

City agrees to help with ballfield project

(KNZA)--An improvement project is planned at a Hiawatha ball park.

Noel Boye, representing the Hiawatha Softball and Baseball Associations, meet with the City Commission Tuesday evening to request financial assistance with a project at Bruning Park.

Boye said the Associations want to replace the batting cage at the Park. He said they have the funds to purchase the cage itself but would like the city's help with funding for the concrete base.

Following discussion, the Commission voted to provide up to \$6,000 for the project.

Boye said they hope to add a second batting cage in the next couple of years.

In other business, Iowa Tribe Boys and Girls Club CEO Paul Mendez met with the Commission to request use of Bruning Park for a kids softball tournament planned for April 27-28 along with use of the concession stand.

Following discussion, the Commission granted their approval.

On the recommendation of Wastewater Superintendent Dave Grimm, the Commission accepted a bid from Nemaha Valley Motors, in Seneca, for a new 4X4 pickup truck for the sewer department in the amount of \$24,750 with trade. It was among two bids received.

On the recommendation of Police Chief John Defore, the Commission approved the purchase of a used 2016 Dodge Charger from the Brown County Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$21,500. The vehicle, which is completely outfitted, contains 74,000 miles.

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