

The Hiawatha City Council met in regular session in the Hiawatha Council Chambers on June 18, 2008. Mayor Tom Theis called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Present: Dick Olson, Marty Bruns, Nancy Melsa, Bob Rampulla and Linda Bendixen. Staff present: City Administrator, Dave Van Dee and Police Chief, Dennis Marks. Guests: Gazette Reporter, John Schweitzer; Jane Like; President of YMH-Torrence, Steve Gallagher and Dan Hoffman.

Nancy Melsa moved approval of the Agenda, second by Bob Rampulla. Motion carried.

Linda Bendixen moved approval of the following amended Consent Agenda items: bills presented; Finance Director's Report for May 2008; City Clerk's Reconciliation Report for May 2008; Department reports: Community Development, Police, Fire, Maintenance and Park & Recreation; approval of cigarette permits: Big 10 Mart, Casey's, Hawkeye Convenience Stores, Kwik Shop, Papa's Sports Bar, Quick Mart and Fareway; approval of refuse licenses: Waste Management, Wilson Rubbish, Rudd Sanitation, ABC Disposal, Johnston, BFI/Allied Waste, A-1 and 1-800-GOT-JUNK were removed from the consent agenda due to not receiving the necessary paperwork, second by Bob Rampulla. Motion carried.

Public Hearing – Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 69 Parking Regulations Section 08 No Parking Zones

Mayor Theis opened the public hearing at 7:02 P.M. to consider an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hiawatha, Iowa, 1996 by amending Chapter 69 Parking Regulations Section 08 No Parking Zones. No written or oral comments were received prior to or during the public hearing. Public hearing closed at 7:03 P.M.

Linda Bendixen placed Ordinance #618 on its first reading amending Chapter 69 Section 08 No Parking Zones to restrict parking on Nixon Drive, the west side, from Northwood Drive to Pirie Drive; Eleventh Avenue, on both sides from Bowler Street to Raney Street; Litchfield Drive and North Eighteenth Avenue intersection back 50 feet on all four sides of the intersection and Emmons Street and Eighteenth Avenue intersection back 50 feet on all four sides of the intersection, second by Nancy Melsa. Motion carried.

Bob Rampulla moved to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance #618 amending Chapter 69 Section 08 No Parking Zones, second by Linda Bendixen.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Dick Olson, Marty Bruns, Bob Rampulla, Linda Bendixen, Nancy Melsa

NAYS: None

Marty Bruns moved the adoption of **Chapter 69.08 No Parking Zones**, second by Bob Rampulla.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA, 1996, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 69 PARKING REGULATIONS SECTION 08 NO PARKING ZONES

Roll call vote:

AYES: Linda Bendixen, Nancy Melsa, Marty Bruns, Dick Olson, Bob Rampulla

NAYS: None

Ordinance #618 adopted.

Pay Plan FY 08-09

Marty Bruns presented RESOLUTION #08-102 amending the City of Hiawatha, Linn County, Iowa, Exemptions/Non-Union Employees FY 07-08 Pay Plan Wages, by adjusting for FY 08-09 wages and a 3.5% cost of living adjustment, effective July 1, 2008, second by Nancy Melsa.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Nancy Melsa, Dick Olson, Marty Bruns, Bob Rampulla

NAYS: Linda Bendixen

Resolution #08-102 adopted.

Wage/Salary Schedule for FY 08-09

Dick Olson presented RESOLUTION #08-103 approving wage/salary schedule for FY 08-09, rescinding and replacing RESOLUTION #07-116 with a said resolution that the following positions named shall be paid the base salary or wages indicated and the City Clerk is authorized to issue warrants, less legally required or authorized deductions from the amounts set out below and make such contributions to IPERS and social security or other purposes as authorized by the City Council or required by law beginning July 1, 2008, second by Marty Bruns.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Bob Rampulla, Nancy Melsa, Marty Bruns, Dick Olson, Linda Bendixen

NAYS: None

Resolution #08-103 adopted.

3-year Development Agreement with YMH – Torrance, Inc.

Steve Gallagher of YMH – Torrance, Inc. presented to the council, photos of the existing business and explained the plan for expansion and improvements. The rebate will be based on the increase in the assessed value as determined by the Linn County Assessor's Office for YMH – Torrance, Inc. which consists of the construction of a 9,100 square foot addition including a 2,400 square foot office expansion and a 6,700 square foot shop expansion.

Marty Bruns presented RESOLUTION #08-104 approving and authorizing execution of a 3-year Development Agreement for private redevelopment by and between the City of Hiawatha and YMH – Torrance, Inc., second by Linda Bendixen.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Dick Olson, Linda Bendixen, Bob Rampulla, Nancy Melsa, Marty Bruns

NAYS: None

Resolution #08-104 adopted.

Chapter 106 Resource Recovery & Refuse Disposal

Linda Bendixen moved to set July 2, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. as a public hearing to consider amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Hiawatha, Chapter 106 Resource Recovery & Refuse Disposal Section 01.27 Allowing for automated residential trash collection and Section 01.028 Rigid Container, second by Bob Rampulla. Motion carried.

Geothermal/Well Systems

Bob Rampulla moved to set July 16, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. as a public hearing to consider adding a Chapter to the Code of Ordinances, City of Hiawatha regarding Geothermal/Well Systems, second by Marty Bruns. Motion carried.

Chapter 57 Dangerous and Vicious Animals

Linda Bendixen moved to set July 2, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. as a public hearing to consider amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Hiawatha, Chapter 57 Dangerous Animals, second by Nancy Melsa. Motion carried.

Revocable Right-of-way Encroachment for St. Luke's at 1075, 1095 and 1097 North Center Point Rd.

The Council received a request from St. Luke's for an encroachment agreement to allow for installation of fiber optics in the city's right-of-way located at 1075, 1095 and 1097 North Center Point Road. In case of disturbance of pavement, sidewalk, driveway, ground or other surfacing St. Luke's shall at its own cost and expense replace and restore all disturbances. In the event of any utilities in the right-of-way need to be installed, repaired, maintained or reconstructed at St. Luke's agrees to relocate its fiber optics at its expense.

Marty Bruns presented RESOLUTION #08-105 granting a right-of-way (fiber optics) encroachment for St. Luke's at 1075, 1095 and 1097 North Center Point Road, second by Linda Bendixen.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Dick Olson, Nancy Melsa, Bob Rampulla, Marty Bruns, Linda Bendixen

NAYS: None

Resolution #08-105 adopted.

Citizen's Survey

Dick Olson presented RESOLUTION #08-106 directing staff to investigate and research citizen's survey to aid in the development of a Hiawatha Citizen's Survey, second by Marty Bruns.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Linda Bendixen, Nancy Melsa, Marty Bruns, Bob Rampulla, Dick Olson

NAYS: None

Resolution #08-106 adopted.

Chamber dollars and designating funds

Council prefers the use of the Chamber dollars be used for the potential purchase of a reader board sign to be placed within the City of Hiawatha.

Marty Bruns presented RESOLUTION #08-107 acknowledging Hiawatha Committee Chamber Dollars and request use of those funds, second by Nancy Melsa.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Dick Olson, Linda Bendixen, Nancy Melsa, Marty Bruns

NAYS: Bob Rampulla

Resolution #08-107 adopted.

Bio Swale for New City Hall Parking Lot

City Administrator, Dave Van Dee recommended Curtis Contracting for the fill material for the center island bio swale for the new city hall parking lot. Curtis Contracting is the sub-contractor who poured the concrete for the new city hall parking lot project and who currently holds the liability.

Linda Bendixen presented RESOLUTION #08-108 accepting the quote for bio swale for new city hall parking lot with Curtis Contracting in a cost not too exceed \$4,800.00, second by Bob Rampulla.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Dick Olson, Marty Bruns, Bob Rampulla, Nancy Melsa, Linda Bendixen

NAYS: None

Resolution #08-108 adopted.

Fencing along Emmons Street retaining wall for new city hall

City Administrator, Dave Van Dee recommended postponing the proceedings due to needing additional time to gather data referring to type of material, installation costs and related information.

Electronic Document Storage System

City Clerk, Kim Downs explained the current system and how it is all done by another company and how the new electronic document storage system would allow staff to implement and maintain in house for a cost not too exceed \$7,598.00.

Marty Bruns presented RESOLUTION #08-109 authorizing staff to proceed with the purchase and implementation of a permanent electronic document storage system with a cost not too exceed \$7,598.00 with Image Tek of Grimes, Iowa, second by Bob Rampulla.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Dick Olson, Nancy Melsa, Linda Bendixen, Marty Bruns, Bob Rampulla

NAYS: None

Resolution #08-109 adopted.

2006 City Hall Project

The Council received a request for Pay Estimate #18 for the 2006 City Hall Project for \$96,810.80 to Knutson Construction Services, of Iowa City, Iowa. Project Engineer, Gary Landhauser has reviewed the request and has recommended Pay Estimate #18 to Knutson Construction of Iowa City, Iowa.

Linda Bendixen presented RESOLUTION #08-110 approving Pay Estimate #18 for the 2006 City Hall Project in the amount of \$96,810.80 to Knutson Construction Services, of Iowa City, Iowa, second by Dick Olson.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Nancy Melsa, Linda Bendixen, Bob Rampulla, Marty Bruns, Dick Olson

NAYS: None

Resolution #08-110 adopted.

Hiawatha Police Department participation in Hiawatha Hog Wild Days Event – 2008

City Administrator, Dave Van Dee explained the importance of having council approval in a resolution in order to be covered by workman's compensation if an incident were to occur. The Hiawatha Lions Club pays the officers to provide services during the event. The Council supports and encourages all police officers to work/volunteer their services during Hog Wild Days to ensure the safety of our citizens and the visitors this event brings to Hiawatha.

Linda Bendixen presented RESOLUTION #08-111 acknowledging the need for police department services at the 2008 Hiawatha Hog Wild Days Event, second by Nancy Melsa.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Dick Olson, Linda Bendixen, Marty Bruns, Bob Rampulla, Nancy Melsa

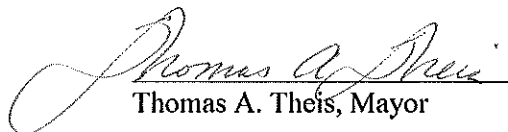
NAYS: None

Resolution #08-111 adopted.

Placement of items for next Agenda

Linda Bendixen suggested for discussion at an upcoming work session the following items: Pay Plan & Policy, Budget Amendment process and the No Smoking Ban.

Linda Bendixen moved to adjourn at 7:45 P.M., second by Bob Rampulla. Motion carried.


Thomas A. Theis, Mayor

ATTEST: Cindy Kudrna
Cindy Kudrna, Deputy City Clerk