

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Scott, Bjornstad, Miller, and Klingenberg were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilors Halverson and Olson were absent.

A motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to approve the agenda. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Motion by Councilor Scott and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve the minutes as written. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Visitors/Delegations: A couple came to discuss a building that recently got a condemnation letter. They said that they would inspect the house, plug any holes that there may be along the foundation this fall, so they can work on fixing the house next spring. A Colonial Life representative came to the meeting to discuss potentially taking over the benefits packages for the City of Cando. No decisions were made, so the Public Works committee could discuss the proposal with the employees.

Old Business: Brad Muscha from Moore Engineering appeared before council with the two bids that were presented at the bid opening. He discussed the bids and the estimated cost sheets that were provided. He gave the council the recommendation to take the low bid from BEK Consulting. A motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to accept the bid from BEK Consulting. All voted aye and the motion passed. Muscha added that work may begin after all of the contracts are signed within the next few weeks. A motion was made by Councilor Klingenberg and seconded by Councilor Scott to send Reimbursement Request #3 to the USACE. All voted aye and the motion passed. The next updates were regarding the water main replacement project where different options were discussed with varying levels of street repair resulting in different cost variances. A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to choose Option #1 that was presented by Muscha. All voted aye and the motion passed. Muscha added that the hospital sewer sag was corrected August 2nd and that he would be reviewing the televising to make sure it was sufficient. He also had some preliminary questions regarding a new building for NPEC.

New Business: A motion was made by Councilor Scott and seconded Councilor Miller to approve the first reading for the Chapter 19 and 21 amendments. All voted aye and the motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the preliminary budget as presented. All voted aye and the motion passed. The council decided that they would give the residential water bill concern a credit for the extra tote they have been charged for. A motion was made by Councilor Klingenberg and seconded by Councilor Miller to accept the quote from Newman Signs for children at play signs. All voted aye and the motion passed. The campground inspection report was acknowledged by the council. The council also acknowledged the building permits for Childs, Bjornstad, Green, and Wilson. There was also discussion about the City Auditor position that is opening.

Open Committee: Councilor Klingenberg mentioned that the firefighter meetings got moved to the 1st Tuesday of the month, which creates a conflict. They will need to look into a new date for the city council meetings. Councilor Scott mentioned a resident was concerned with their neighbor's yard. Mayor Bjornstad mentioned that work had begun on the storage building by the hockey rink. He also added that the city has some diesel generators that haven't been used and was wondering what they should do with them. They also discussed the meeting with the engineers to perform a bypass to paint the belly of the water tower.

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 8:55 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Ian Knutson, Recorder

Bills for Approval for August 6, 2024							
Salaries PP#15	\$ 6,374.40	Circle Sanitation	\$ 16,730.55	OneCall Concepts	\$ 45.00	Towner County Auditor/Treasurer	\$ 18,892.80
Napa Auto Parts	\$ 55.92	H&H Coatings, Inc	\$ 29,500.00	NDTC	\$ 379.44		
281 Spirit Shop	\$ 470.91	Legacy	\$ 187.60	Northern Plains Electric	\$ 4,568.80		
Environmental Equip & Services	\$ 599.16	Hendrickson Electric	\$ 558.90	HE Everson	\$ 143.56		
Landscapes Unlimited	\$ 460.00	Standard Insurance	\$ 37.60	Houtcooper	\$ 598.30		
Railroad Management Services	\$ 758.28	Visa	\$ 387.81	Cando Grocery	\$ 5.33		
Northeast Regional Water	\$ 53,865.22	Advanced Business Methods	\$ 95.02	FICA/MED/FED	\$ 4,013.21		
Pollard Water	\$ 203.87	ND Child Support	\$ 874.33	ND Child Support	\$ 724.39		
ND Rural Water Systems Assoc	\$ 150.00	Tri-State Paving (already paid)	\$ 120,405.00	First State Bank of Cando	\$ 7.00		
Digital Office Centre	\$ 94.10	Lane Pederson	\$ 1,300.00	Cando Home and Hardware	\$ 336.85		
BCBSND	\$ 5,027.66	Salaries PP#16	\$ 6,419.52	Capital Guardian	\$ 992.43		
Tri-State Paving (already paid)	\$ 87,130.00	Ironhide	\$ 21.78	Moore Engineering	\$ 17,515.00		
		Total:	\$ 379,929.74				