

## **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 4, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Towner County Courthouse, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilors Gibbens, Holien, Shock, Olson, Bjornstad, and Parker were present.

Motion by Councilor Shock was seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to approve the agenda. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

**Visitors and Delegations:** Jason Corday was present via video to discuss an event scheduled for July 16. He has established a foundation in honor of his son who passed away last year, and is planning an all day festival with music, food, and events. The proceeds from this event will go to the foundation and help fund youth activities in the area. He is requesting use of City land - campground, fairgrounds, and possibly golf course. Questions and concerns were discussed relating to alcohol sales, length of the event, parking, traffic management, security, and other logistical details. Troy Reemstma representing the American Legion was present, as well as Andy Hillier and Zach Kennedy representing Towner County Sheriff's Office. The Legion will not have their street dance the week before, and will combine the event with Corday's event. More details will be worked out soon. Council gave permission to utilize City owned land, contingent on detailed planning.

**Old Business:** A brief review of Wade Hendrickson's repair bill for the Audi was discussed. Hydro Klean looked at the lines in the cul de sac and reported the pipes are collapsing into several resident's homes. This repair will be at the owner's expense. This has been communicated with the affected residents.

**New Business:** There was a brief discussion on potential uses for the ARPA funds. The first report is due the end of April. The status of the campground fund was discussed. Motion by Councilor Gibbens was seconded by Councilor Olson to pay \$600 from the campground fund to Xtreme Signs and Graphics towards a new sign out of 2021's Budget. All voted aye, motion passed. The Cando Community Development Fund Grants for Quarter 4 were acknowledged. The cemetery maintenance contract was discussed. Motion by Councilor Shock was seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to approve the cemetery maintenance contract for three years to Lane Pederson. All voted aye, motion passed. The tax assessor contract was discussed. Motion by Councilor Shock was seconded by Councilor Olson to approve the tax assessor contract for 2022 to Jerry Ratzlaff. All voted aye, motion passed. A quote from Dakota Pump and Control for lift station inspections was discussed and tabled until the next meeting. Scott will clarify the work to be done. Discussion was had about the need for repairing the hockey arena roof. A bid for the whole roof was reviewed with council discussing patching and repairing spots instead. The ownership of the building was talked about. Park Board representation is invited to the next council meeting to discuss in detail. James Gibbens requested reimbursement for the curbside replacement and labor done on a property he owns. Motion by Councilor Olson was seconded by Councilor Parker to reimburse James Gibbens in the amount of \$1107.65. Councilor Gibbens refrained from voting, all others votes aye, motion passed. The NDIRF Property Survey was discussed. Councilor Olson will visit with them and report back to council on recommendations for updating insurance coverage. A developer for a potential business inquired about available land for purchase. Council's concern was sustaining the businesses we have already established here. Counsel referred the developer to Towner County Economic Development Board. A resident has expressed concern about snow piling up at the Sunrise Apartments, connecting to the City alley. Since the issue in question is not City property, it is up to the landowner to decide how to proceed with snow removal.

The Financial Report of November 2021 was discussed with no concerns noted.

**Bills:** Motion by Councilor Holien was seconded by Councilor Gibbens to pass the bills. All voted aye, motion passed.

At 9:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by motion.

Amanda Hoover  
City Auditor