**Tax Abatement Hearing**

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

The Cando City Council held a Tax Abatement hearing along with the regular scheduled Council meeting on Monday November 4th, 2019 at 7:15pm at the Towner County Courthouse with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. All Councilors present except for Councilor Wilson was absent. Also present was Jerry Ratzlaff, City Assessor and Gayla Wakefield, Applicant

Gayla Wakefield stated that she felt her valuation was unfair, since the assessed value was more than the appraised value. She submitted an appraisal dated 11/08/2016. City Assessor presented the Council will spreadsheet on valuations of 8 other properties within the City of Cando. He also mentioned that the appraisal submitted was 3 years old and the market values in Cando have increased substantially in the last 3 years.

After discussions, it was decided that Mrs. Wakefield get an updated appraisal, possibly by a Real Estate professional, (which would not be as costly) and the Council will review that information.

A motion by Councilor Shock, seconded by councilor Weber to recess the Abatement hearing at this time, until more information is made available by the Applicant. All voted aye and motion carried. A future hearing date and time will be scheduled within 30 days.

Annette Johnson

City Auditor