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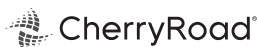
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COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Friday, April 3 >

- Senior Socials 1-4 p.m. at the Morrill Public Library. Games, snacks and friends for our senior citizens. Invite a friend!

Sunday, April 5 >

- Morrill Public Library is closed for Easter.

Monday, April 6 >

- Toddler Storytime at 10:30 a.m. at the Morrill Public Library, with Knitting Club at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7 >

- Quilters Club will meet at 2 p.m. at the Morrill Public Library, with After School is Cool - activities, crafts and snacks for students K-3rd from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

- Craig Foster from the Kansas Commission on Veteran Affairs will be available 1-3 p.m. in the Homer White

American Legion Post, 813 Oregon St., in Hiawatha. As Regional Representative, Foster comes to the area so Veterans, their families or survivors can learn about VA services and benefits and file paperwork, locally. No appointment is necessary.

Wednesday, April 8 >

- Wednesday Morning Book Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Morrill Public Library.

- Homestead of Hiawatha at 9:30 a.m. at Vintage Park, 400 Kansas Ave., Hiawatha.

- New Beginnings Weight Loss Group meets in the basement of Presbyterian Church at 7th and Kickapoo on Wednesdays at 3:30-4:30 p.m. for weight in, meeting 4:30-5:30 p.m. Come through alley door on south side. For questions, call 785-294-0923.

Thursday, April 9 >

- Preschool Storytime at 10:30 a.m. at the Morrill Public Library with Studio Thursdays - activities, crafts and snacks for third through eighth grade students from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

- The Tri-State Seniors Shindig will take place at the Bruning Barn at the Brown County Historical Society at 301 E. Iowa from 1-3:30 p.m. Live music will be performed by Virgil Wiltz and the gang, which includes classic country, old time rock 'n roll and specialty music for dancing and listening. Anyone over than 21 is welcome to come and the admission is free. Dances will now be monthly on the second Thursday of each month. The public can also find more information on the Tri-State Seniors Dances Facebook page. Readers can call Virgil Wiltz at 785-547-6553 for more information.

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trust in the city.

Citizen Ian Schuetz remarked that the responsible thing would have been to table the agreement, given there was no time for feedback. He said the city deserved to have a more proactive commission.

"We need you to be better than this," Schuetz said.

Brown County Commissioner of District 1 Richard Tesoriero also asked the city commission to slow down on the project and also gave his background about working with different LLCs, as there were several hazards involved. He said that the city needed to partner more with the contractors in Hiawatha and that without any kind of process, the project would fail.

Former City of Hiawatha commissioner Toni Hull argued that the housing project's rent would be too high, as it is aimed to be low-to-medium income housing. She asked why the city did not think about local people who needed housing and why the street lights and streets could not be fixed. Hull also argued that the developer could make money and sell the property to someone else and that Hiawatha would not benefit or received anything in return. Citizen Jim Ellis said that he used to be a mayor in a previous community he lived in and remarked that the city meeting agenda did not have any information about the project, which made it difficult for the public to look into.

Commissioner Brian Shefferd and other citizens commented

that a precedent was set where developers and projects could use money but nothing was given back to the community and there was an overall risk of failure. Commissioner Laura Tollefson asked if there was a way to rescind the agreement, with city attorney Andrew Delaney stating the city had a contractual obligations. After further discussion--including possible consequences of liability if the agreement was rescinded--Delaney said he would look into the matter further with City Administrator Brad Scott.

Below are other items that were discussed during the meeting:

- The city commission voted to approve appointing John Hoschouer and Micah Romines to fill the vacancies of the

Hiawatha Municipal Airport Board.

- The city commission approved of Hiawatha Police Department captain Brian Guilliams to serve as Interim Police Chief.

- The city commission approved a three-year lease for 10 acres of city-owned property to CNH Industrial America LLC for \$248.25 per acre for the total payment to the city of \$2,482.50.

- Ryan Meininger and Troy Kolb of the Hiawatha Baseball and Softball Association announced that the official ribbon cutting for the new softball field will take place on Monday, April 27. Meininger stated that the goal was to have the Hiawatha High School Lady Red Hawk softball team play on the field this Thursday, April 2.

County commission approve solid waste agreement with G.L. Keim LLC

KRIS MILLER
 Hiawatha World

The county commission approved a solid waste hauler agreement with G.L. Keim LLC, with additional fuel charges, during Tuesday afternoon's meeting.

The base price would be \$375 a trash load. After further discussion, it was agreed that a fuel surcharge could be added to the agreement.

Below are other items that were discussed during the meeting:

- First Christian Church Pastor and Hiawatha Lions Club member Ron Stair led a prayer at the beginning of the county meeting. During public comment, Stair spoke with the county commission about an environmental project for Earth Day.

- The commissioners voted for a Brown County Landfill policy that

involves closing down the landfill due to high winds.

- The commissioners also agreed to approve an internal property use agreement for the Brown County Extension Office for a 4-H meeting.



Scan this code to view the March 31 Brown County commission meeting.