

**Hazen City Commission
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2026
Hazen City Hall**

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

Absent: Commissioner Haack

Others Present: Debbie Rahn, PW Director Brousseau, Grant Dockter (Moore Eng), Buster Langowski, Darren Mund, HCD Director Heier, Chief Wolff, Attorney Kaffar, 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 Folkerts moved to suspend the reading and approve the minutes of the May 4th meeting, as presented, second by Commissioner Stern. Motion unanimously approved.

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

CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY AND ENGINEER

Engineer's Report: Grant Dockter, Moore Engineering, stated the engineers are still seeking options for the repairs in Expedition Estates. Regarding the sewer project, lining and manhole rehab has been completed with the engineer planning to review this work soon. Mr. Dockter presented an application for payment submitted by CC Steel in the amount of \$185,085.00 for work completed through May 12th and recommended approval of the payment. Commissioner Folkerts moved to approve pay application #7 to CC Steel in the amount of \$185,085.00, second by Commissioner Stern. On roll call vote: Folkerts, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Wiedrich, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried. Mr. Dockter reported that paving the areas under the project and additional patching approved at the last meeting will start by the end of May or early June. Mr. Dockter and PW Director Brousseau measured additional areas discussed at the previous meeting and will have costs for these at the next meeting. The engineers are working through the final list for the water service line inventory and will have this completed soon. Mr. Dockter contacted Winkler Construction about concrete patching that has been approved and this will be taken care of this year at the cost quoted.

REQUEST OF CITIZENS

Street Closure-Auction – M. Kamm: The commission reviewed a request to close a portion of 4th Street NE on June 20th from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM for a household auction by Mary Kamm. Darren Mund assisted with the request and informed the commission, when asked, that this would affect one neighbor directly and they expressed no objection to the closure. Commissioner Folkerts moved to allow closure of the street on June 20th, as requested, second by Commissioner Stern. Motion unanimously approved.

INTRODUCTION, READING, AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES

Zoning Ordinance Amendments: The commission reviewed proposed changes to the city zoning ordinance as drafted and approved by the Planning & Zoning Committee. A public hearing was held on

May 11, 2026, at 4:30 PM to hear any objections or comments on the proposed changes and none were received. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to adopt the proposed changes to the Planning and Zoning Ordinances as presented, second by Commissioner Stern. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried. The amendments are adopted and will become effective upon publication.

APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS AND BUILDING PERMITS

Fireworks Sales Application – Memory Fireworks: The commission reviewed an application for permit to sell fireworks and the approval of the fire chief with final inspection to be conducted once products are in place at the water plant structure. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to approve the application and permit, as presented, second by Commissioner Folkerts. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried.

REPORTS

Water/Sewer/Garbage: Commissioner Stern informed the board that there are PTO problems on the International garbage truck and the issue was diagnosed by Freedom Truck Center with an estimated cost of \$8150.49 to replace the PTO pump, which cannot be repaired. Commissioner Folkerts asked about the possibility of machining the part and was advised this would not be possible. Commissioner Stern moved to approve the repairs as estimated by Freedom Truck Center in the amount of \$8150.49, second by Commissioner Folkerts. On roll call vote: Stern, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Wiedrich, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried. The estimate included tire replacement and PW Director Brousseau indicated that he has replacement tires on hand.

Street/Cemetery: Commissioner Haack absent, no report. PW Director Brousseau had nothing to report at this time.

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

Police/Fire/Forestry: Commissioner Wiedrich asked about parking fees and directed the auditor to gather information from other communities. Chief Wolff had nothing to report.

HCD: Antoinette Heier, HCD Director, informed the commission that the nail salon is operational and that a liquidation sale is scheduled at Bee's Café. Ms. Heier reported that West Dakota Lumber was a recipient of a business improvement grant and that other grants for storefront improvement and other business enhancements are still to be awarded.

President: President Schiferl had nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gontran "Buster" Langowski addressed the commission regarding Expedition Estates and had a question regarding the options for repair of the sewer line. Mr. Dockter indicated that this work could be done by open cut (excavation), or trenchless processes with either being acceptable so long as the pipe meets specifications. Mr. Langowski also asked about the reported length of five-hundred feet (500') of repairs as he measured the distance from manhole-to-manhole around two-hundred eighty feet (280'). The map of the area was reviewed to identify which area was used to calculate the reported footage. Mr. Langowski encouraged the commission to look at all the options and not sit on the project, stating that it is important to move forward. Mr. Langowski suggested special assessing the cost of repairs with the special assessment committee having latitude on which lots to assess and what the benefit is to the area. Commissioner Wiedrich expressed doubt in trenchless processes repairing the sewer line satisfactorily as the road still appears to be sinking. No action taken.

Approval of Bills and Financial Statements: Commissioner Folkerts moved to approve the bills and financial statements, as presented, second by Commissioner Stern. Pre-paid and bills approved for payment are as follows: MDU, 4426.97; Roughrider Electric Coop Inc, 4637.90; AED Everywhere, 158.65; API Garage Door Inc, 3298.00; Bank of ND, 141524.09; Beulah ND Hardware LLC, 138.97; Bloom’n House, 67.00; Catalis PWE, 4757.00; CC Steel LLC, 185085.00; Cenex, 4064.12; D&E Supply, 252.86; Dakota Supply Group, 1298.19; Donovan & Kaffar PLLP, 2430.00; Fastenal, 88.65; Fitterer Oil LLC, 54.75; Fuelman Fleet Program, 1240.13; Hazen Rural Fire Dept, 325.82; Hazen Star, 1012.85; Health Equity, 6.50; ITD, 157.80; Jim Block, 114.00; Krause’s, 29.94; Loren Wiest, 975.00; Mandate Automotives, 153.92; Marco Technologies LLC, 277.36; Mercer Co Highway Dept, 9900.00; Mercer Co Treasurer, 993.50; New Pig Corp, 131.53; North Central International LLC, 80.17; Ronnie Blekestad Jr, 42.48; Rough Rider Industries, 662.78; Stamps.com, 22.49; The Hub, 762.79; UGPTI/NDLTAP, 100.00; Uniform Center, 36.00. On roll call vote: Folkerts, “Aye”, Stern, “Aye”, Wiedrich, “Aye”, Schiferl, “Aye”, motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 PM CT. The next regular meeting of the commission is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2026, at 5:30 PM CT in the Commission Room of the Hazen City Hall.

Approved: _____
Jesse Schiferl, President

Attest: _____
Monte J. Erhardt, Auditor