

Concerns voiced about new streets in Hiawatha

**(KNZA)--A Hiawatha resident appeared before the City Commission Monday evening to voice his concerns about the large number of cracks that have developed in the new concrete streets that have been constructed the past two years.**

**Virgil Hallauer said he has been walking the new streets in his neighborhood, and that in one section of streets replaced in 2019, he found more than 70 cracks. He said in a section of three blocks from last year's work he found over 80 cracks. Hallauer said he doesn't think that two year old concrete should be cracking, and that in continuing to pay the contractor for the work, he feels like the city is losing its leverage.**

**Commissioner Brian Shefferd said he has heard complaints from other residents about the streets as well. Shefferd said that if a contractor had done similar work on a driveway, they would be redoing it.**

**Mayor Bill Collins said he's not happy about the streets either, but feels like the issues are being addressed. He asked each of the commissioners to take a look at the streets, as they all share the responsibility of representing the taxpayers.**

**Hiawatha voters in 2016 approved a half-cent sales tax increase to fund construction of the new streets.**

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