

Hiawatha walking trail to get lights

(KNZA)--Lights will be installed along the Hiawatha walking trail.

The Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening accepted the low bid submitted by Lightpoles Plus for the purchase of thirty-six lights at a total cost of \$13,356.

It was among three bids received.

In other business, the Commission accepted the lone bid received from Torrey Brothers Construction, of Wamego, to recoat the municipal pool at a cost of \$28,440.

The project, which is expected to take two weeks, will be done this fall after the pool closes for the season.

On the recommendation of Water Superintendent Brad Scott, the Commission voted to upgrade the city's meter reading system at a cost of \$9,884. It will include a new receiver with all accessories, a software upgrade and thirty-two meters with a new antennae that is able to read at a longer range.

Scott said they've been having various problems with the current reading system. In addition, he said he was told that as of January 1, 2020 they will no longer be able to read any new meter ordered from the city's supplier because the current system is becoming obsolete. However, Scott said the new meter reading receiver will be able to read all the city's old meters.

The Commission also accepted the low bid submitted by Aller's LLC for the demolition of a unsafe house located at 815 Shawnee Street in the amount of \$4,440. It was among two bids received.

The Hiawatha Foundation for Economic Development will reimburse the city for the cost of the demolition.

The house was severely damaged in a December fire.