

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Halverson, Olson, Scott, Bjornstad and Klingenberg 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 with an addition under Visitors/Delegations. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Mayor Bjornstad asked Jeremy Olson and Sig Bjornstad to come forward and he administered the Oath of Office.

Nominations for President of the Council was opened, Councilor Halverson nominated Councilor Bjornstad, motion by Councilor Olson to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Councilor Bjornstad for President. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Nominations for Vice President of the Council was opened, Councilor Bjornstad nominated Councilor Olson, motion by Councilor Halverson to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Councilor Olson for Vice President. All voted aye and the motion passed.

A list of Committee appointments was handed out by the Mayor for review. There were no changes requested and the appointments were acknowledged.

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 concerned resident came in regarding individuals speeding on 1st Street. Different options were mentioned, but the council responded by saying that the only way to get people to slow down would be more enforcement patrolling the street. The sheriff was also present at the meeting and discussed with the council the concerns that have been made about electric scooters. He mentioned that scooters are policed the same way as a bike, so they need to stop at stop signs and ride on the correct side of the road.

Old Business: Brad Muscha and Josh Reiner 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 he hasn't received an update from the USACE regarding Reimbursement Request #1. He mentioned that someone will be reaching out to try and get the last easement agreement taken care of. Muscha mentioned that Rollie has one more permit that needs to be signed prior to any work getting started. Bid advertisements were placed in the Towner County Record Herald and Grand Forks Herald and will run for a few weeks. Bid opening will be conducted virtually using Microsoft Teams, which is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 25th. The next update came for the water main replacement and lead service line replacement, where he mentioned that the city is able to update the costs for replacing the cast iron pipe from 10th – 8th. SRF just needs the updated cost estimate and they can finalize more loan forgiveness for the project. Muscha answered the previous question regarding forgiveness funding stating that each project's funds are only to be used on that specific portion of the project. Different cost estimates were discussed for trenchless replacement or open trench replacement on the water main. Lastly, he mentioned that the sag correction at the hospital should be done within the next couple of weeks, then Moore Engineering will review the televising of the lines. Agricultural sewer issue was brought up with the average sewer usage during non-spraying months and a motion was made by Councilor Scott seconded by Councilor Olson to raise their sewer base rate to \$12.00 due to the high sewer charges for water that is not going down the sewer. Councilor Halverson abstained. All voted aye and the motion passed. The council reviewed the estimate provided by Tri-State Paving for street repair. A motion was made by Councilor Klingenberg seconded by Councilor Olson to repair the streets as presented minus the exceptions. Councilor Klingenberg mentioned missing street signs along Highway 281. Mayor Bjornstad added that the speed limit sign on the golf course road when coming into town needed to be stood back up. After discussion about speed limits on 15th Street being 20 mph due to truck traffic, council decided to put 20 mph speed limit signs on 1st Street.

New Business: The building permit for Puppe was acknowledged. A motion was made by Councilor Olson seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to approve the gaming permit for the American Legion Auxiliary. All voted aye and the motion was passed. Councilors Bjornstad and Halverson told council that they are looking for a replacement for one seat on the CCD board. A motion was made by Councilor Olson seconded by Councilor Halverson to have the city attorney change the ordinance to split the 25% that currently goes to the CCD board into 12.5% to the CCD board and 12.5% into a street infrastructure account. All voted aye and the motion was passed. Mayor Bjornstad decided that the public works department should see if they are able to trim the trees if they are on the berm. A motion was made by Councilor Olson

seconded by Councilor Scott to meet once a month on the first Tuesday starting in August 2024. All voted aye and the motion was passed.

Open Committee: Councilor Halverson mentioned to the council that there has been interest in a house if it came back to the city.

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

At 8:50 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Ian Knutson, Recorder

Bills for Approval for July 2, 2024

Cassie Axtman	\$ 90.00	Northern Plains Electric Coop	\$ 4,292.97	Salaries PP#13	\$ 9,638.78		
Cando Home & Hardware	\$ 291.95	One Call Concepts	\$ 16.50	FICA/MED/FED	\$ 4,445.96		
Circle Sanitation	\$ 16,651.30	Lane Pederson	\$ 1,300.00	ND State Tax Commissioner	\$ 73.18		
Dakota Implement/NAPA	\$ 195.98	Standard Insurance	\$ 37.60	Cando Arts Council	\$ 2,000.00		
Digital Office Centre	\$ 62.65	281 Spirit Shop	\$ 574.38				
Ferguson Waterworks	\$ 1,450.00	Towner County Auditor/Treasurer	\$ 18,892.80				
Gibbens Law Office	\$ 330.00	Time Clock Plus, LLC	\$ 16.50				
Moore Engineering	\$ 2,113.82	Verizon Wireless	\$ 124.97				
ND Child Support	\$ 899.98	Visa	\$ 444.13				
ND League of Cities	\$ 1,495.00	Cando Golf Club	\$ 4,356.00				
ND Rural Water	\$ 265.00	Cando Fairgrounds Pavilion	\$ 20,000.00				
Northeast Regional Water	\$ 18,068.70	Cando Park Board	\$ 5,592.88				
		Total:	\$ 113,721.03				