

City to seek grant to restore clock tower building

(KNZA)--A grant will be sought for the restoration of Hiawatha's historic clock tower building, which currently houses City Hall and the Frances Sewell Plamann History Center.

City Code Enforcement and Building Inspector Dave Wilson informed the Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening that he plans to seek a Heritage Trust Fund grant through the Kansas Historical Society for the project.

Wilson said the grant application is due November 1st.

He requested permission to hire BG Consultants to prepare a scope-of-work document and cost estimate for the project at a cost not to exceed \$3,200, which the Commission approved.

In other business, the Commission voted to terminate the contract with Utility Services for maintenance and cleaning of the city's two water towers, and to seek bids for a new firm. City Water Superintendent Brad Scott said the city should be able to get someone else at a competitive price.

Interim City Administrator Larry Paine informed commissioners that a candidate for the open city administrator position will be visiting the city in two weeks. The city has been searching for someone to fill the position since the resignation of former City Administrator Mike Nichols in April.

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