

Hiawatha doctor announces he will be leaving

(KNZA)--Longtime Hiawatha doctor and current mayor, Dr. Steffen Shamburg, has announced he will be ending his practice in the community next summer.

Shamburg made the announcement at Monday evening's City Commission meeting.

Shamburg says he will be moving to Wabaunsee County. "I own a property down at Lake Wabaunsee...that's always kind of been my little Zen spot, where I kind of imagine retiring to. As I knock on the door of 50, I realize that maybe I don't have to wait until I retire to move down there."

Shamburg told MSC News he will be starting a new practice in the Manhattan area.

He has practiced family medicine in Hiawatha about 18 years, moving to the community in 1999. "I've gotten to do everything I could possibly want to do in a medical practice. I have absolutely loved my time in Hiawatha. I love the Hiawatha Community Hospital, my patients, and my practice. Been a wonderful place to raise my kids."

Shamburg says he hopes to close his Hiawatha practice in mid-June and move in July. In the meantime, he says he will be continuing his duties as mayor and physician.

Shamburg has served as mayor since May 2015 and prior to that served as police commissioner.

His current term expires in January 2019. The position of mayor is up for election next November. The Commission will have to appoint someone to fill the remainder of Shamburg's term.

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