

Commission approves agreement for budget help

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha City Commission has approved an agreement for professional guidance in preparing next year's city budget.

On the recommendation of Interim City Administrator Brad Scott, the Commission Monday evening approved an agreement with Michael Webb, a retired city manager from the city of Edwardsville.

Scott said Webb will help guide city staff through the 2025 budgeting process.

He will be paid \$100 per hour for the first 50 hours of his service, and \$150 an hour for every hour past 50 hours. In addition, Webb will be paid \$150 for each round trip, plus 67 cents a mile.

Scott said Webb believes he can do a lot of the work remotely.

In other business, local resident Sidney Mackey addressed the commission with his concerns about potholes in city streets, especially in the area of 7th and Delaware Streets, and asked that they be fixed. Mayor Becky Shamburg thanked Mackey for bringing it to the city's attention and said Scott would look into the issue.

Mayor Shamburg read a proclamation that proclaims April 26th as Arbor Day in the city of Hiawatha. She urged all residents to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

As part of the consent agenda, the commission approved the appointment of Pete Rosa to replace Jeff Moore on the Tree Board and re-appointment of Matt Sprick to the board. Both appointments are for three year terms

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