

City writes off more than \$15K in utility debt

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha City Commission has approved writing off more than \$15,000 in uncollectable utility debt and sending the remaining past due accounts totaling nearly \$17,000 to the Collections Bureau of Kansas for collection services.

The Commission took the action Monday evening on the recommendation of City Clerk Tish Sims.

Sims said they were not able to send some of the delinquent utility accounts to the Collections Bureau because they had no identification information, were over 10 years old and were less than \$25.

On the recommendation of Water Superintendent Brad Scott , the Commission approved wage increases for four water department employees ranging from 22 cents an hour to \$1.15 an hour and two promotions, effective November 2nd. Wages increases were approved for Rusty Joslin, Ryan Smith, Donnie Wooddell and Juan Weisel along with promotions for Joslin and Woodell.

Also on the recommendation of Scott, the Commission approved the hiring of Chad Goben for the position of water operator in training at a starting wage of \$13.50 an hour. Goben was among three candidates interviewed.

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