

**Hazen City
Commission Regular
Meeting
September 16, 2024
Hazen City Hall**

Present: Commissioner Folkerts, Commissioner Haack, and Commissioner Stern.

Absent: President Obenauer and Commissioner Wiedrich.

Others Present: PW Director Brousseau, Attorney Kaffar, Editor Arens, Auditor Erhardt, Angela Meyer, Jill Domenichelli-Killian, and Myra Savelkoul.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM by Vice-President Haack.

Vice-President Haack led the Pledge of Allegiance and said the prayer.

Minutes: Commissioner Stern moved to suspend the reading and approve the minutes of the September 3rd 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: Auditor Erhardt presented the engineer's report. Informing the commission that work continues in Expedition Estates with the last information stating that street paving is expected to begin on September 23rd, pending weather conditions. Work on the alley improvements continues with expedited completion in October. Regarding the citywide meter replacement project, as of today there were roughly fifty (50) residences that had not received a new meter. The commissioner reviewed an application for payment from DSG. Commissioner Folkerts moved to approve pay application #2, as requested by Dakota Supply Group, in the amount of \$215,207.10, second by Commissioner Stern. On roll call vote: Folkerts, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Haack, "Aye", motion carried. The lift station control panel upgrades have been completed. The commission was reminded of the public meeting to be held on September 23rd at 5:30 PM regarding the sanitary sewer project and that bids for the project will be opened on September 26th at 2:30 PM. Regarding asphalt patching, this work will be completed before, or after, streets are paved in Expedition Estates. Commissioner Haack asked about patching along the valley gutters north of 10th Street and was advised that city staff had addressed some of these areas and they are not included in patching to be done by Quality Asphalt.

REQUEST OF CITIZENS

Local Permit-Raffle-HPS National Honor Society: Commissioner Folkerts moved to approve local permit #2024-17, as requested by the Hazen Public School National Honor Society to conduct 50/50 raffles on 9/20 and 10/4/2024 with proceeds to be for the benefit of the Alzheimer's Association,

second by Commissioner Stern. Motion unanimously approved.

REPORTS

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

Street/Cemetery: PW Director Brousseau informed the commission that staff is working to patch various potholes, remove damaged trees/limbs, and will be sweeping leaves as permitted. Vice-President Haack advised the board that he, and President Obenauer, were presented a questions about using recycled asphalt material in Expedition Estates and receiving a reduced price for the materials. It is estimated that approximately sixty (60) truckloads will be required for the project. Commissioner Folkerts said this will be from the city stockpile and when it is gone it is gone.

Commissioner Haack is opposed to the idea stating concerns on the materials not passing inspection tests and delaying the project further. Auditor Erhardt questioned if this meant that purchasing the product, at regular price, for the project was not an option and Commissioner Haack advised that he prefers the developer use gravel for the project. Attorney Kaffar said there may be some discussion of the city's role in the project if the material is used and doesn't meet specifications. No further action taken.

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

Police/Fire/Forestry: Commissioner Wiedrich absent. No report. Commissioner Haack asked about the purchase of holsters for the new duty weapons and the auditor advised that he had not seen any information on them being ordered but he would check and report the findings to the commission.

HCD: Myra Savelkoul, newly appointed director, reported that things are going well as she becomes familiar with the position. Ms. Savelkoul reported that she drove around town looking at business locations for future endeavors and that she will be attending the ND Economic Development Conference making connections. Ms. Savelkoul said one major issue for our area is workforce shortage and the challenges of local, or new, businesses in filling positions. President Obenauer indicated that the HCD board hired Myra Savelkoul as Mr. Langowski's replacement until such time as another suitable applicant presents themselves.

President: President Obenauer absent. No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Angela Meyer was present and, when asked, reported that business is good, and they hope to have a journeyman plumber moving into the city soon.

Approval of Bills: Commissioner Folkerts moved to approve the bills, as presented, second by Commissioner Stern. Pre-paid and bills approved for payment are as follows: Cenex, 2173.09; Chamber of Commerce, 150.00; Coal Country CHC, 220.00; Column Software PBC, 627.21; D&E Supply Co, 161.12; Dakota Supply Group, 215207.10; ND DEQ, 576.73; Donovan & Kaffar PLLP, 1200.00; Downtown Gas & Auto, 250.00; Fastenal, 295.85; Further, 3.25; Global Safety Network, 228.15; Hazen Motor Co, 1262.32; Hazen Welding, 309.50; Hirshfield's, 555.24; ITD, 33.30; J-S Sanitation, 268.00; Mercer Co Treasurer, 6643.35; MDU, 4485.91; ND Dept of Health, 50.00; ND One Call Inc, 58.70; Power Plan, 1628.28; Roughrider Electric Coop, 2832.76; SMC, 6718.91; Samantha Melberg, 192.96; Share Corp, 254.84; Stamps.com, 91.77; Starion Bond Service, 8051.25; Stein's Inc,

120.00; The Hub, 1665.93; Uniform Center, 119.98; West River Telecommunications, 952.51. On roll call vote: Folkerts, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Haack, "Aye", motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM CT. The next regular meeting of the commission is scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2024, at 5:30 PM CT in the Commission Room of the Hazen City Hall.

Approved: _____
Obenauer, President

Attest: _____ Jerry
Monte J. Erhardt, Auditor