Longtime Hiawatha city dept head to retire (KNZA)--A longtime Hiawatha city department head is retiring.

The City Commission Monday evening accepted the resignation of Water and Lights Superintendent Rick Koenig, effective February 9th, 2018.

Koenig is retiring after around 44 years with the city.

Mayor Steffen Shamburg and Commissioners thanked Koenig for his service.

The Commission voted to advertise to fill his position.

Koenig is the second city staff member to announce their plans to retire next year.

City Clerk Vivian Constable announced last month she plans to retire in May when her position is up for re-appointment.

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