

Hiawatha street chip seal plan approved

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha City Commission has approved a 7-year plan for the chip sealing of city streets.

The Commission approved the plan Monday evening as presented by Streets Supervisor Nic Siebenmorgen.

The plan calls for the chip seal of 3.6 miles of city streets each year over the seven-year rotation.

The plan also includes a street reclamation portion. As part of the process, the city will utilize its asphalt zipper machine to grind the existing surface and put down a new surface in areas that need repair.

Art Vonderschmidt appeared before the Commission on behalf of the new high school trap shooting team to request to be able to use the city airport property for practice.

Vonderschmidt said they would like to use the property until their spring season starts April 1st at the new Falls City shooting range.

Commissioners were open to the request and asked that a use agreement be drafted for consideration at their next meeting.

At the request of Police Chief John Defore, the Commission voted to rescind a conditional offer that was made at last week's meeting for an applicant for an additional full-time officer position and authorized the chief to re-open the application process.

In order to attract more applicants, Defore said he would like to see the city ordinance changed that requires officers live within 20 minutes of the city limits.

Commissioners directed Defore to bring something back at their next meeting for consideration.