**Minutes of the Cando City Council**

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

The Cando City Council met Monday July 1, 2019 at 8:00pm with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilors Gibbens, Olson, Wilson, Weber and Shock were present. Council Harland was absent.

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

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

**Visitors**: ND Rural Water Technician, Kieth Hegney was present to talk about locating the manholes south of town to the lagoon to determine the sewer pipes condition. He and Glenn Johnsons walked out in the area they thought they would be and located 2 of them. Glenn Johnson was present and asked the Council if the City guys could accompany him out there and help locate the rest. Keith will be back in 2 weeks and will bring equipment to determine the flow and conditions. A motion by Councilor Gibbens was seconded by Councilor Wilson, to give a go ahead to locate the sewer lines/manholes. All Voted aye and motion passed

Brad Muscha from Moore Engineering was present to answer any questions. Mayor Bjornstad asked if the sewer lines are located and in good condition if the funding will still be in place for a revised project and Brad said yes, it can be revised to accommodate the project.

**Old Business:** A certified letter was sent to the owner, and gave a 30 day notice to remove the dangerous building at 215 5th Ave. A copy of the condemnation process was provided to the Councilors in their packet. It was discovered that there are some sewer lines on the south end of town that a plugging up. Jet Way Services were called in to clean them out. They said they are cement sanitary sewer lines and are also used as storm sewer. Between sand and the deteriorating cement, the lines have been plugging up over the years. Mayor Bjornstad has called in Hydro Clean Company that was here a few years ago and sent cameras through the older part of the City of Cando. They are going to assess the situation and come up with some options. The City Auditor presented the water usage spread sheet showing monthly billed gallons compared to monthly purchased gallons. It shows there is significant loss of water. It was again brought up that the Fire Hall be metered. The Auditor also gave a list of any zero reading meters in housed and buildings that are not lived in to be physically checked out by the Public Works guys. The Council thought that the ND Rural Water Association could help with a leak detection to see where the excess water is flowing. Mayor Bjornstad was going to check with them.

**New Business:** A quote from Zimmerman Contracting for Crack Sealing was reviewed. A motion by Councilor Shock was seconded by Councilor Gibbens to approve the 9999.45 quote all voted aye and motion passed.

Councilor Gibbens gave a report of the goings-on at the Pasta Plant. Bektrom Foods consolidated some plants and are now exiting the Cando location, resulting in some layoffs. The plant owners are seeking other niche markets that a plant of this size could accommodate. They are still processing oatmeal at this time.

Councilor Weber brought up that the dropdown screen used for plays was water damaged. The Arts Council looked into the price of a screen was about $500, but was not sure of who would be able to hang it, as it is on an old pulley system along with the movie screen. The Council said to look into getting it replaced and maybe a Community Development Grant could help with the cost of the screen and installation.

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



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

Annette Johnson

City Auditor