**Minutes of the Cando City Council**

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

The Cando City Council met Monday December 17, 2018 with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilors Gibbens, Olson, Harland, Weber and Shock were present. Councilor Wilson was absent

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

Motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting was made by Councilor Olson, seconded by Councilor Shock. All Councilors voted aye. Motion passed.

**Visitors**: Bob Mickelson of the Rural Fire Dept. was present and spoke to the Council on the need for the Rural and City Fire Departments to work together. He also stated that they are in need of a newer fire truck and also of new equipment for the volunteer fireman. As of now their equipment is so outdated, that they cannot go to any training. Financial information from the City and Rural Fire departments were handed out.

**Old Business:** Brad Muscha from Moore Engineering handed out information pertaining to the possible funding option through USDA Rural Development for a sewer replacement project of critical areas in Cando. A commitment Date of April 2019 is necessary in order for the project to take place in 2020. The City Auditor will use the information provided and present updated financials at the next meeting.

**New Business:** A motion was made by Councilor Shock to approve an Application for Property Tax Credit for a Disabled Veteran. Councilor Harland seconded the motion. All Councilors voted aye and motion passed. A motion by Councilor Weber, seconded by Councilor Olson to renew the Cemetery Mowing Contract with Lane Pederson for 2019 at $12000. All Councilors voted in favor, motion passed. A billing pertaining to a sewer backup at a residence on 1st Ave was discussed. Councilor Harland informed the Council as to the pump station situation, and what is being done to fix it. Councilor Harland then made a motion to pay the bill to the contractor, since it was the city’s problem. Councilor Harland then brought it to the attention of the City Council that a shed had been moved in to a residence without a building permit. Councilor Olson said he would talk to the Building Inspector on the matter. Councilor Olson made a motion to approve a resolution to amend the 2019 Preliminary Budget pertaining to employee expenses between the water and sewer fund. All Councilors voted in favor and motion passed. Councilor Shock made a motion to approve Local Gaming Application #2018-06 to Cando Hockey Boosters. Councilor Weber seconded the motion. All voted aye and motion passed.

**Financial Reports:** The City Auditor presented a financial report as of 11/30/18 and also provided a final Debt Service report for the Rural Water/Refinancing loan through the ND Public Finance Authority. The refinancing of the existing water plant debt and the expenses related to hooking up to rural water, results in annual payments averaging $124,457 per year for 20 years.

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



A motion by Councilor Olson was seconded by Councilor Weber for meeting to be adjourned, a unanimous vote was cast in favor.

Annette Johnson

City Auditor