

The Hiawatha History Commission met on August 21, 2025, at Hiawatha City Hall in the 3rd Floor Council Conference Room with Pat Semelroth as Chair calling the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Members present: Pat Semelroth, Marilyn James and Chuck Graybell.

Swear in New Member – Chuck Graybell was sworn in as the newest member of the History Committee.

Interview – Interview with Charles Lingo was recorded and it on file.

Business:

Marilyn James moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Chuck Graybell. Motion carried.

Chuck Graybell moved the approval of the July 17, 2025 minutes, seconded by Marilyn James. Motion carried.

Financial Update

The committee has a balance of \$4,678.85.

Our Town Videos Available

Jamie Fiedler will reach out to KCRG News Director Adam Caros to see how to get copies of the Hiawatha Our Town segments from June.

Availability of Hiawatha T-Shirts

Semelroth checked with Kari Graber after the previous meeting and Kari is available and able to make more t-shirts. Last time the t-shirts were only made on a by order basis. Semelroth asked if they should consider running an ad in the Insights newsletter to see if there's interest. Graybell said to include a photo of what the design looks like and who to contact to submit an order. Semelroth stated that it could go into the October newsletter. James stated that she would look back to see what was run in the newsletter the last time. Graybell asked if \$20.00 would be a reasonable price to ask this time. Semelroth said that last time they were sold for \$15.00.

Recruit New Commission Members

Semelroth stated that she had spoke with a woman at the birthday party celebration that stated she would be interested in joined – Semelroth will reach out to her. Graybell asked if Tom Theis would be interested in joining. Semelroth suggested that Graybell reach out and ask Theis.

Jamie Fielder notified the committee that Ben Eby had stopped into City Hall wondering if the City or someone would be interested in sponsoring a veteran's memorial banner in honor of the veterans that didn't return home. Semelroth and Graybell suggested reaching out to the Linn County Legion and the Hiawatha Legion to see if they would have a list of names available.

Next meeting is September 11, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Graybell moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 am, seconded by James. Motion carried.