

Hiawatha Fire Station #2 Coming 2024

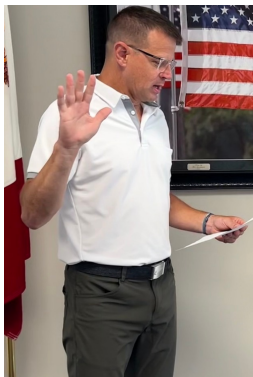


Over the past several months, City Staff and Fire Department members have been working with Solum and Lang Architects to finish designing and creating construction documents for Fire Station #2. The City has contracted with Miron Construction to be the Construction Manager at Risk for the project. After bidding, the city has agreed to a guaranteed maximum price of \$6,015,466 for the project. Funding for this project has been allocated for using Local Option Sales and Service (LOSST) revenues and previous General Obligations bonds. The station is being constructed at the intersection of Stamy Rd and Metzger Dr. On August 22nd the Mayor, City Council, City Staff, and Fire Station 2 Steering Committee members joined members of the Fire Department in a groundbreaking ceremony. The building is scheduled to be completed in Summer of 2024. This building will give the Fire Department much needed additional space for personnel, apparatus and training. With the northern growth of the city the new station will also increase the ability to provide fast and efficient services to the entire community. We are excited for this project to start and look forward to inviting you all to a ribbon cutting sometime summer of 2024.



COUNCIL UPDATE

On July 25, 2023, Council member Jeff Cater was sworn into office by City Clerk, Kari Graber. Cater will fill the vacated council seat of Dick Olson, who resigned in early July. Cater's term ends December 31, 2023.



About Jeff Cater

Jeff Cater is a 5-year Hiawatha resident. He is a servant leader who gives back to the community through volunteering with his local church. He is married to his wife Katie for 25-years. They have three children, all of whom are attending college at the University of Iowa. He looks forward to the opportunity to serve the resident's interests and give back to the community.



Hiawatha Fire Open House!

Thursday, September 21st
7:00-8:30 PM

Hiawatha Fire Station
60 10th Ave
Hiawatha, IA 52233



Are you interested in building your skillset and forming new friendships all while making a positive impact on the community? If so, we have an opportunity for you! Join us for our open house Thursday, September 21st

NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLAINTS

The City of Hiawatha tracks complaints in our online portal for permitting and code enforcement. In examining the list, most complaints deal with tall grass, garbage and sidewalk issues. In fact, more than 50% of the complaints deal specifically with sidewalks in the winter and tall grass in the summer. These are two maintenance issues easily seen from the right of way and two critical issues which affect our neighbors and our community as a whole.

For sidewalks it is a matter of public safety and convenience that we have and maintain sidewalks. The regular maintenance includes keeping the sidewalks clear of debris, snow and ice. When registering a complaint regarding snow please keep in mind, owners have to be given time to comply after a weather event. Many times this can be extended due to multiple successive storms.

Maintenance also includes repairing sidewalks which have deteriorated to a point of causing a trip hazard. The standards for sidewalks are found in Hiawatha ordinance 136 which delineates the defects classified as hazards including vertical separations, large gaps, holes and severe slopes. If the city receives notice of a trip hazard we verify the location, inspect for the hazard and request the property owner to take action. The correction process may take up to 90 days depending on severity and availability of resources.

Tall grass is defined as a nuisance when it exceeds 8 inches and includes more than just miscellaneous trimming. At the first tall grass violation on a given property the owner is given an opportunity to mow the lawn. Subsequent violations at the same property may allow the City to mow the lawn and assess the owner without giving additional notice. Complaints received for tall grass are addressed as resources are available.

If your neighbor has a sidewalk which needs to be shoveled or a lawn that needs to be mowed, being a good neighbor may include assisting your neighbor before making the complaint. Your actions help create a more beautiful Hiawatha in more ways than we know!

REMINDER: Posting a complaint violation on your neighbor is an option for addressing a nuisance. Complaints against your neighbor are a public record. The public information is limited to the location and the nature of the complaint. Complaints can be viewed at: <https://bit.ly/Citizenserve>



CITY TO CONSIDER PERMITTING BEES AND CHICKENS

Community Development is presenting changes to the Unified Development Code and associated ordinances related to the vision and goals in the updated Comprehensive Plan 2036: the allowance of urban agriculture inclusive of keeping chickens and bees as noted in ANR1.

CITY OF HIAWATHA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (amended March 15, 2023)

ANR1: Agriculture & Natural Resources Goal 1: Protect and enhance the natural settings unique to the character of the area in and around Hiawatha. Strategy: Incorporate the preservation of agricultural uses within the city to create sustainable and resilient community.

- *The City will encourage community gardens through appropriate Council policy.*
- *The City will use its zoning authority to allow limited agricultural uses such as bee keeping and housing chickens.*

Urban agriculture is becoming more popular in cities throughout the United States. "Municipal Zoning for Local Foods in Iowa" published by Iowa State University contains information as to how this relates to city regulations. Hiawatha receives one or two requests for chicken allowances each year. The impetus for consideration of these ordinance changes is twofold. The Hiawatha Comprehensive plan indicates this opportunity should be pursued and these changes will facilitate metro uniformity in the allowance of chickens and bees.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider these ordinance changes at their regular meeting on October 23rd at 5:30 PM at Hiawatha City Hall. The City Council will consider the ordinance and host a public hearing on November 1st at 5:30 PM at Hiawatha City Hall. The public is invited to give input at both meetings.

Additional information on urban agriculture along with the proposed ordinance changes can be found on our web site at <https://www.hiawatha-iowa.com/news/city-to-consider-permitting-bees-and-chickens/>



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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ACCEPTING GENTLY USED ITEMS

The Friends of the Hiawatha Public Library gratefully accept your gently used items to sell in their bookstore or at their special book sales. Their funds support library literacy programs. They work hard to offer good quality items at great prices for this cause.

Donations are accepted at any time during Hiawatha Public Library's regular business hours at the front desk. Be sure to check the calendar on Hiawatha Public Library's website at hiawathapubliclibrary.org for any upcoming book sale events or donation days hosted by the Friends. The Friends periodically host donation days where they are available to personally evaluate and accept donations.

The Friends accept gently-used books, magazines, and record albums that are in good condition and which others would want to purchase. They cannot accept more than two boxes at a time.

Before donating, please check the donation guidelines posted on the library's website or ask for a copy of the donation policy at the main desk.

For donations larger than two boxes, please contact: Tom Raley at 319-393-6833

Linn County Master Gardener Programs every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm in September

Tuesday, September 5: Culinary Herbs with Trilby Sedlacek and Paula Mitchell
Tuesday, September 12: Once upon a time... with Sylvia Street
Tuesday, September 19: Public Gardens of Iowa with Cindy Fagan
Tuesday, September 26: Spring Bulbs: Spectacular Signs of Spring! With Angel Burns



Hiawatha Public Library 150 W Willman St 319-393-1414

Fall Cleanup Schedule

October 23

**Yard Waste, Brush
& Leaves Collection**

**November 6
November 20**

**Leaves Only
Collection**

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September Calendar

- 03 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 04 City Hall Closed for Holiday
- 05 Tuesday Tales 10:00 AM
- 05 Linn County Master Gardener 6:30 PM
- 06 Mahjong 2:00 - 4:00 PM
- 06 Friendship Crochet Club 6:00-8:00 PM
- 07 Scrabble Club 1:00 - 4:00 PM
- 10 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 11 Preschool Story Time 10:00 AM
- 11 Scrabble Club 5:30 - 8:00 PM
- 11 Paws to Read 6:30 - 7:00 PM
- 12 Tuesday Tales 10:00 AM
- 12 Linn County Master Gardener 6:30 PM
- 13 Mahjong 2:00 - 4:00 PM
- 13 Friendship Crochet Club 6:00-8:00 PM
- 14 Scrabble Club 1:00 - 4:00 PM
- 14 Free Pound Fitness 6:00 PM
- 17 Mental Health Matters 5k 9:00 AM
- 17 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 18 Preschool Story Time 10:00 AM
- 19 Tuesday Tales 10:00 AM
- 19 Linn County Master Gardener 6:30 PM
- 20 Expressive Arts 10:00 - 10:45 AM
- 20 Mahjong 2:00 - 4:00 PM
- 20 Friendship Crochet Club 6:00-8:00 PM
- 21 Scrabble Club 1:00 - 4:00 PM
- 22 Family Formal 6:00 PM
- 24 Farmers Market 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 25 Preschool Story Time 10:00 AM
- 26 Tuesday Tales 10:00 AM
- 26 Linn County Master Gardener 6:30 PM
- 27 Mahjong 2:00 - 4:00 PM
- 27 Friendship Crochet Club 6:00-8:00 PM
- 28 Scrabble Club 1:00 - 4:00 PM
- 28 Doodlebugs 10:30 AM

THE GREAT HIAWATHA HISTORY MYSTERY



Can you name any of these youngsters? These are students at Center #4 School in 1947, which was located on N. Center Point Road and Stamy Road. A second building was moved onto the property to handle the extra students moving to the area. The current Hiawatha Elementary School was opened in the fall of 1958.

Call Marilyn James 319-721-7077



Answer to August Mystery:
The first police squad car was Fay Clark's personal car-- a late 1940's Packard.

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STAY UP TO DATE WITH PROJECTS AND DETOURS AT WWW.HIAWATHA-IOWA.COM UNDER THE "NEWS" SECTION

North Center Point Road Improvements - City staff recently completed improvements on North Center Point Road north of Boyson Road in the northbound lanes. Previously, the right turn lane stopped at Unity Point and then the curb line bumped out and a second right turn lane began for Dina Drive. Staff removed and replaced the east curb line from Boyson Road to Dina Dr to provide one continuous right turn lane. The reason for this change is mostly due to future improvements to the Boyson Road Interchange with I-380 in 2025-2026. The interchange project will provide two northbound left turn lanes from Boyson Road. Staff wanted to get ahead of these improvements by getting the second lane on North Center Point Road updated. This right turn lane will end at Dina Drive.



Blairs Ferry and 18th Ave Improvements - The city of Cedar Rapids has been working on the design of roadway improvements at the intersection of Blairs Ferry Road and 18th Ave for the past 1+ years. These improvements include a new road south of Blairs Ferry Rd to connect to a private Drive at the Fountains. The new roadway is called Accel Dr Ave. The reason for this extension is to eliminate the vehicle conflicts at the entrance to the Fountains just east of Edgewood Road. This project will include new traffic signals at the intersection of 18th Ave and will also include a new median from Edgewood Road to 18th Ave. This median will allow left turn movements only at Edgewood Road. Work on this project began in July and is expected to be completed in October, weather pending. Please use caution in this area throughout the construction timeline.

Streambank Stabilization- Hiawatha hired a consultant in 2022 to provide a Stream Assessment on all streams within the city limits. This included Turtle Creek, Dry Creek, Ushers Ferry and Clark Park. The purpose of the study was to look for ways to improve the health of the streams due to the loss of tree canopy from the Derecho storm even in 2020. The study reviewed the following: stream stability including the bed and banks; erosion issues; stream riparian corridor plant community and invasive plant species. This report provided valuable information to city staff on things to look for on an annual basis including erosion, invasive species, trash and debris and blockages. Staff will be working to plant willow or silky dogwood cuttings within the streambanks to help with erosion. In addition, where tree cover was drastically reduced by the Derecho, new trees will be planted each year to re-establish the canopy cover. These trees will likely be Seedlings planted with a tree tube. Recommended tree species include: White Oak, Swamp White Oak, Black Walnut, Cottonwood, Hackberry, River Birch, Boxelder and Silver Maple. One of the key recommendations provided to help with stream bank stabilization is to have residents and staff mow no closer than 50 feet to the top edge of the embankment. This will allow for the root system to penetrate deeper into the soil as it seeks moisture and therefore prevent erosion. We are asking homeowners adjacent to any stream to avoid mowing closer than 50 feet more than 1 or 2 times each year. If you notice any debris or blockages, please reach out to Public Works or the Engineering Department so that these areas can be addressed.

Railroad Quiet Zone- The railroad quiet zone at Emmons Street went into effect September 1, 2023. A railroad quiet zone is a designated area along a railway line where certain safety measures and enhancements are implemented to minimize the need for train horns at grade crossings. Quiet zone regulations do not eliminate the use of locomotive bells at crossings, a more appropriate description of a designated quiet zone would be a "reduced train horn area." Railroad quiet zones aim to strike a balance between ensuring safety and mitigating noise pollution.

Benefits of Railroad Quiet Zones

1. **Reduced Noise Pollution:** The most apparent benefit of railroad quiet zones is the reduction of noise pollution in communities adjacent to railway crossings.
2. **Enhanced Property Values:** Communities with well-established quiet zones often experience an increase in property values due to improved livability and reduced noise-related concerns.
3. **Aesthetic Improvement:** Quiet zones contribute to the aesthetic improvement of neighborhoods by fostering a sense of tranquility and enabling residents to enjoy outdoor spaces without the constant disruption of train horns.
4. **Safety Enhancement:** Safety measures are still in place to prevent accidents. These measures include additional signage, improved crossing designs, and enhanced warning systems.



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Mental Health Matters 5K

In memory of Jeff Vipond

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The Mental Health Matters 5K Run and Walk was created in an effort to decrease stigma around mental health challenges, encourage reaching out for help and honor those who have died by suicide. Because so many people struggle with suicidal thoughts and behaviors regardless of age, race, gender, or socioeconomic status, Foundation 2 Crisis Services supports all people, any time, every time! They have been providing support in the metro area for over 50 years. Their crisis support and suicide prevention services are available 24/7 at no cost. You can call the Foundation 2 Crisis Line at 319-362-2174 or text (855) 895-8398 To register for the Mental Health Matters 5K visit <https://bit.ly/MHM5K>

WATER BILL CHARGES

July 1st of every year, water commodity rates and storm water charges increase. With that, the Water Department wanted to provide our residential customers with the updated rates. The minimum water bill will increase by \$0.25 due to the yearly increase of the storm water charge. Water commodity rate, water used after the first 1,000 gallons, will increase by \$0.48. These numbers do not reflect irrigation or commercial water usage. And, sewer fees are based on the water charges. Sewer cost is 107% of the water charge.

Minimum Water Rate for the first 1000 gallons for water -	Water	\$9.08
Commodity rates do not affect the minimum water bill. Storm Water charges increased to \$4.75. The minimum water bill will be as follows:	Sewer	\$9.72
	Maint. Program	\$2.25
	Storm Sewer	\$4.75
	Tree Fee	\$2.00
	Tax (6% Excise)	\$.68
	Total Minimum:	\$28.48

Hiawatha!
2023 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

September 14
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Presented by **HEDCO**
Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation

Ogden & Adams
1480 Ketelsen Drive

UNDERSTANDING 28E AGREEMENTS: ENHANCING COOPERATION & COLLABORATION

In the state of Iowa, local governments often face the challenge of efficiently providing essential services and resources to their communities while also managing limited budgets and resources. To address these challenges and promote efficient governance, Iowa has implemented a unique mechanism known as the "28E Agreement."

Every community has its own unique challenges and opportunities. 28E agreements offer the flexibility needed to address these individual circumstances. Hiawatha has a number of 28E agreements with surrounding communities. The coalition of Hiawatha and these communities feeds regional growth. By utilizing the power of 28E agreements, Hiawatha and its neighbors can collectively attract investment, spur economic development, and create an environment where progress knows no boundaries.

One of the primary benefits of 28E agreements is cost savings. By sharing resources and responsibilities, Hiawatha and surrounding communities can pool their financial and human resources, making it possible to provide necessary services more efficiently.

28E agreements are flexible and adaptable to the specific needs of the participating entities. The agreements can be tailored to address unique challenges and opportunities faced by different communities, making them a versatile tool for fostering cooperation.

Collaboration through 28E agreements can lead to more efficient decision-making processes. Shared responsibilities and decision-making authority can help expedite the implementation of projects and initiatives.

Some examples of 28E agreements between Hiawatha and the surrounding communities are:



- Traffic Signal Maintenance
- Public Safety Software
- Fire and Emergency Medical Services
- Shared Road Maintenance
- Design Study Projects

The story of Hiawatha and its neighbors illustrates the transformative potential of collaboration. With 28E agreements as a guiding principle, these communities are crafting a future that is built on shared aspirations, combined resources, and mutual growth. As we witness the power of unity in action, we're reminded that the path to progress is often paved by working hand in hand.

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HIAWATHA COUNCIL ACTION

The Hiawatha City Council meeting minutes may be obtained online at www.hiawatha-iowa.com/government/city-council-documents/ or by request to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall at 319-393-1515 x526

July 19, 2023

Resolution #23-135

Sewer Waiver

Ordinance 994

Chapter 90 Water Service

Resolution #23-136 - #23-137

Robins Rd Water Main

Resolution #23-138

CDBG tree replacement program

Resolution #23-139

Fire Station No. II

Resolution #23-140

Traffic Study Improvement

Program Boyson Rd from

Hawkeye Dr to Robins Rd

Resolution #23-141 - #23-143

Sidewalk Maintenance

Collection

Resolution #23-144

Council Vacancy Appointment

August 2, 2023

Resolution #23-145

Sewer Waiver

Proclamation

Veterans 17th Annual

Five Seasons Stand

Down Day

Resolution #23-146

ARRO Senior Apartments

Resolution #23-147

Blairs Ferry Overlay over

I380

Resolution #23-148

MPDG Opportunity

Resolution #23-149

Setting Public Hearing

69.11 Snow Removal

Resolution #23-150 -

#23-151

Fire Station No. II

September Meeting Calendar

06 City Council 5:30 PM

11 History Commission 1:30 PM

11 Board of Adjustment 5:30 PM

12 Parks Commission 5:30 PM

12 Library Board 7:00 PM

19 Water Board 5:30 PM

20 City Council 5:30 PM

25 Planning and Zoning 5:30 PM



Running for office is an excellent way to make a difference in the community.

City of Hiawatha has the mayor and three council seats open for the 2023 election. Candidates must complete an Affidavit of Candidacy form and a Nomination Petition with no less than 25 signatures. Completed paperwork must be filed with the Linn County Election Services Department. Visit www.sos.iowa.gov to obtain the required documents to file for candidacy.

Important dates:

Last day to file nomination papers is September 21, 2023



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Fire Chief	Matt Powers	319-393-4180	mkpowers@hiawatha-iowa.com
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For more information about City of Hiawatha and its services, call 319-393-1515 or visit www.hiawatha-iowa.com

CITY COUNCIL | City of Hiawatha Regular Council Meetings are the first and third Wednesday of each month.



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