Hiawatha street project progresses

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha sales tax street project is progressing.

Hiawatha City Administrator Mike Nichols provided an update to the City Commission Monday evening.

Nichols said the contractor, AHRS Construction, is pouring concrete in the 500 block of Miami Street and plan to be done in front of the elementary school a week before school begins.

Nichols said they've also started tearing out the existing road on 4th Street from Miami to Cheyenne, and plan on continuing to Green Court. August 5, or soon after, they will pour concrete.

After 4th Street is complete, AHRS plans to move back to Miami Street and continue west to the railroad tracks.

Meanwhile, Nichols said the contractor on the brick street restoration project in the 600 block of Utah plans to have the project completed by Friday, if not sooner.

At the request of Streets Superintendent Nic Siebenmorgen, the Commission approved a crack sealing project on Oregon Street from 1st Street to the railroad tracks at a cost of \$8,000. Plans are to do the project before fall.

On the recommendation of Police Chief John Defore, the Commission approved a 50 cent an hour pay raise for Officer Justin Keller and promotion and 50 cent hour pay increase for Officer Trevor Fee, effective August 10.

The Commission also approved an ordinance rezoning property located at 727 Iowa Street from a residential to industrial district to allow for the construction of storage units on the property.

The city Planning Commission had recommended approval of the zoning change.

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