

Minutes of the Cando City Council

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

The Cando City Council met Tuesday November 03, 2020 at 7:00pm 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 Agenda, all voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Visitors-Jessica Larson and Majusta Kleven, from Towner County Public Health were present, to discuss with the Council the need for a Mask Mandate in the City of Cando. After discussion, Councilor Olson made a motion to follow Devils Lake's Mandate as far as the specifics, and enact a Mask Mandate for the City of Cando effective Saturday November 7, 2020. Councilor Bjornstad seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held and all Councilors voted Yes with the exception of Councilor Weber voted No. Motion passed. The Public Health office will send information to Cando businesses, the Auditor will have it published in the Record Herald and Candond.com (City website). Copies will be available at City Hall and at Towner County Public Health.

Old Business: The Lervold condemnation process was discussed, John Lervold was not present as requested. November 7th is the 30th day for him to remove the trailer house and shed, and repair the specified things on the house. After that date the City has the right to remove the buildings.

Tax Abatements that were presented at the last meeting were again reviewed, after getting additional information from the County Tax Director. Since the applicant is not living at the residence he is applying for an abatement, it does not comply with State Law for Disabled Veterans Property Tax Credit. Councilor Holien made a motion to deny the Application for Abatement, Councilor Weber seconded the motion. All voted aye and motion passed.

There were some property owners that had sewer backup during the Emergency Reline project. Mayor Bjornstad instructed the Auditor to file a claim with NDIRF. NDIRF stated that the City was not liable for the expenses, and assisted with composing a letter to be sent to Hydro-Klean requesting their insurance to pay for the property owner expenses. Copies of which were presented to the Council for review.

Mayor Bjornstad received a verbal quote of 8-\$10,000 from Brian at Mid-land to replace 125' of cement sewer line N of the Pasta plant and East of 13th St. This would be the last step of the Emergency Sewer Replacement project. Councilor Holien made a motion to have them go ahead with the replacement. Councilor Olson seconded the motion, all voted aye and motion passed.

New Business: The City Auditor presented a report of unpaid bills of property owner in the City that were applied to their taxes, and also copy of emails from the County Auditor discussing properties within the City that are under foreclosure of the County for delinquent taxes.

The Budget for 2021 was based on certain rate increases in order to be solvent. Even though the budget was approved including the increases, some of the instances have changed. After discussions, a Resolution for change of fees and rates will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Building permit # 2020-25 for signage was acknowledged for an Arco canopy and sign at 925 1st Ave.

Councilor Holien brought up a quote he had received from Ironhide Equipment to trade 2 attachments for the Bobcat that have been used very little in the last 4 years, and replace with a Bobcat bucket sweeper and a different style of Grapple. The difference in trade would be under \$900. Councilor Holien made a motion that was seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to make the trade. All voted aye motion passed.

A Financial Report was presented by the City Auditor

Motion to pay the bills was made by Councilor Shock, seconded by Councilor Weber; all voted aye and motion passed.

Advanced Business Methc	78.00	AE2S	900.00	Cando Grocery	32.37
Cando Park Board	3000.00	Capital Guardian	221.37	Grand Forks Utility	52.00
HE Everson	52.10	ND Chemistry Lab	198.6	ND Child Support	114.65
ND Sewage Pump & Lift St	1200.00	ND Telephone	391.67	Pederson's Septic	130.00
Share Corp	601.04	Towner Cty Hwy Dept	45.00	Towner Cty Record Her	201.08
Verizon Wireless	85.08	Salaries	6,387.20	FICA	3213.40
Aflac	75.36	Banyon Data	1944.00	Cando Park Board	4547.31
Derrick Childs	75.00	Pedersons Portable	300.00	NE Regional Water	9035.56
Standard Insurance	36.80	Record Herald	258.53	Veseris	880.00
Visa	177.29	US Post Office	166.16	First State Bank	7.00
Deluxe Business Products	164.04	Salaries	4,915.35	BlueCross BlueShield	4012.3
Cando Home & Hardware	140.85	Cando Lumber	19.99	Capital Guardian	218.34
Mid-Land Excavating	1,887.50	ND Child Support	114.65	One Call Concept	13.85

At 8:30pm the meeting adjourned by motion.

Annette Johnson, City Auditor