Hiawatha Hometown Heroes program advances

(KNZA)--A program to recognize Hiawatha's Hometown Heroes takes a big step forward, with a bid approved for the purchase of banners for the program.

The Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening approved awarding the bid to Rileighs Outdoor Decor, of Bethlehem Pennsylvania.

The company will charge \$105 per banner plus a \$2 shipping charge per banner.

It was the lowest among three bids received.

Residents will be able to purchase a banner for display on a light pole recognizing a military veteran, past or present.

Local resident Katina Vonderschmidt proposed the program to the Commission last December, which commissioners gave the green light too.

In other business, the Commission awarded the bid for the purchase of snow plow for the street department truck to Knapheid Truck Equipment of Kansas City in the amount of \$8,726.

It was the lowest among two bids received.

Jerry Gifford appeared before the Commission to request the city fix an alley behind his rental property at 403 Delaware, which he says is in bad shape.

Mayor Bill Collins told Gifford the city doesn't maintain alley's, with residents responsible for maintaining them.

City Clerk Tish Sims read, and Mayor Collins signed, a proclamation declaring October 6-12 as National 4-H week. On hand were members of the Mount Zion Rustlers 4-H club.