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Commission discusses more street concerns

(KNZA)--More concerns over the sales tax streets project in Hiawatha were discussed at Monday evening's City Commission meeting.

Engineer Jason Hoskinson with BG Consultants was present via Zoom to discuss concrete coring on Miami Street when Commissioner Brian Shefferd bought up the topic of rebar placement.

Shefferd said he had taken several pictures in the 100 block of North 7th Street that showed rebar resting on gravel beneath the concrete, rather than midway through the pour as specified. He said local resident Richard Tesoriero had also taken similar pictures.

Hoskinson said he had not seen the pictures yet. Once he's had a chance to review them and discuss the matter with city staff, he will begin a dialogue with the contractor, AHRS Construction, if necessary.

Shefferd said he had also sent the pictures to AHRS, but had not received a reply.

If its determined the rebar was improperly placed, Hoskinson said it would likely mean tearing out and replacing the affected concrete.

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