

Minutes of the Cando City Council

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

The Cando City Council met Tuesday December 15, 2020 at 5:00pm 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 Shock to approve the Revised Agenda, all voted aye. Motion passed.

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

The City/County Police contract effective 2018 was discussed. There has been traffic and street parking issues that some Council members think should be more actively addressed by law enforcement. In reviewing the Contract, it stated there would be Annual meetings between both City and County Board members. To date this has not happened. Mayor Bjornstad will set up a meeting with the County Board President and Sheriff Kennedy.

The County Auditor remitted another check for the City share of the Cares Act Reimbursement (Aug-Oct). The total received to date is \$82,753.22. These funds have been put in the General Fund, which is the same fund the Law Enforcement expenses are paid.

A letter from Circle Sanitation to the Residents of Cando that was mailed on Monday Dec. 14th was reviewed. Councilor Weber said she would ask the Cando Chamber to put it on their Facebook page.

A statement from the ND Community Foundation (for the Cemetery Perpetual fund) was reviewed. It was decided that the dollars remaining in the City's Fund 701 (memorials & donations received) be paid out to the NDCF to be included in the investment funds.

Interviews for the City Auditor position are scheduled for Thursday afternoon at the Courthouse meeting room.

Liquor License Fees for the 2nd half of the year were discussed. Due to the pandemic, Liquor establishments have been negatively affected. Councilor Shock made a motion to waive the second half fees for all types of Liquor Licenses in the City of Cando. Councilor Olsen seconded the motion. Councilor Gibbens abstained from voting, since he is a Liquor License holder. All other Councilors voted aye and motion passed.

Councilor Shock brought it to the attention of the Council that he was contacted about a city lot in the Industrial Park. There was discussion as to access to the vacant lots. The subject was tabled until the Planning and Zoning and City Attorney could meet and see what needs to be done in order to sell the lots.

Councilor Weber left the meeting.

The City Auditor received notice from the State Director of Finance, that their office made the first Municipal Infrastructure Fund distribution to the City's account on December 14th in the amount of \$125,000. This distribution is part of Operation Prairie Dog which was passed during the 2019 Legislative session. (NDCC 57-51.1-07.7).

The City Auditor presented the November Financial Report, and pointed out the City Sales Tax Fund would have sufficient funds to pay out the local share of the Emergency Sewer Relining project. Councilor Gibbens made a motion to pay Mid-land Excavating and Moore Engineering the combined amount of \$13,560.76 out of the City Sales Tax Fund (213). Councilor Shock seconded the motion. All voted aye and motion passed. The local share due to Hydro-Klean has not yet been determined.

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

US Postal Service	165.30	Advanced Bus Meth	78.00	AE2S	450.00
Bcross/Bshield	4045.90	Cando Home&Hdwe	112.84	Cando Lumber	306.52
Capital Guardian	218.34	D&R Tire	162.45	First St Bank	7.00
Glenn's Plumbing/Htg	205.00	HE Everson	172.88	Cando Greenhouse	1600
Ironhide Equipment	859.75	Jerry Ratzlaff	500.00	Larry Sivertson	1350.00
Legacy Coop	382.87	Mid-Land Excavating	10,895.76	Moore Engineering	2665.00
ND Child Support	114.65	ND Telephone	388.39	Neumann Drug	9.92
Northern Plains Elec	4,950.30	NRG Technologies	288.00	Randy Hunt	675.00
Riteway Business Forms	174.15	Share Corp	673.80	TC Auditor/Treas	12509.00
TC Record Herald	403.60	Waste Management	16,979.33	Salaries	8309.12

At 6:00 the meeting adjourned by motion.

Annette Johnson

City Auditor