		
First State Bank	\$ 7.00		
		Total:	\$ 45,221.00