

Minutes of the Cando City Council

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

The Cando City Council met Tuesday January 5th, 2021 at 5:00pm at the Towner County Courthouse with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilors Olson, Holien, Weber, Bjornstad and Shock were present. Councilor Gibbens was absent.

Motion by Councilor Weber was seconded by Councilor Shock to approve the updated Agenda. All voted aye motion passed.

Motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad, seconded by Councilor Olson to approve the Minutes. All voted aye and motion passed.

Visitors; Reed Westlind from the Fire Department was present to inform the Council that the boiler at the Fire Hall was in disrepair. He handed out a quote that was received to fix it. He stated that he thought the actual dollar amount would be less, as there are things the fire department volunteers could help with to reduce labor costs. There was discussion on the matter and the Council agreed was the City will contribute funds towards the heating repairs needed at the Fire Hall. They suggested to Mr. Westlind to check on another option of propane. If they needed to get it fixed right away, to go ahead and do what they feel is the best route and submit the bills for reimbursement; the Community Development Fund could be used for some of the expenses.

Sheriff Kennedy was present to update the Council on activities throughout 2020 of his department. He stated figures for the year, which he said would appear in the Record Herald for the public. Alcohol, drugs, theft and vandalism have been their main calls. There was an increase in juvenile offenses, he feels due to Covid, with school activities reduced and more time for mischief, etc. He stated that if someone has an issue to please call 911 (it doesn't have to be an emergency) requesting an officer's assistance. 911 will route to the deputy on duty.

Councilor Gibbens called into the meeting to inform the Council of a conversation he had with the owners of the Pasta Plant. They are willing to deed over the roadway S of the Pasta Plant at no charge, if the City would maintain the road. (this would provide better access to the Industrial Park lots), He also stated that the City Attorney said there would have to be a professional survey, etc. done before the property can be deeded over. Councilor Gibbens then disconnected his call. There was discussion on the Industrial Park lots and the price thereof. Currently the price of a lot is \$12,500 as of the City Council meeting May of 2013. There has been an offer made to Councilor Shock to purchase a lot for \$5000. There was no further action taken on this issue.

Mayor Bjornstad, on behalf of the interview committee for a City Auditor, made the recommendation to hire Amanda Hoover at \$35,000/year as "Auditor in training". After a training period, she will take over as City Auditor. Councilor Olson made a motion as to the above, Councilor Weber seconded the motion. All voted aye motion passed.

The Auditor informed the Council that the State Emergency Grant came in with a local share \$69,728 due Hydro-Klean. The Auditor had to pay Hydro-Klean out of the City's funds the full amount before the grant money was received, due to year end. There will be transfers of funds to balance it all out. Councilor Olsen made a motion to pay the local share stated above out of the City Sales Tax Fund, Councilor Bjornstad seconded the motion. All voted aye and motion passed.

An application for Tax Abatement was received from a disabled veteran. Councilor Shock made a motion recommending to the Board of County Commissioner that the application be approved. Councilor Shock seconded. All voted aye and motion passed.

The Council acknowledged the 4th Quarter Cando Community Development Grants.

The Auditor informed the Council that she was contacted by the ND Community Foundation for the Cemetery Endowment Fund, that there was a large donation received, and the Donor wished to remain anonymous. A Current balance of the fund was presented.

Councilor Shock informed the Council that a building permit was received to construct a 40x80 metal building on a lot that is zoned residential. All Councilors agreed to the fact that if it is zoned residential, a commercial building is not allowed.

Councilor Shock made a motion that was seconded by Councilor Holien to pay the bills. All voted aye motion passed.

A&W Standard	463.94	Advanced Bus Methods	78.00	Aflac	75.36
Cando Fire Dept	6000.00	Jerry Ratzlaff	918.00	ND Child Support	114.65
ND State Tax Commiss	330.55	ND Water Users Assoc.	300	NE Regional Water	7401.54
Northern Plains Elec	182.50	NRG Technologies	65.00	One Call Concepts	4.80
Quill	181.92	Standard Health Insurance	36.80	T.C.Ambulance	2500.00
TC Extension-NDSU	2,000.00	Verizon Wireless	85.08	Visa	342.19
Salaries	4,796.25	FICA	3200.66	Hydro-Klean	267352.00
Capital Guardian	218.34	US Postal Service	163.88		

At 6:15 the meeting adjourned by motion

Annette Johnson
City Auditor