

Interim Wathena Chief of Police appointed
(KNZA)--An interim chief of police has been appointed for the Doniphan County Community of Wathena.

The Wathena City Council at their October 21 meeting approved Mayor John Cluck's appointment of Officer Scott Hirtler to the position.

Hirtler began serving in the role Saturday. He will serve in the interim position until a new chief of police is hired.

Hirtler was hired as an officer with the Wathena Police Department several weeks ago and previously worked for the Doniphan County Sheriff's Department for 6 ½ years.

The Council at their October 21 meeting officially accepted the resignation of Chief of Police Jared Ratzlaff, who had held the position since May 2018.

Ratzlaff, who has been in law enforcement since 2004, is joining the Doniphan County Sheriff's Department.

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