## **Minutes of the Cando City Council**

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

A motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the agenda. All voted aye and the motion passed. Motion by Councilor Scott and seconded by Councilor Olson to approve the minutes as written. All voted aye and the motion passed.

**Visitors/Delegations:** A resident came in regarding his building permit and variance application. A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the variance application. All voted aye and the motion was passed.

**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 the Army Corps of Engineers posted the environmental assessment, which has a 30-day comment period. He stated that bid advertising can begin following the 30-day time period, but he added that it might be more beneficial to wait so they can receive more bids because contractors are pretty much booked for the summer. Prior to advertising and opening the bid, Moore Engineering is going to be calling around to try and get at least three bids for the project. They had some good news that they have had all of the easements signed for the sewer line project and they just need to be recorded. They are still anticipating some temporary financing needed, but no set timeline due to the dependency on getting a contractor. Josh was asking the council about how much of the road they want to excavate and replace for the water main replacement. Brad and Josh said they could get more information and estimates for the project depending on how much road they excavate. They mentioned a 2025 construction start date for the water line replacement. They were also recommending doing some new televising of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave to get a better understanding of what the best options were for replacement. Brad mentioned getting survey results for all residents on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, so the lead line replacement wouldn't have to tear up the road twice. The Public Works Supervisor, Scott Gable, will be reaching out to residents to try and help get the survey completed. The idea of having council meetings once a month was mentioned at a prior meeting and came up again.

**New Business:** A motion was made by Councilor Olson and seconded by Councilor Halverson to approve the permit to sell fireworks that was submitted by Jerry Laturnus. All voted aye, except for Councilor Bjornstad who abstained from the vote and the motion was passed. A motion to approve the transient merchant's license for a food truck was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Scott. Council acknowledged the approved building permits for Jerrika Tarno, D&R Tire & Repair LLP, Doris Martin, and Jennifer and Steven Bradley. Public Works Supervisor gave an update about what they have been up to.

**Open Committee:** Mayor Bjornstad mentioned that people have asked him about fixing the potholes on Highway 17. He mentioned that there was an agreement signed in the past that gave the city the responsibility of fixing Highway 17 and 281 within city limits. He also mentioned that NDTC is planning on placing a camera at Cenex facing the intersection at Highways 17 and 281. He added that he wants the golf course road and elevator road cut and bladed when they dry out a little bit. The city forester took some trees out and now needs to get someone to grind out the stumps. Mayor Bjornstad also added that the city forester was looking for a pump to water trees instead of the gravity line that he is using currently. Councilor Olson mentioned 7th St still having problems where the road is cracking and raising. Councilor Bjornstad introduced a change to the employee handbook that was tabled. He also added that he would like the money that the Public Works department gets for recycling meters to be set aside for a tool allowance that could be used to purchase more expensive equipment as needed. Councilor Halverson had inquiries from concerned residents about a couple of properties and the new Public Nuisance ordinance. Public Nuisance letters will be sent out to various properties.

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

Bills for Approval for May 7, 2024

At 8:20 p.m., the meeting was adjourned. Ian Knutson, Recorder

Bills for	App	roval fo	r May 7, 2024				
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Northeast Regional Water	\$	14,769.30	Salaries PP#9	\$	6,609.04	Ferguson	\$ 13,639.65
Gibbens Law Office	\$	600.00	Cando Lumber	\$	41.98	Lane Pederson	\$ 1,300.00
Advanced Business Methods	\$	88.81	B&J Excavating	\$	1,444.34	HE Everson	\$ 408.22
A&W Standard	\$	194.40	Hendrickson Elec	\$	760.00	Time Clock Plus	\$ 33.00
Share Corporation	\$	626.67	Cando Hardware	\$	311.14	TC Auditor/Treas	\$ 18,059.50
Circle Sanitation	\$	16,741.55	TC Recorder	\$	130.00	Moore Engineering	\$ 16,060.00
Team Lab	\$	3,434.00	Cassie's Cleaning	\$	120.00	Visa	\$ 326.94
Standard Insurance	\$	29.80	NDTC	\$	381.32	One Call Concepts	\$ 37.50
Verizon Wireless	\$	124.97	NPEC	\$	4,623.85	ND Child Support	\$ 1,025.74
Copy Cat Printing	\$	551.00	Houtcooper	\$	126.93	FICA/MED/FED	\$ 5,474.98
CC Steel	\$	22,522.94	Legacy	\$	903.03		
281 Spirit Shop	\$	209.76	Kotaco	\$	60.04		
			Total:	\$1	131,770.40		