**Minutes of the Cando City Council**

The following is subject to the City Council’s review and revision

The Cando City Council met Tuesday August 11, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Towner County Courthouse with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilors Gibbens, Olson, Holien, Weber, Bjornstad and Shock were present.

Motion by Councilor Weber was seconded by Councilor Olson to approve updated agenda, all voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Councilor Weber was seconded by Councilor Gibbens to approve the minutes from previous meeting, all voted aye. Motion passed

**Visitors** Janelle Bannach was present and asked that the City Council see that the Ordinances are enforced. She specified Chapter 10.0302 the Accumulation of Refuse and also Chapter 12.0208 Dirt, Filth, etc. on Property. She has been in contact with City Council members concerning her neighbors, but said neighbors have not been cooperative. Mayor Bjornstad stated that he will contact the Sherriff’s Department and also Public Health.

**Old Business:** The Sewer relining process was discussed in length, there has been equipment failure, among many other issues. The City Council is apathetic to the people in this area that are without services during this. Councilor Weber stated that there needs to be better communication to the residents in the area. Councilor Holien stated that during this process it is very important that no one runs any water down the sanitary sewer, as it totally stops the process instantly. It was discovered that several residents in the area are running their sump pump discharges directly into the sanitary sewers, this is against the City Ordinance 7.0306. City Auditor is to put a notice in the Record Herald reminding all City residents of this Ordinance. (City Ordinances are online at candond.com)

The City Auditor received notice from the ND Department of Commerce that the City was granted some Emergency Funds to go towards Emergency Sewer Relining expenses. A letter of commitment stating how the City is going to pay for the remaining expenses (of the original $350,000 that was requested) is required. A motion by Councilor Weber was seconded by Councilor Olson to pay the remaining $108,000 out of the City Sales Tax Fund (213). All Councilors voted aye and motion passed. City Auditor will prepare the letter of commitment stating this.

Invoice #24228 from Moore Engineering was reviewed. Councilor Shock made a motion to pay it out of Emergency Fund (209) Councilor Olson seconded the motion, all voted aye motion passed.

**New Business:** Councilor Shock informed the Council ofthe Planning and Zoning meeting that was held Aug 8th. They reviewed a Building Permit application from Ryan Miller for an addition to his shop along elevator road. The sewer in the existing shop goes to a holding tank and pumped out. It was the recommendation of the Committee to allow him to run the sewer for the addition into the existing tank. Councilor Shock made a motion to approve the Building Permit #2020-18 for the addition using the existing holding tank. Councilor Sig Bjornstad seconded the motion, all Councilors voted aye and motion passed.

The location of Bruce Klingenberg’s building was discussed. It appears that his building will extend farther out than adjoining property. The Ordinance states that the front yard conform to the adjoining front yard. Even though the adjoining property owner agrees with the location, he still should apply for a variance. Councilor Shock of Planning and Zoning will let him know.

A Rental agreement for a Tree Chipper was submitted by Bruce Ford, there was no action taken

Councilor Gibbens brought up the Liquor License Fee schedule. He stated that with the Covid virus, the liquor sales have been down extensively. After some discussion, it was decided that this should be discussed at the next meeting, giving time for councilmembers to come up with options.

The Council decided to cancel the August 18th meeting, and meet on the 1st Tuesday of September. (9-1-2020)

The City Auditor presented the Financial report for the month of July, and then went over the Preliminary Budget for 2021. Councilor Weber made a motion to approve the Preliminary Budget as presented. Councilor Shock seconded the motion. All Councilors voted aye and motion passed. The Public hearing date was set for September 15th at 7:00pm, followed by the regular Council meeting.

**Motion to pay the bills** was made by Councilor Shock, seconded by Councilor Gibbens; all were in favor and motion passed.



At 8:40pm, the meeting adjourned by motion.

Annette Johnson, City Auditor