

**Hazen City Commission
Special Meeting
July 25, 2024
Hazen City Hall**

Present: President Obenauer, Commissioner Haack, Commissioner Stern, and Commissioner Wiedrich.
Absent: Commissioner Folkerts
Others Present: Auditor Erhardt

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 PM by President Obenauer.

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

REQUEST OF CITIZENS

Local Permit-Raffle – Fire & Iron MC Station #162: The commission reviewed an application for raffle permit submitted by the Fire & Iron Motorcycle Station #162 for July 27, 2024 to benefit the Zap Fire Department. President Obenauer expressed disappointment in the timing of the request and indicated his initial reaction was to not conduct a special meeting to act on the request. Commissioner Haack added this is a good event but was not pleased with the process and timing of the request. Commissioner Wiedrich remembered this being like last year when the application was submitted on the day of the regular commission meeting. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to approve the request conditioned timely requests in the future, second by Commissioner Haack. Upon discussion, President Obenauer clarified that future requests, for this club and others, must be presented in time for a regular meeting. Commissioner Stern agreed that it should not be necessary to conduct a special meeting for such a request. Motion unanimously approved. President Obenauer will discuss this with Mr. Cheatley.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Position: President Obenauer indicated that he, Commissioner Wiedrich and PW Director Brousseau conducted interviews of two (2) applicants for the public works position on July 19th. Both candidates are qualified, and it is recommended to make a conditional offer of employment to Mr. Chase Gafford. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to offer full-time employment to Mr. Gafford at the published wage of \$21.00/hour, second by Commissioner Stern. Upon discussion, President Obenauer indicated that Mr. Gafford is a veteran who has purchased a home in Hazen and has children. Mr. Gafford does not currently hold a commercial driver’s license but indicated a willingness to obtain one. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, “Aye”, Stern, “Aye”, Haack, “Aye”, Obenauer, “Aye”, motion carried.

Re-Schedule August 5, 2024, Regular Meeting: President Obenauer and Commissioner Haack will both be unavailable for the August 5th meeting. The commission determined the next regular meeting will be held at 5:30 PM CT on August 8th, 2024, in the commission room. This meeting will include approval of the city’s 2025 preliminary budget.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM CT. The next regular meeting of the commission is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 5:30 PM CT in the Commission Room of the Hazen City Hall.

Approved: _____
Jerry Obenauer, President

Attest: _____
Monte J. Erhardt, Auditor