Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Halverson, Olson, Miller, Bjornstad and Klingenberg were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilor Scott was absent.

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

Visitors/Delegations: Troy Reemtsma with the American Legion came in to talk about the 250th Anniversary of the United States on July 4th, 2026. He mentioned that the Legion was looking for ideas of projects to do for that. The two ideas that they have come up with include potentially planting 250 trees in the City of Cando or building a grandstand around the baseball field. He also mentioned the licensing process for the gaming and getting that all taken care of. Reemtsma also gave an update on the plans for Cando Days with the street dance and bands coming. Jeff Peters, pastor of the Christian Fellowship Church, came to speak about blocking Main Street from 4th Ave to 5th Ave on Sunday, June 30th to hold a church service outside of New Beginnings Thrift Store. The council had no problems with it and they said that the barricades from the street dance the night before will just have to be moved from their previous spots. A couple came in asking about putting a building in the backyard of one of their properties, and it was determined that they just need to follow the building permit process and make sure that they are not covering more than 35% of the lots with buildings.

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 by letting council know that the Environmental Assessment comment period ends on May 22nd. He is expecting the completed Environmental Assessment back in early June. They are just waiting on one easement agreement. Muscha mentioned the work light that is going up at the new lift station and it was determined that they will use a utility pole for that light. He mentioned that they are just waiting on the final plans from the electrical engineer. There was a policy change from the DWSRF regarding partial lead service line replacements and Brad explained that to the council.

New Business: The commercial water bill was determined by council that the business does not need to pay for the base rates April and will be credited for March, due to the meter being removed in February. The public works supervisor came and gave an update on what the Public Works department has been up to. He mentioned that the hydrant meter at the community garden was a concern because of the constant turning on and off of the hydrant. Both the hydrant and the meter are worn down, which is causing some leaks. The council acknowledged the Month End financials for April.

Open Committee: Councilor Olson mentioned reminding residents not to blow grass out on the roads, as it causes issues with the storm drains becoming plugged. It was also mentioned to Public Works that some patching needs to be done in a few spots around town. Mayor Bjornstad mentioned that grass letters need to be sent out and to give the individuals 10 days from the date of the letter to mow. Councilor Halverson mentioned that here were a few yard complaints, so public nuisance letters can be sent out. There was discussion about potential condemnation houses around Cando.

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

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

Ian Knutson, Recorder

Bills for Approval for May 21, 2024

Salaries PP#10	$ 6,000.67	Towner County Record Herald	$ 567.55
First State Bank of Cando	$ 7.00	AE2S	$ 450.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	$ 3,884.51	Capital Guardian	$ 864.65
First State Bank of Cando	$ 7.00	ND Child Support	$ 715.34
Digital Office Centre	$ 63.23	West Shore Services	$ 650.00
Towner County Auditor/Treasurer	$ 2,499.90		
Mid-Land Excavating	$ 1,106.38		
D&M Electric Motor & Supply	$ 78.68		
Ferguson Waterworks	$ 206.86		
Cando Park Board	$ 5,987.87		
Verizon	$ 124.97		
Circle Sanitation	$ 16,931.05		
		Total:	**$ 40,145.66**