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Hiawatha to seek housing rehab grant

**(KNZA)--A hearing was held during Monday's Hiawatha City Commission meeting on plans to seek a \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant for a housing rehabilitation program in the city.**

**No public comments were received during the hearing.**

**Garrett Nordstrom, with Governmental Assistance Services, said the grant would allow for the rehab of ten homes and requires a 25 percent local match.**

**Nordstrom said he plans to submit the grant application to the Kansas Department of Commerce in March.**

**In other business, the Commission on a 3-2 vote approved a resolution for the creation of a reinvestment housing incentive district.**

**The district would include 34 acres of city-owned land, west of Bruning Park.**

**Developer Michael Webb, who is proposing a duplex development on a portion of the property, appeared at the meeting via Zoom. He said creation of the housing incentive district would provide funding for infrastructure improvements.**

**Commissioners Brian Shefferd and Tom Martin cast the dissenting votes. Shefferd said he was not willing to let the entire 34 acres go.**

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