

The Hiawatha History Commission met on July 7, 2025, at Hiawatha City Hall in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Council Conference Room with Pat Semelroth as Chair calling the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M. Members present: Pat Semelroth and Marilyn James. Chuck Graybell attended as a guest.

**Interview** – Pat Semelroth discussed that she would be reaching out Linda H. daughter of Jim Faas, to see if they'd be interested in an interview. Semelroth also discussed that she had meet Gary Clausen at the 75<sup>th</sup> bday celebration and has many stories that he'd like to share with the committee. Roger Miller had called and left a message with Jamie Fiedler and stated that his neighbor on Northwood Dr. moved to Hiawatha in 1947 and would be a very interesting interview.

**Business:**

Marilyn James moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried.

Marilyn James moved the approval of the May 9, 2025 minutes, seconded by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried.

**Financial Update**

The committee has a balance of \$4704.20.

**Evaluate the 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

James submitted a list of suggestions and ideas for the next time around. This list will be kept on the History Commission file. Semelroth stated that she thought the parade went well, appreciated that there was a "Sound Free" zone. She also stated that it would have been nice to have a band next time. Semelroth then thanked Fareway and the Big 10 Mart for all of their donations. She also requested reaching on to KCRG to see if we can get a copy of the Our Town segments. Semelroth also appreciated that the large banners over Center Point Road were still up.

**Recruit New Commission Members**

Semelroth said to be thinking of people that they could recruit to be on the commission. It was revealed that Chuck Graybell will be officially joining, after being approved by Council. He will be sworn in at the next meeting.

**Schedule for History Commission Banners**

Semelroth suggested talking to Liz Mathis about the schedule of the location for the banners. The committee will brainstorm additional places for the banners to visit as well.

**Meeting Dates for the Commission**

It was determined that the following will be the updated schedule for the commission meetings: August 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

Next meeting is August 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

James moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 am, seconded by Semelroth. Motion carried.

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Pat Semelroth, Chair