

**Hazen City Commission  
Special Meeting  
October 30, 2017  
Hazen City Hall**

**Present:** President Obenauer, Commissioner Pillar, Commissioner Stern, and Commissioner Wolf.

**Absent:** Commissioner Haack

**Others Present:** Planner/Assessor Senger, Auditor Erhardt, Editor Arens, Greg McCarthy and Ken Link.

The meeting was called to order at 5:29 PM by President Obenauer.

**Agenda:** Commissioner Stern moved to approve the agenda, second by Commissioner Pillar. Motion unanimously carried.

**Public Hearing – Special Assessment 2016 Street Project:** The public hearing on approving the assessments, as approved by the special assessment committee, was opened at 5:30 PM. Auditor Erhardt informed the commission that no written appeals had been received. Ken Link was present and asked if there was any property, within the district, that was not assessed. Mr. McCarthy, Special Assessment Committee Chairman, indicated that the only property that was not assessed a benefit were some right-of-way ditches of the city. Mr. Link then stated that he could not find any reference to Burlington Northern/Santa Fe property assessed for the project. Mr. McCarthy and Assessor Senger indicated there were no parcels for property owned by the railroad. Mr. Link said the railroad pays tax, to the state, based on the miles of railroad property and these taxes are then sent to the county for distribution to the various taxing districts but it does not account for special assessments that are allowed for railroad property. The commission reviewed the map of the assessment district and it clearly includes railroad right-of-way and other land owned by the railroad. Commissioner Pillar asked if this is owned or leased property and Mr. Link stated the property was purchased and is privately held. Commissioner Stern suggested there may have been another citywide assessment, for the parking lot south of city hall, to review for special assessment information relating to railroad property.

Mr. McCarthy informed the commission that, since the committee met, an error was discovered relating to front footage reported on properties adjoining Expansion Drive. The correction for this error was made and two properties benefit, and assessment, was increased by \$3,387.36 and \$2,424.06 respectively with other properties benefit/assessment decreasing in a range of \$47 to \$238. Commissioner Pillar asked if there were specific requirements to notify these property owners and it was determined there are none but Auditor Erhardt will inform the property owners of the error and correction.

President Obenauer thanked Mr. McCarthy, Ms. Snyder and Mr. Rothe for their work in determining the benefit, and assessment, for the project.

Auditor Erhardt was asked to contact county officers to determine if a special meeting would be required to certify the assessment, and submit it, prior to the regular meeting of the commission on November 6, 2017.

The public hearing was closed at 5:46 PM CT. There being no further business, motion by Commissioner Pillar, second by Commissioner Stern to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 PM CT. Motion unanimously approved.

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

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