

City to Take Over Flag Football Program

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha City Commission has approved having the city Recreation Department take over the local flag football program for 1st and 2nd graders.

City Parks and Recreation Director Stacy Jasper told the Commission Monday evening that she had been approached last week by youth football organizer Dan Simpson about the city taking over the program.

“It appears that we have everything necessary to take over that,” Jasper told Commissioners. “We have the appropriate insurance, we believe the income will surpass all the expenses needed. Hopefully, [we'll generate] an actual profit this first year. I'm really excited to be able to take over a youth sport so soon and then, with the hopes that that just kind of starts the ball rolling on some of the other organizations here in town.”

Jasper said Simpson has offered to help during the transition, and will continue helping with the football program for 3rd and 4th graders.

Following a hearing drawing no public comment, the Commission adopted a 2018 city budget of nearly \$7.5 million that contains no change in the property tax levy.

The budget calls for the city to collect nearly \$1.2 million in local taxes.

Mayor Steffen Shamburg called it a “ very effective and efficient budget.”

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