

**Hazen City Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2025  
Hazen City Hall**

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

**Others Present:** Jerod Klabunde, Moore Engineering (telephonically), Thomas Lee, Paul Doll, and Auditor Erhardt.

President Obenauer called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY AND ENGINEER**

**Asphalt Repair Proposal – Quality Asphalt:** The commission reviewed a proposal for asphalt repairs of various areas of the city including two (2) water break areas and a portion of 7<sup>th</sup> Street near Cenex. Jerod Klabunde, Moore Engineering, said the typical asphalt patch is five inches (5”) thick or designed to match existing asphalt but for heavily travelled or heavy weight vehicle travel areas this could be done to a much deeper level with the base being reconstructed prior to patching. There was discussion about patching versus full repair of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and how long the patching may last with Mr. Klabunde stating the patch could last a couple of years. President Obenauer expressed concern that the area on 7<sup>th</sup> Street will just keep going and going with the condition having changed in the past month. Commissioner Haack moved to approve the patching of the two (2) water break areas, second by Commissioner Folkerts. On roll call vote: Haack, “Aye”, Folkerts, “Aye”, Stern, “Aye”, Wiedrich, “Aye”, Obenauer, “Aye”, motion carried.

The commission continued discussion on how to proceed with repairing 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Klabunde spoke of the numbers presented at the May 5<sup>th</sup> commission meeting and the fact that concrete appeared to be a lower cost option based on the size of this project. There was discussion about separating the project into phases with repairs made from the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave E to the theatre this year and the portion from the theatre to 6<sup>th</sup> Ave E next year. There was discussion about creating a special assessment district, what the boundaries should be, and how long the assessment would be levied. Commissioner Stern suggested doing the patch, which will last for a while, as timing is an issue of doing the larger project and the need for Winkler Construction to get specifications to provide an estimate of cost, other than what was provided by the engineer. Since the cost is likely to exceed the threshold, advertisement and bidding of the project would be required. Paul Doll, Cenex manager, said he would like to see repairs done sooner than later as he is still having issues with potholes at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street approach to Cenex. There was discussion about doing the patch and then having to remove it to complete the repairs soon. Commissioner Haack asked if Winkler Construction could put together some preliminary cost numbers by Monday and the commission could meet again to act on doing the patch or proceeding to work on the full repairs. Mr. Lee said, based on his workload, it would probably be July or August before he could start on the project. Mr. Klabunde advised Mr. Lee to use the same section design as the recent alley project, with concrete 7” thick, to estimate costs for the commission to consider on Monday, May 12. No further action taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM CT. The next regular meeting of the commission will be held on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 5:30 PM (CT) in the Commission Room of Hazen City Hall.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Obenauer, President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Monte J. Erhardt, Auditor