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Water Service Changes Proposed in Hiawatha

(KNZA)-- Hiawatha City Commissioners have agreed to several changes designed to encourage water customers to pay their bill before a shut off is ordered, and save the city on employee overtime costs.

City Administrator Mike Nichols Monday evening discussed the changes being recommended by city staff.

Water shutoffs, currently scheduled for 1 p.m. on the 20th of each month will be changed to the 21st at 8 a.m.

After hours reconnections will be eliminated except for weekends, holidays and after 5 p.m. on any business day preceding a holiday.

The fee for water service re-connections during business hours will be increased from \$15 to \$25, and cash or check only required for after hours re-connections.

In addition, the deposit for water services will be increased from \$75 to \$100. Nichols said the current deposit amount has been in place since 1992 and doesn't cover the average bill anymore.

The Commission is expected to take formal action on the changes at their October 6th meeting.

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