

Hiawatha fire chief appointment fails

**(KNZA)--The Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening approved appointments to city positions, except that of fire chief.**

**A request from the Hiawatha Fire Department to appoint Ryan Shockley as fire chief failed to receive approval due to the lack of a motion and died on the floor.**

**The Commission voted last November to remove Shockley as fire chief. No reason was publicly stated for the decision. Gene Atland was appointed as interim chief at that time.**

**Since then, several members of the fire department have appeared before the Commission asking that Shockley be reinstated.**

**Atland will continue as interim chief until a successor is appointed.**

**The Commission unanimously approved the re-appointments of John Defore as police chief; Andy Delaney as city attorney; Tish Sims as city clerk and Ted Collins as municipal judge.**

**Lacey Conlin was appointed as the new city treasurer. She was among two candidates considered. The position had been held by Pamela Tesoriero, who did not seek re-appointment.**

**The appointments are for two-year terms.**