

**Hazen City Commission
Regular Meeting
February 3, 2020
Hazen City Hall**

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

Others Present: PW Director Brousseau, Attorney Donovan, Auditor Erhardt, Editor Arens, and Buster Langowski.

The meeting was called to order at 5:28 PM by President Obenauer.

President Obenauer led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Pillar said the prayer.

Minutes: Commissioner Wolf moved to suspend the reading and approve the minutes of the January 20th meeting, as presented, second by Commissioner Stern. Motion unanimously carried.

Agenda: Commissioner Pillar moved to approve the agenda, as presented, second by Commissioner Haack. Motion unanimously carried.

CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY & ENGINEER

Engineer's Report: The commission reviewed Task Order #7, relating to work to develop the annexation plats for the right-of-way to be included in the ND STREET program. Attorney Donovan asked for clarification and was advised that the work is complete, based on the January 20th motion. Commissioner Wolf moved to approve Task Order #7, Moore Engineering, for the annexation plat work, not to exceed \$4,500, second by Commissioner Haack. On roll call vote; Wolf, "Aye", Haack, "Aye", Pillar, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Obenauer, "Aye", motion carried.

The commission reviewed and discussed the annexation plats presented for the ND STREET fund application and discussed other areas that the city may wish to annex in the future. Commissioner Pillar moved to approve the annexation resolution, for the right-of-way areas, second by Commissioner Haack. On roll call vote; Pillar, "Aye", Haack, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Wolf, "Aye", Obenauer, "Aye", motion carried. An updated map of areas to consider for annexation, based on earlier discussions, will be made available for further discussion at the March 2nd meeting. There was discussion of including areas to include the golf course, property south of Highway 200 between the city and golf course, the creek oxbow, and areas south of the railroad tracks. There was further discussion on the benefits of annexing this property from the city's interest and the property owner's interest. Commissioner Stern commented that the north area of Elbowoods Drive was part of the corporate limits years before services were installed.

REQUEST OF CITIZENS

Local Permit-Raffle/50-50 - Hazen Wrestling Club: Commissioner Wolf moved to approve local permit 2020-03 as requested by the Hazen Wrestling Club, second by Commissioner Stern. The commission

was advised that the club may do an additional event in the fall to raise funds and they will advise the auditor's office of the dates. Motion unanimously carried.

REPORTS

Water/Sewer/Garbage: Commissioner Pillar asked for an update on delivery of the new garbage truck and was advised it is still anticipated to be delivered this month. President Obenauer asked about using Beulah's garbage truck and PW Director Brousseau advised that the city's truck is having mechanical issues with an exhaust leak and weak breaks. President Obenauer also said a new curb stop, and poly, pipe was installed at a residential location along Main Street.

Street/Cemetery: Commissioner Haack had nothing to report at this time. PW Director Brousseau informed the commission that staff is working along curb lines, and intersections, to remove ice so the water can flow to the storm sewers.

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

Police/Fire/Forestry: Commissioner Wolf had nothing to report, at this time.

HCD: Buster Langowski informed the commission that the annual meeting of Hazen Community Development was well attended and the information relating to Project Tundra was very informative.

President: President Obenauer informed the board that he gave a presentation to the 7th grade class and coal production, or the decrease, was a topic brought up by the students. President Obenauer said recent reports show coal production is down 8% and this is a trend the commission will have to keep an eye on.

CORRESPONDENCE

Representation Letter – Rath & Mehrer P.C.: The commission reviewed a letter of representation to Rath & Mehrer PC indicating the city has complied with accounting standards and there is no pending, or anticipated, litigation. Commissioner Pillar moved to direct the President & Auditor to sign the letter of representation, second by Commissioner Stern. Motion unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Sales Tax: The commission reviewed a preliminary draft of a resolution to continue the ½% sales tax for parks and recreation property improvements and equipment. The park board would like to put the question on the June Ballot. The resolution approved in 2013 will sunset in 2023 unless the tax is approved by the voters to continue. Commissioner Stern asked about the purpose of the sales tax and the fact that it was for the rehabilitation of the swimming pool and discussion related to the sales tax being removed when the loan was paid or ten-years, whichever was first. The resolution, as approved, in the 2013 special election only referred to the ten-year sunset. President Obenauer and Commissioner Wolf will be available to meet with park board representatives to discuss the matter in more detail before returning to the city commission for action.

Approval of Bills: Commissioner Haack moved to approve the bills, as presented, second by Commissioner Stern. President Obenauer had a question about the tire purchases from OK Tire and

PW Director Brousseau said the tires are re-capped tires from used city cores. Pre-paid and bills approved for payment are as follows: Stamps.com, 22.49; Heiman Fire Equipment, 583,714.00; Payroll, 186925.84; Bank of ND, 7560.00; BHG Inc, 608.69; Cardmember Service, 524.25; Chamber of Commerce, 450.00; CVB, 2533.68; Core & Main LP, 1651.56; Credit Bureau of Bismarck, 52.50; D&E Supply Co, 220.65; HCD, 10170.28; Hazen Hardware Inc, 84.99; Jensen Jewelry, 57.00; Kemper Construction Co, 315.00; Kenny Klein, 100.00; Krause's, 1367.97; M&A Heating, 518.83; Marc Corp, 300.19; Marco Technologies LLC, 393.54; Menards, 21.95; Moore Engineering Inc, 1000.00; ND Dept of Environmental Quality, 110.00; ND Clerk of Court Assoc, 100.00; NDSU Ext Pesticide, 100.00; Northern Safety Inc, 168.68; OK Tire Store, 490.22; Peggy Rahn, 52.50; Railroad Management Co III LLC, 258.95; Roughrider Electric Coop Inc, 55.00; Share Corp, 193.85; Sletten Excavating, 1250.45; SW Water Authority, 33923.46; Tammy Rahn, 86.61; Universal Premium Fleetcard, 2382.75; Verizon Wireless, 324.22. On roll call vote; Haack, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Pillar, "Aye", Wolf, "Aye", Obenauer, "Aye", motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM CT. The next regular meeting of the commission is scheduled for Monday, February 17, 2020 at 5:30 PM CT in the Commission Room of the Hazen City Hall.

Approved: _____
Jerry Obenauer, President

Attest: _____
Monte J. Erhardt, Auditor