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Plans Underway to Honor Officer

(KNZA)-- Plans are underway to honor a longtime Hiawatha police officer who died earlier this month.

During their regular meeting this week, the Hiawatha City Commission gave Police Chief John Defore approval to solicit donations for a plaque and flag pole honoring Michael Thompson.

The pole will be used to display a Kansas flag, which Commissioners previously agreed to have installed in a planter on the east side of City Hall. Commissioners felt it was a good fit considering Thompson's National Guard background.

Defore requested and was granted approval to advertise for the hiring of a full-time officer along with part-time officer. Applications will be taken until 5:00 the evening of February 1st.

The Commission also granted Defore approval to sign the title to the 1949 vintage police car over to the Brown County Historical Society. He says his department also intends to donate a period uniform to the Historical Society.

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