

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Halverson, Scott, Miller, Bjornstad and Klingenberg were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilor Olson was absent.

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

Visitors/Delegations: Brad Bergdahl came in to discuss the Pavilion. He brought in three quotes for roof repair and shingle replacement. He mentioned that they have been in talks with the State Historical Society about potential grant funds, that are contingent on preserving the historical look. He mentioned that with all of the rain that the roof is the primary focus because water is getting inside. Siding repairs and painting would be the following steps once the roof is complete. He requested that the city help pay for this cost to allow them time to pay back the funds by raising money. A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Halverson to help with funding the roof repair at the Pavilion. All voted aye and the motion passed. The council gave the recommendation to accept the quote from Brandt Contracting, Inc. Troy Reemtsma with the American Legion came in to talk about their site authorizations for Cando Bar & Grill, Gordy's, and Harvest Grill and how the American Legion has been utilizing the gaming funds in and around Cando in 2023. A motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to approve the gaming site authorizations for Cando Bar & Grill, Gordy's, and Harvest Grill. All voted aye and the motion passed. Preston Halverson came to the meeting regarding getting a letter to the ATF stating the city was okay with him running a business at his residential address.

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 Final Environmental Assessment was received on May 28th. He added that they have to file one more permit with the Corps of Engineers. The second reimbursement request will be submitted with the USACE. They are just waiting on one easement agreement. Muscha mentioned that the final plans were set and mailed to NDDEQ for review and approval on the Sanitary & Water System Improvements. He mentioned that he was going to start contacting contractors to advertise for bids with a potential bid opening of Thursday, July 25th. A motion was made by Councilor Halverson and seconded by Councilor Scott to put the sewer project up for bids. All voted aye and the motion passed. The first August meeting would be the first date to discuss bids at a city council meeting. It was also mentioned that temporary financing will not be needed this year for any construction. His update on the water main replacement included two options for replacing the pipe. The first option was a trenchless replacement that would be done by horizontal directional drilling and the second option was an open trench with street repairs. The cost difference would have to be made up with different funding options available. The hospital project public infrastructure has been completed, but they have to correct a sag in one of the pipes. A motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the sanitary sewer system and water system public infrastructure contingent on the correction of the sagged sanitary sewer line. All voted aye and the motion was passed. The commercial water bill was determined that the bill must be paid by July 1st. It was determined that the council wants to put some more gravel on both sides of the bridge out to the golf course.

New Business: Councilor Miller made a motion seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to approve the gaming permits for Hal Parker Post #79 and the Towner County Medical Center Auxiliary. All voted aye and the motion passed. The council acknowledged the building permits for Gibbens, Esterly, and Scorse. The agricultural water use and sewer charges was tabled to gather more information about average usage. The inspection report determined that a lot needs to get a letter starting the condemnation process. Public works gave an update to what they have been working on. Councilor Bjornstad made a motion seconded by Councilor Scott to make a change to the employee handbook regarding vacation time.

Open Committee: There was discussion about putting money back into CDs since the projects won't be taking place this year. Councilor Bjornstad wants to shorten the amount of time that grass letters are giving homeowners to mow and they only get one letter as a warning. There was a concern brought up about junk at the Villa, so they will be getting a letter to get that taken care of. Councilor Bjornstad made a motion seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the off-premise liquor licenses for Cando Bar & Grill and Gordy's Bar for June 29, 2024. All voted aye and the motion was passed.

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 9:00p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

