

City must develop lead line inventory

(KNZA)--The city of Hiawatha must develop an inventory of all lead service lines in the community.

City Water and Light Supervisor Brad Scott informed the Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening about the EPA's new Lead and Copper Rule Revision.

Scott said the city will have to verify every single service line in town.

He said its not only the city's lead lines that must be inventoried but customers as well.

The inventory must be submitted to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment by October 16, 2024.

A certain percentage of the lead lines will have to be replaced each year.

According to KDHE, pipes that contain lead can become a potential health risk in drinking water.

In other business, the commission approved 10-year contract with Veolia for water tower maintenance. The company previously provided the service for the city. The cost for 2023 will be \$54,615, with a five percent annual increase.

The commission agreed to a 5-year agreement with the USD 415 Clay Target Team for use of the airport grounds.

The commission also approved the appointment of Laura Tollefson to a three-year term on the Land Bank Board of Trustees. The term is to expire December 31, 2025.

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