

**Hazen City Commission
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2026
Hazen City Hall**

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

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

Vice-President Haack called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Vice-President Haack led the pledge of allegiance and said the prayer.

Minutes: Commissioner Wiedrich moved to suspend the reading and approve the minutes of the March 2nd meeting, as presented, second by Commissioner Folkerts. Motion unanimously approved.

Agenda: Commissioner Stern 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. There was continued discussion on the ongoing water service line inventory with the engineer reporting 51 private services as unknown. There was discussion about how public side service lines will be determined with discussion about needing to pothole all or a percentage of locations to determine. State funding is available for a portion, or all, of the costs in achieving service line inventory compliance. No further action taken.

REQUEST OF CITIZENS

Local Permit–Raffle – El Zagal Rednecks: Commissioner Wiedrich moved to approve local permit #2026-10 as requested by the El Zagal Rednecks to conduct a raffle on October 10, 2026, second by Commissioner Folkerts. The commission was informed that the drawing for the raffle will be held in the parking lot of Jimmy's Lounge as only one licensed gaming activity can be conducted at an authorized site at a time. Motion unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS AND BUILDING PERMITS

On-Sale Beer/Liquor Permit – Sherrena Freeburg – The Sassy Sasquatch: The commission reviewed an application of Sherrena Freeburg for on-sale beer/liquor license for the Sassy Sasquatch. As this location was previously licensed the commission may act on the application without need of a public hearing. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to approve the liquor license application for the Sassy Sasquatch, as presented, second by Commissioner Stern. Upon discussion, Commissioner Wiedrich asked about the population limits for liquor licenses and was advised that another license is available under this provision or the provisions for a restaurant to serve alcohol. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Haack, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried. The license is effective April 1, 2026.

Water Plant Rental Agreement – Knutson Properties: The commission reviewed the 2025 rental agreement with Knutson Properties for the water plant structure. There are questions about the agreement whether the building is sold prior to the dates permitted for fireworks sales and as to the

amount requested for rent. Auditor Erhardt will work with the city attorney to include language relating to a rental fee of \$3500 and a statement regarding sale of the building thirty (30) days prior to occupancy or within the same thirty (30) days. The matter will be presented at the next meeting for further discussion.

REPORTS

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

Street/Cemetery: Commissioner Haack had nothing to report. PW Director Brousseau informed the commission that staff have been removing trees as part of the Ash Borer Mitigation Grant, filling potholes as weather permits and will begin sealing street cracks soon.

Finance/Busing/Library: Commissioner Folkerts had nothing to report at this time. Transit Director Brennan had nothing to report.

Police/Fire/Forestry: Commissioner Wiedrich reported on fire department runs with a call for a vehicle in the river on 2/13; motor vehicle disregards on 2/20 and 2/23; and a shop fire north of Halliday on 3/1. Commissioner Wiedrich reported that this related to an electrical issue at the house on the property with Roughrider Electric finding no issue but, within half-hour the children saw smoke coming from the shop. Chief Wolff reported the washer pump was replaced in the night shift vehicle, under warranty, and an air sensor will be replaced in the day shift vehicle at the next service.

HCD: Myra Savelkoul absent. No report.

President: President Schiferl informed the board that he attended the recent CVB meeting, and the SR-71 project was discussed, and it is moving along.

CORRESPONDENCE

Senior/Graduation Book Sponsorship: Central Nordak will again be publishing glossy senior books and would like to know if the city will sponsor. Last year the city did a \$100 general sponsorship of the book and the prior year the city, park and Hazen Winter Sports sponsored a specific senior class member. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to provide a \$100 general sponsorship of the publication second by Commissioner Folkerts. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Haack, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

Approval of Bills and Financial Statement: Commissioner Wiedrich moved to approve the bills and financial statements, as presented, second by Commissioner Folkerts. Pre-paid and bills approved for payment are as follows: Verizon, 586.60; Elan Financial, 320.93; Cenex, 4268.72; D&E Supply, 155.87; Dale Mulske, 120.50; Ecolab Pest Elimination, 139.95; Evolv Inc, 19.95; Fitterer Oil LLC, 130.79; Global Safety Network, 79.12; Hazen Motor Co, 121.06, Hazen Star, 100.00; Health Equity, 6.50; ITD, 118.35; LaQuinta Inn, 3096.00; Marmon Custom Leather, 15.00; Mercer Co Treasurer, 5406.50; Millennium Express, 12.00; MDU, 4476.81; ND Dept of Health, 54.00; NAPA, 40.47; ND Clerk of Cour Assoc, 100.00; ND One Call Inc, 3.90; Power Plan, 109.45; Roughrider Electric Coop Inc, 5096.61; Stamps.com, 122.44; Starion Bond Service, 246078.75; Steffes Agency, 58766.00; Stein's Inc, 6305.34; Swanston Equipment Corp, 1350.92; T-M Tree Service, 8800.00; The Hub, 734.91; US Postal Service, 370.00; West River Telecommunications, 925.01. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Haack, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 PM CT. The next regular meeting of the commission is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2026, at 5:30 PM CT in the Commission Room of the Hazen City Hall.

Approved: _____
Jesse Schiferl, President

Attest: _____
Monte J. Erhardt, Auditor