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City moves forward on demolition of 5 derelict structures

(KNZA)--The city of Hiawatha is moving forward with the demolition of five derelict structures deemed as unsafe.

Following a public hearing, the Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening voted to have a resolution prepared for approval at their November 19 meeting ordering their removal.

The structures are located at 915 Miami, 709 Kickapoo, 508 South 7th, 112 Iowa and 800 Kickapoo Street.

The Police Department's code enforcement officer recommended that all five structures be demolished.

Karen Sweet, who recently took over ownership of the property at 800 Kickapoo, told the Commission she knows the house has a lot of problems but would like to bring it up to code.

While the Commission was sympathetic, they did not feel it was financial feasible to repair the house.

Mayor Bill Collins told Sweet he felt she would be pouring good money after bad.

Sweet was the only property owner to appear at the meeting.

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