

The Hiawatha History Commission met on December 18, 2025, at Hiawatha City Hall in the 3rd Floor Council Conference Room with Pat Semelroth as Chair calling the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M. Members present: Pat Semelroth, Marilyn James, Chuck Graybill, Lynda Hembera and Janet Van Hoeck.

Interview – None.

Business:

James moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Hembera. Motion carried.

Van Hoeck moved the approval of the November 20, 2025 minutes, seconded by Graybill. Motion carried.

Goals for 2026

Semelroth asked the group to think about what they want to do for the upcoming year. She also asked if they would like to continue the small birthday celebrations. She went on to explain in past years; the commission would go around to the local businesses and ask for gift cards to be able to promote their businesses at the birthday celebrations. She asked the committee to brainstorm ideas for their next meeting.

Possible Interviews

Semelroth asked James to make a list of past interviews. Graybill suggested putting a call out in some form asking for the oldest resident to be interviewed.

January Meeting Date

Semelroth wouldn't be available for the regularly scheduled January meeting. It was decided by the group to just hold a work session meeting in January at a different date. January 23rd was decided. The February meeting would be held on the 19th at 9:00 a.m. It was also discussed possibly changing the meeting date to a different day of the week.

Next meeting is February 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Graybill moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m., seconded by Van Hoeck. Motion carried.

Pat Semelroth, Chair