

Commission approves creation of Parks and Rec advisory board

(KNZA)-- The Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening approved an ordinance establishing a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

The board will make policy recommendations to the Commission regarding Parks and Recreation programs and initiatives.

Hiawatha voters in 2019 approved a quarter-cent sales tax for recreation.

City Administrator Becky Berger said the board will give residents an opportunity to be involved in the parks and recreation initiatives undertaken by the city.

The Board will consist of 7 members appointed by the Commission, with a least four members being residents of Hiawatha and at least one member being a resident of the surrounding community.

Berger said the board will meet at least quarterly, and more often if they choose.

The city will advertise the availability of the board positions and the applicants will be brought to the commission for approval at a future meeting.

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