

City moves forward on demolition of 5 derelict structures

**(KNZA)--The city of Hiawatha is moving forward with the demolition of five derelict structures deemed as unsafe.**

**Following a public hearing, the Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening voted to have a resolution prepared for approval at their November 19 meeting ordering their removal.**

**The structures are located at 915 Miami, 709 Kickapoo, 508 South 7th, 112 Iowa and 800 Kickapoo Street.**

**The Police Department's code enforcement officer recommended that all five structures be demolished.**

**Karen Sweet, who recently took over ownership of the property at 800 Kickapoo, told the Commission she knows the house has a lot of problems but would like to bring it up to code.**

**While the Commission was sympathetic, they did not feel it was financial feasible to repair the house.**

**Mayor Bill Collins told Sweet he felt she would be pouring good money after bad.**

**Sweet was the only property owner to appear at the meeting.**