

City waives utility bill late fees due to COVID-19

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening approved a resolution temporarily waiving fees for the late payment of utility bills to mitigate the economic effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

City Administrator Mike Nichols said other cities have taken similar action.

The resolution is effect as of the billing cycle due on April 10.

The Commission also approved a resolution temporarily closing the Hiawatha Municipal Court due to the pandemic. Court cases that had been scheduled for this month have already been postponed to June.

In addition, the Commission approved a resolution temporarily suspending public comment at the Commission meetings due to Governor Kelly's executive order prohibiting mass gatherings and " stay-at-home" order.

Monday's meeting was held by video conference and future meetings will be held by the same method until the orders are lifted.

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