

# Minutes of the Cando City Council

Cando City Council meet on Tuesday, Mar 17, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Bjornstad, Klingenberg, T Olsen Halverson, and J Olson were present. Councilor Scot was not present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding.

A motion to approve the agenda by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor J Olson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Motion by Councilor J Olson and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to approve the Feb minutes as written with corrections to names. All voted aye and the motion passed.

## Visitors & Delegations:

Josh and Lisa Moser were present at the meeting to discuss damage to their home caused by water from broken waterline entering their house. Homeowner has managed all repairs. Their homeowner has denied claim and the city's claim denied also which the city has appealed. Homeowners have city adjusters coming to review the claim again. Homeowner voiced frustration with denial and lack of communication with Insurance company. City will have further discussion with homeowner after results of appeal.

Mel Wahl with First State insurance was present to present insurance to discuss new endorsement to coverage to cover such incidents as above but was and extra cost to the city insurance premium. The Council discussed this and no decision was made at this time.

**Old Business:** Brad Muscha from Moore Engineering was present via zoom to give the council members an update on the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Water Main Replacement, and Lead Line Replacement Project. Muscha started off his presentation with the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Water Main Replacement Project which is in final completion with punch list by Contractors in the spring.

A discussion on the Lead Service Line Replacement Project is ongoing inventory; city employees went around and tried to get the unknowns address by hanging instructions on doors. The Lead Project bids are advertised in the papers and are scheduled for virtual opening Thursday March 26, 2026, at 11:00am. This project includes four hundred small curb stop excavations to document and verify city and customer side piping for required state inventories. Bid results to be discussed in April regular meetings. State Water Commission grant pre commission meeting on Thursday and final decision June 11, 2026, and SRF loan application submitted for project on March 10, 2026, waiting for approval.

## New Business:

The Cemetery Mowing contract bids were opened. Only one bid was received and that was from Jason Svirs. A motion by J Olson to accept the bid from Jason Svirs for 13000.00 and Councilor Klingenberg seconded the motion, all voted aye and motion passed. The Cemetery Mowing contract for 2026 was given to Jason Svirs. The council discussed street maintenance with Duro-patch and cold patch and decided to do the same as last year. Councilor Bjornstad made a motion to repeat last year duro-patch and two pallets of cold patch and seconded by Councilor Halverson, all voted aye and motion passed. Northeast Water notified that water rate will be increasing by .25/ 1000 gal. Councilor Halverson made a motion to increase city water rates by .25/1000-gals effective May 2026 and seconded by Counselor Klingenberg all voted and motion passed. Discussion on the upcoming event at Hawks Museum for the Northern Lights Oliver event. Councilor T Olsen made a motion for a gold sponsorship (1000.00) for the event and seconded by J Olson, all voted aye and motion carried. A Councilor Klingenberg and Bjornstad gave a report on the meeting on skating rink. Discussion of roof repair options professional coating around 78,000 and replacing panels would be around 5000.00 and committee agreed on the panels to repair. Counselor Bjornstad brought up the overhead fan for the fire hall and suggested that it should be paid by the city. Councilor Bjornstad made a motion to pay the overhead fan for the firehall and seconded by J Olson, all voted aye and motion carried.

## Open Committee:

**Public Works/Maintenance:** Goergen reported that it has been busy with ongoing challenges with snow/ice removal. The gate Valve bid came back at 20,000.00 under last bid and went ahead with the project. Additional equipment (packer) was discussed, and Councilor Bjornstad was going to investigate it.

Mayor Bjornstad noted that he received Kathy Rance resignation as of April 2, 2025 and how appreciative he was for all her help over the last years.

Review of Jan financials and approved: A motion to pay the bills by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Halverson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Next meeting April 21, 2026  
 The meeting adjourned at 8:30  
 Recorder Sheila Bjornstad, Auditor

<b>Bills for Approval for MAR 3, 2026</b>					
Salaries PP# 5	\$ 9,912.80	Advanced Business	\$ 101.94		
Towner County Auditor /Treasurer	\$ 2,496.50	Northern Plains	\$ 5,709.05		
B&J Excavating	\$ 1,514.27	North Dakota Telephone	\$ 378.07		
ND Child Support	\$ 854.78	Grand Forks Herald	\$ 430.92		
281 Spirit Shop	\$ 817.85	Verizon	\$ 119.10		
BCBS	\$ 3,821.09	Ferguson Waterworks	\$ 8,395.02		
Cando Hardware	\$ 374.30	Banyon	\$ 595.00		
Standard Insurance	\$ 136.80	Moore Engineering	\$ 8,275.00		
Neuman Drug	\$ 21.27	Capital Guardian	\$ 1,600.93		
Northwest Regional Water	\$ 13,696.23	First Bank	\$ 7.00		
Circle Sanitation Inc	\$ 16,372.80	Sheila Bjornstad	\$ 78.00		
FICA	\$ 2,166.20	Tim Goergen	\$ 18.00		
D&R Tire	\$ 114.40	Houtcooper	\$ 252.93		
	\$ 52,299.29		\$ 25,960.96		
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 78,260.25</b>		

### Bills for Approval for Mar 17, 2026

PAYROLL #6	\$ 10,169.47				
CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 854.78				
FICA	\$ 2,246.29				
HE Everson	\$ 31.13				
Cando Lumber	\$ 16.26				
Ironhide Equip	\$ 173.68				
TC Herald	\$ 3,403.67				
D&R TIRE	\$ 40.00				
LEGACY	\$ 3,202.31				
GF UTILITY BILLING	\$ 26.00				
Floral Depot	\$ 73.83				
AE2S	\$ 2,226.95				

<b>Total:    \$ 22,464.37</b>
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