

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, February 18 at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Bjornstad, Halverson, Olson and Miller were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilors Klingenberg and Scott came in later. The evening started off around 5:30 p.m. with the Public Meeting about the proposed 4th Ave Water Main Replacement Project.

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

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

Public Meeting: Brad Muscha from Moore Engineering presented the project plans to the council members and eight residents that came to the meeting via Teams. Muscha walked the crowd through how they would do the replacement, what the timeline would be for the project and what the cost would be along with how the loan forgiveness program would work that Cando qualified for. Once the presentation was completed, there was then a question and answer period for the residents.

Visitors/Delegations: The council had Troy Reemtsma and Alex Balazs from the Legion to talk about an idea they have which is putting more mounts and flags up on the light poles around town, and putting up signs under the flags that would honor past and present members of the military that have ties to the area. They talked about the type of material they would use for the flags and also told the council that the signs would be a universal shape and size and would just be different colors to match the different branches of the military. The council was very interested in this idea and asked Reemtsma and Balazs come back to another council meeting when they have more information.

Old Business: Once the Public Meeting ended, the council decided to move ahead with Brad's part that was on the agenda for the regular meeting. The regular meeting began at 6:30 p.m. with the saying of the Pledge, and then Brad went right to his presentation for the council. Muscha began his presentation by having the council members decide on when to have a meeting with the eight residents that live on 5th Ave between 11th and 12th Street. It was decided that the meeting would happen before the regular council meeting on Tuesday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m. Formal notification will be sent to those residents in the coming weeks. Brad also gave the council a brief update on the Sewer Project and how things will go once construction begins after the snow melts. Muscha then went on to give the council an update on the 4th Ave Water Main Project and had the council decide on where they would like to have a staging/stockpiling area for the construction supplies, along with which roads they would like the workers to use to haul in the equipment and supplies. Brad talked a little more about the loan forgiveness program before moving on to share that the council would need to create and pass a resolution from the Governing Body. A motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to create Resolution No. 02-18-2025 to authorize the Governing Body of the City of Cando to create and submit an application with the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality for a loan under the Clean Water Act and/or the Safe Drinking Water Act. All voted aye and the motion passed. The council also decided to go with Ohnstad Twichell for the Bond Counsel. Another motion was made by Councilor Halverson and seconded by Councilor Olson to submit DSWRF Loan Application. All voted aye and the motion passed. The last part of Brad's presentation to the council members was to let them know that members from Moore Engineering will be in town the first week in March to assist residents with the completion of the Lead Line Surveys. With Brad Muscha's presentation completed, the council completed the rest of the Old Business. A motion was made by Councilor Scott and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to approve the meeting minutes from November 19, 2024. All voted aye and the motion passed. The council decided to table the discussion on the insurance coverage for the Pavilion and Bath House until the next meeting, as they requested more information.

New Business: Northeast Regional Water District sent a letter to councilor letting them know what the rate increase would be for 2025. A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Scott to increase the water usage rate from \$9.60/1000 gallons to \$9.70/1000 gallons. All voted aye and the motion passed. This increase will appear on the February water bills. The council received a Tax Abatement request from the Towner County Tax Assessor for a resident. A motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to approve the Tax Abatement request. All voted aye and the motion passed. Councilor Bjornstad abstained from the vote. The council went on to review the

resumes they have received for the Auditor position. A committee consisting of Councilors Bjornstad, Scott, Mayor Bjornstad and Kathy Rance was formed to interview the candidates.

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

At 7:45 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Rance, Recorder

Bills for Approval for February 5, 2025

Salaries PP# 3	\$ 6,345.71	Ironhide Equipment	\$ 2,529.60				
ND Child Support	\$ 854.78	Lane Pederson	\$ 1,300.00				
BCBSND	\$ 5,094.64	281 Spirit Shop	\$ 505.78				
Colonial Insurance	\$ 441.24	The Standard Insurance	\$ 39.20				
Towner County Auditor Treasurer	\$ 20,128.08	Cando Lumber, LLC	\$ 12.73				
Northeast Regional Water	\$ 12,017.46	Capital Guardian	\$ 2,212.34				
Advanced Business Methods	\$ 95.02	Northern Plains Electric	\$ 4,911.79				
Pomp's Tire	\$ 3,022.38	Bank of North Dakota	\$ 15,150.00				
Time Clock Plus	\$ 38.50	ND Telephone	\$ 389.40				
ND Rural Water Systems	\$ 150.00						
Cando Home & Hardware	\$ 253.49						
First State Insurance Agency	\$ 10,084.00						
		Total:	\$ 85,576.14				

Bills for Approval for February 18, 2025

Salaries PP# 4	\$ 5,252.69						
ND Child Support	\$ 854.78						
Towner County Record Herald	\$ 163.75						
Ferguson Waterworks	\$ 19,063.30						
D&R Tire	\$ 551.90						
Legacy Coop	\$ 1,428.05						
HE Everson	\$ 31.40						
Butler	\$ 26.82						
AE2S	\$ 450.00						
Moore Engineering	\$ 25,587.50						
First State Bank	\$ 7.00						
FICA	\$ 3,278.38						
		Total:	\$ 56,695.57				