**Minutes of the Cando City Council**

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

The Cando City Council met Monday October 21, 2019 at 8:00pm with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilors Gibbens, Olson, Wilson, Holien, Weber and Shock were present.

Motion by Councilor Gibbens was seconded by Councilor Shock to approve the agenda, all voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Towner County Sheriff Robert Kennedy and updated the Council on some things going on in the Sheriff Department. He said they have been taking prisoner transfers to Rugby, since they have the capability to use the IVN system for court. He along with Towner County Emergency Manager Lori Beck are looking into an alternative dispatch center due to costs and stability issues at the LEC. A Grant was received for new mobile radios for all emergency management services.

Under Old Business, a claim for sewer backup with the ND Insurance Reserve Fund was discussed, The City and affected residents were sent a denial letter. The Mayor has contacted the City Attorney to look into this matter.

The condition of house at 932 3rd Ave was discussed. The owner was contacted, he said his son was living there, and had a serious car accident and is going through rehab. He gave the City permission to go in and remove the water meter. City Building inspector went there to check out the condition of the property. He reported that he not find anything serious enough to consider it dangerous. The City guys boarded the windows, removed the meter and locked it. The City Auditor applied the unpaid water bill to taxes.

Under New Business, the Auditor presented information on a program endorsed by the ND League of Cities for cities to accept online payments for utility bills through the City’s website and also a mobile App. The transaction costs are absorbed by the customer as a service fee, the City would have a onetime setup cost of $199, and there are no monthly charges. The program allows credit, debit and E-checks in addition to recurring payments, all in one platform. Councilor Weber made a motion to implement the APS/GovCard Program. Councilor Olson seconded the motion, all Councilors voted aye, motion passed. Auditor will put a message on the water bills, when the program is up and running.

Building Permit #2019-24 to Ashley Krall was discussed. The new house will be built on the same area of the demolished structure. Since this it is not in compliance with the setbacks of City Ordinances, the City Council discussed, and agreed by motion to approve this building in order to get some tax benefit from the property. A motion was made by Councilor Shock to approve the Permit and placement of the structure, was seconded by Councilor Olson. All voted aye and motion passed.

There will be a Property Tax Abatement hearing on November 4th along with the next Council meeting. City Assessor will be present.

Mayor Bjornstad informed the Council that the condition of the Street Sweeper is not good at all. A representative of the company came and looked at it and stated the cost of repairs are more that the sweeper is worth at this condition. It will work for the leaves left this fall, but will have to get something else before spring sweeping.

The City Auditor presented Financial Reports for the month of September.

City Council meetings will be at 7pm beginning in November until Daylight Savings time begins in the spring.

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



At 9:10 pm, a motion by Councilor Gibbens was seconded by Councilor Weber for meeting to be adjourned, a unanimous vote was cast in favor.

Annette Johnson

City Auditor