

Commission to interview new city administrator candidate

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha City Commission will interview a new candidate for the city administrator position later this month.

Interim City Administrator Larry Paine informed the commission Monday evening that he has arranged for the candidate to visit Hiawatha on October 26.

The Commission agreed to hold a special meeting that evening to interview the candidate. The potential hire will also meet with department heads and be given a tour of the city during his visit.

The city has been searching for a new city administrator since the resignation of former city administrator Mike Nichols in April. Paine has been serving as interim administrator since that time.

On the recommendation of the Hiawatha Fire Department, the commission approved an application from John Merchant, Jr., as a new volunteer firefighter.

And Police Chief Mickey Gruber informed commissioners that Brian Guilliams has been hired as the new police department captain. Guilliams comes to the police department after working for a number of years with the Brown County Sheriff's Department—including recently as Undersheriff.

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