

**Hazen City Commission
Regular Meeting
January 5, 2026
Hazen City Hall**

Present: President Schiferl, Commissioner Folkerts, Commissioner Haack, Commissioner Stern and Commissioner Wiedrich.

Others Present: PW Director Brousseau, Attorney Donovan, Chief Wolff, Editor Arens, Transit Director Brennan, and Auditor Erhardt.

President Schiferl called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

President Schiferl led the pledge of allegiance and said the prayer.

Minutes: Commissioner Wiedrich moved to approve the minutes of the December 15th meeting, as presented, second by Commissioner Stern. Upon discussion, Commissioner Folkerts asked if the motion included suspension of reading of the minutes. Motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Folkerts moved to suspend the reading of the minutes, second by Commissioner Wiedrich. Motion unanimously approved.

Agenda: Commissioner Wiedrich moved to approve the agenda, as presented, second by Commissioner Folkerts. Motion unanimously approved.

CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY AND ENGINEER

Engineer's Report: The commission reviewed the written engineer's report which contained no action items. No further action taken.

REQUEST OF CITIZENS

Free/Reduced Hall Rent – SMC Hospice: Commissioner Haack moved to approve the request for free hall rent for SMC Hospice on February 12th to package Valentine cookies for their fundraiser, second by Commissioner Wiedrich. Motion unanimously approved.

Local Permit-Raffle – Hazen Figure Skating Club: Commissioner Folkerts moved to approve local permit #2026-01, as requested by the Hazen Figure Skating Club to conduct a raffle on March 29, 2026, to raise funds for the program, second by Commissioner Haack. Motion unanimously approved.

REPORTS

Water/Sewer/Garbage: Commissioner Stern had nothing to report at this time.

Street/Cemetery: Commissioner Haack had nothing to report at this time.

Finance/Busing/Library: Commissioner Folkerts asked Transit Director Brennan for comments. Ms. Brennan indicated she is addressing the transit billing process to get it up to date. Commissioner Folkerts asked about the need of a supervisor approving timecards for payroll and was advised that it is part of the city policy and required by FTA/ND DOT for the grant program. Commissioner Haack asked if there had been any concern with the changed rates and Commissioner Folkerts indicated he hasn't received any comments/complaints.

Police/Fire/Forestry: Commissioner Wiedrich reported on police department calls for service. Officer Blekestad responded to fifty-five (55) calls for service, Sargeant Melberg responded to thirty-three (33) calls for service, Officer S. Melber responded to forty-six (46) calls for service and Chief Wolff

responded to seventy-three (73) calls for service. Chief Wolff responded to a question stating that the new camera systems are not installed yet, but equipment has been arriving.

HCD: Myra Savelkoul absent. No report.

President: President Schiferl informed the board that there has been no reply from Williams Builders relating to Expedition Estates work to be completed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dakota Pump and Control Inspection Agreement: The commission reviewed the annual inspection agreement of Dakota Pump & Control (DPC). Commissioner Wiedrich moved to accept the agreement with DPC, as presented, second by Commissioner Folkerts. Motion unanimously approved. The lone polling location for the 2026 elections will be in Beulah.

OLD BUSINESS

Loader Bids: The commission opened bids for the advertised John Deere 624H loader. Bids were received as follows: Roy Rasch, \$34,500; Casey Stern, \$38,603; Aaron Cook (Road Pros LLC), \$32,501; Kevin Fischer, \$31,800; David Bender, \$35,100; and Warren Hovland, \$45,599.99. Commissioner Haack asked if there has been any contact regarding the new loader and was advised that it is to ship to Bismarck on January 7th and the city should receive it by month end. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to accept the bid of Mr. Hovland in the amount of \$45,599.99, second by Commissioner Folkerts. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Haack, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Behavioral Health Summit Sponsorship: The commission discussed sponsorship of the annual Behavioral Health Summit in Energy Country and the fact that the city has previously participated at the Friendship sponsor level. There was discussion about the benefits of sponsoring the event. Commissioner Haack moved to continue sponsorship at the \$600 Friendship level, second by Commissioner Folkerts. On roll call vote: Haack, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Wiedrich, "Nay", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

Approval of Bills and Financial Statements: Commissioner Wiedrich moved to approve the bills, as presented, second by Commissioner Stern. Pre-paid and bills approved for payment are as follows: Fuelman Fleet Program, 782.08; Krause's, 296.39; US Postal Service, 420.69; ND Post Board, 45.00; DVB, 4557.46; Krause's, 35.98; ASCAP, 458.00; Chamber of Commerce, 1150.00; Coal Conversion Counties, 2026.00; Colliers Securities, 300.00; Cory Beery, 300.00; D&E Supply, 121.69; Elan Financial, 1088.25; Further, 3.25; Hazen Mercantile Inc, 338.13; Hazen Public Library, 2000.76; Hazen Star, 916.85; Jim Block, 76.00; Lucky's Towing, 700.00; MaintainX, 3150.00; Marco Technologies LLC, 413.15; Masey Luis, 29.82; Matthew Bender & Co, 174.61; Mercer Co Treasurer, 56209.67; Millennium Express, 12.00; Moore Engineering, 5474.25; NAPA, 8.97; ND One Call Inc, 10.20; OK Tire Store, 466.84; Roughrider Electric Coop Inc, 55.00; Samantha Melberg, 134.81; SW Water Authority, 30435.95; Stamps.com, 95.16; Steffes Agency Inc, 68.00; TBGTOM.com LLC, 120.00; Team Lab, 1499.00; Uniform Center, 198.99; Verizon Wireless, 462.68; Vision West ND, 600.00. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 PM CT. The next regular meeting of the commission is scheduled for Monday, January 19, 2026, at 5:30 PM CT in the Commission Room of the Hazen City Hall.

Approved: _____
Jesse Schiferl, President

Attest: _____
Monte J. Erhardt, Auditor