

Commission begins formation of housing rehab board

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening approved the appointment of four initial members to the city's housing rehabilitation advisory board.

In addition, the commission approved an ordinance removing the residency requirement for serving on the board.

Appointed to the board were Colton Oswald, Lonnie Moser, Heather Vernon and Kristy Morey.

City Administrator Becky Berger said the four members will constitute a quorum until the board is filled with a total of 7 members.

The commission approved the establishment of the board in April. The board will lead the city through the process of applying for Community Development Block grant funding to rehabilitate housing in the community, and will also assist the Commission in executing the city's housing initiatives.

In other business, Berger informed the Commission that the city's grant application for funding to assist with a duplex development project was denied. She said the city will collect feedback and apply for the next round of grant money.

Jeremy Umland appeared before Commission on behalf of Cub Scout Pack 117 to request use of the city lake for a fishing derby on September 9. The Commission granted approval, along with the use of a shelter house from 8:30 to noon.

Mayor Becky Shamburg presented city employee Rusty Joslin with a certificate in recognition of his 15 years of service to the city.

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