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Commission hears request from Redhawk Trap Club

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha City Commission heard a request from the Hiawatha Redhawk Trap Club when they meet Monday evening.

Head Trap Club coach Art Vonderschmidt appeared before the Commission to request the use property at the old Hiawatha Airport to build an in-ground trap house.

Vonderschmidt said the Club currently has to utilize a facility in Falls City for practice and competition.

The spring of 2024 will mark the Club's 7th season.

Vonderschmidt said plans are to seek grant funding to help with the estimated \$10,000 cost for the trap house and the Club is not seeking any city funding.

Commissioners said they thought it was great idea but wanted to gathered more information before giving their approval.

In other business, the commission approved the reallocation of \$205,000 in ARPA funds from various city projects that are not able to be completed to the Aquatic Park.

City Parks and Recreation Director Stacy Jasper, along with Public Works Director Brad Scott, said they would like to utilizing the funding for several cosmetic and water feature upgrades at the Aquatic Park.

They said the focus is to make the Hiawatha Aquatic Park an attraction for not only the community, but those in the area.

The Commission also approved a storm drainage repair project on Chippewa Avenue at a cost of just over \$48,000. The project will include the installation of a drainage tube, an inlet box and concrete improvements. J & B Contractors will perform the concrete repairs. City crews wil clean out the drainage ditch and install the drainage tube.

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