



**A SPECIAL ELECTION HAS BEEN SET TO FILL A HIAWATHA CITY COUNCIL SEAT ON MARCH 5, 2014**

Steve Dodson announced that he would be resigning from his role as a council member effective December 31, 2023 to accept the Hiawatha Mayoral position effective January 1, 2024. The special election will take place March 5, 2024, to fill the remainder of Dodson’s term which expires December 31, 2025.

**PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION TO BECOME A CANDIDATE:**

Applying for a political office is a big decision. Things to consider before you apply include but are not limited to the following:

- Research the office: what are the duties of the office, does it have requirements such as residency, how long does the term last, and how much time is involved when in the office?
- Talk to your family to decide if running for office is right for you.
- Do you have the time for attending functions, attending meetings, and talking to residents and the public?
- Are you involved in your community?
- Do you belong to civic and/or political organizations?

**How to run for City Council:**

Obtain & complete the City Candidate Packet at [www.hiawatha-iowa.com/news/special-election-march-5th/](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com/news/special-election-march-5th/)  
Once complete, file the City Candidate Packet with the Linn County Elections Office, located at 935 2nd Street SW in Cedar Rapids by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, February 9th.

**Other Important Dates**  
**Filing Deadline:** February 9, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.  
**Election Day:** Tuesday, March 5 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.  
**Early voting starts:** February 14th  
**Deadline to request and absentee ballot:** February 19th  
**Deadline to return absentee ballot to Linn County Election Services:** 8:00 P.M. on Friday, March 5th  
**Deadline for winning candidate to be sworn in:** March 22nd

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

City Council recently appointed and reappointed several citizens to their perspective boards and commissions. Board and commission members are an important part of City Government, and are an essential part of our City’s success. Serving on a board or commission enables residents to impact City policies and activities. Volunteering is one of the most effective methods of participating in municipal government and makes Hiawatha a better place to live, work and play. In addition, these members have the ability to empower the community, develop new skills, gain valuable experience, meet new people, stay active and make a positive contribution to their community. We thank the following people for their public service and look forward to working with each of them throughout their term of appointment.



**Appointments**

Dillon Feldmann  
Alison Robinson  
Brandon Lynch

**Re-appointments**

Cheri Monahan  
David Matthews  
Kevin Neef  
Mike Freeman  
Jeremy Rinkenberger  
Carl Ransford  
Michelle McIllece  
Charles Uthe  
Marilyn James

**Board or Commission**

Planning & Zoning  
Board of Adjustment  
Parks & Recreation

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Board of Adjustment  
Board of Appeals  
Board of Appeals  
Board of Appeals  
Water Board  
Parks & Recreation  
Parks & Recreation  
History Commission

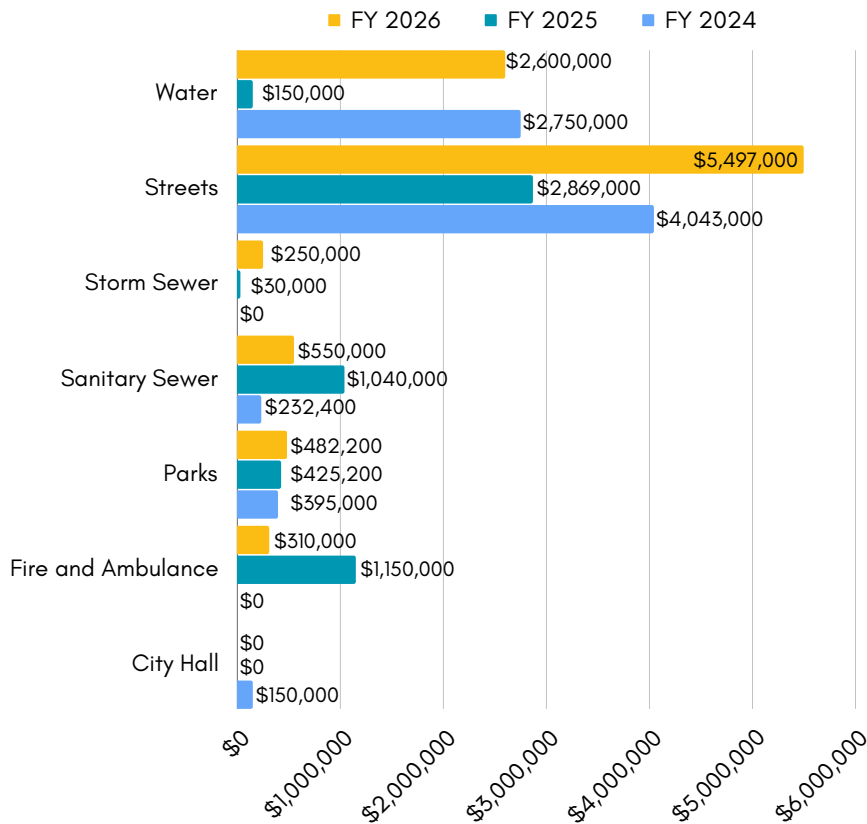
**Effective**

January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028  
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## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) FISCAL YEAR 2024-2026



The City of Hiawatha's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a five-year long-range plan identifying the city's infrastructure and improvement needs and priorities. The capital project planning is an ongoing process and is reviewed and updated annually. Once approved the CIP outlines the city's official commitment to funding these projects in the upcoming budget. The first year's projects are defined and a financing plan is put into place within the budget to fund those expenditures. Projects include, but are not limited to, street reconstruction, sanitary sewer improvements, storm water improvements, park upgrades and improvements, fire and ambulance vehicles and equipment, water improvements, engineering and consulting services and facility updates. Funding sources are also identified for the projects and can be from general obligation bonds, Tax increment financing, road use tax, enterprise funds, grants and local option sales tax funds. Pictured is a graph of the current CIP showing fiscal years 2024-2026, project type and estimated costs as approved by council on December 20, 2023.

### LIBRARY PARTNERS WITH KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR WORK STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Beginning in 2024, Hiawatha Public Library is partnering with Kirkwood Community College to provide Work-Study opportunities to Kirkwood students. We are excited to enter into this mutually beneficial partnership. Having the chance to engage with students, educate them about our library system, and allow them to gain work experience in public service is an opportunity we are thrilled to offer. These students will also be invaluable in helping us complete special library collection maintenance projects and assisting us with keeping up with the constant stream of materials that need to be put back on our shelves daily. We hope that this is the beginning of a longstanding partnership.



UNITED WAY OF EAST CENTRAL IOWA PRESENTS  
**BOLD**  
Board Orientation & Leadership Development

*Congrats Kari!*



- Ali Sauer - UWECI
- Angela Haker - UFG Insurance
- Ashlee Toal - BGHN Associates
- Beth Krie - Banklwa
- Brittany Barnhart - The Gazette
- Cymone Green - CRCSO - Washington HS
- Denine Rushing - Willis Dady
- Elyse Garlock - Junior League
- Emily Bettridge - Corridor Business Journal
- Eric Freese - Wired Production Group
- Jennifer Hamdorf - Ruffalo Noel Levitz
- Jessica Fergesen - CR Kernels
- Jill Lange - TrueNorth Companies
- Kari Graber - City of Hiawatha
- Kelli Albert - Community Volunteer
- Lisa Jordan - Foundation 2
- Mackenzie Carpe - Farmers State Bank
- Madison Ebel - Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust
- Megan Blair - TrueNorth Companies
- Mystic Henningsen - UWECI

Kari Graber, Hiawatha City Clerk, will participate in United Way of East Central Iowa's Board Orientation & Leadership Development (BOLD) program to learn more about board service and receive fundamental skills necessary to serve on boards, increase the diversity of boards and lead positive change in our community!  
Congratulations Kari and Cohort 2024!

- Nikki Goos - Tanager Place
- Rachel Griffin - BAE Systems
- Riley Bruns - Linn Area CU
- Rylee Collmann - F&M Bank
- Sara Kuennen - Informatics
- Talya Miller - The Housing Fellowship
- Tara Dumolien - Bankers Trust



## MEET the TEAM

Hiawatha!



Yaritza Rivas  
Programming Coordinator  
Library



Jennifer Zieser  
Circulation Clerk  
Library



Morgan Turner  
Programming Coordinator  
Library



Olivia Zwierzko  
Fire Medic  
Fire Department

## HEDCO NEWS



Chad Pelley (center) was awarded an appreciation plaque from HEDCO for his term as Chair of the HEDCO Board. Chad is a licensed civil engineer and in charge of development operations for Twenty40 Building Concepts. Chad will continue to serve as a valuable board member. Chad is pictured with Hiawatha City Manager, Dennis Marks and HEDCO Coordinator, Liz Mathis.

## HIAWATHA HISTORY COMMISSION

Show off your Hiawatha knowledge! What do you suppose is happening here on Robins Road? Call Marilyn James at 319-721-7077 with your guess!

### Answer to January's Mystery:

Hiawatha Hardware Store was owned by the Trachta family in the 1950's. It was situated at 105 Emmons Street which is the current location of the Hiawatha City Hall parking lot.



## The Power of Video Marketing

Join Hiawatha area businesses for a morning of networking and education! This informal gathering, hosted at a local business, provides attendees the opportunity to develop new contacts, enjoy a light breakfast and learn more about a topic of interest to Hiawatha businesses.

📍 FEBRUARY 27, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
📍 METRO STUDIOS: 1350 SHERMAN RD.

Hiawatha  
**BUSINESS**  
*Summit*  
**BOLD**

REGISTER NOW

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## VETERAN'S BANNERS AVAILABLE



The Military and Veteran Banner Program is intended to honor and show appreciation for Hiawatha's past and present military personnel and their families. Each banner will display the honoree's name, branch, and years of service along with the names of those honoring them.

### COST AND DEADLINE

Each banner costs \$125 which covers the purchase of the banner and installation for two years. The deadline to submit an application for a banner is March 4, 2024, or until availability runs out.

### QUALIFICATIONS

To purchase a banner, one of the following qualifications must be met:

- The honoree is an active-duty member of the United States Armed Forces
- The honoree is a retired or honorably discharged member of the United States Armed Forces who is living or has lived in Hiawatha, or who once resided in Hiawatha and is now deceased
- The applicant is a current resident or business based in Hiawatha

### TO ORDER

Download and print the form at [www.hiawatha-iowa.com/news/military-and-veteran-banner-program](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com/news/military-and-veteran-banner-program) Once completed, submit the form, a high-resolution photo, and payment by mail or in person at Hiawatha City Hall, 101 Emmons Street, Hiawatha, IA 52233. Questions? Give us a call at 319-393-1515.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT SOFTWARE UPGRADE

The fire department recently started the implementation of a new reporting software for incident reporting, training records, personnel management and inspection record keeping. The new software is more robust in reporting and data gathering than our previous software which will allow us to be compliant in reporting requirements to the State EMS Bureau. We will be able to take advantage of many technology upgrades, with the new software, such as being able to complete reporting in the field and being able to automatically integrate heart rhythms and vitals from our EKG, heart monitor, directly into the report. This will hopefully allow us to go to a paperless reporting process in the near future.

The ability to gather data will be increased. Having accurate and timely data allows the department to make sound decisions and allows us to evaluate the care provided by our responders which will improve patient care. The new software will improve the billing process for ambulance transports as the new program is the same software our third-party billing service uses. Additionally, the new software allows the fire department to combine several software subscriptions under one program which will be a cost savings and will aid in communication within the department. The fire department is excited for the new abilities of the software and the improved reporting it will bring.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH PROJECTS AND DETOURS AT  
[WWW.HIAWATHA-IOWA.COM](http://WWW.HIAWATHA-IOWA.COM) UNDER THE "LATEST NEWS" SECTION



### Fire Station No. 2

Fire Station No. 2 continues to make good progress. Over the past month, roofing materials were installed over the administrative office space allowing this area to be watertight; brick veneer on the north and west walls have been completed; mechanical and electrical work has begun; and structural steel for the apparatus bay is being erected. Over the next month, mechanical, electrical and plumbing work will continue with some drywall expected to be started. Work on the pre-engineered apparatus bay will continue as weather allows.

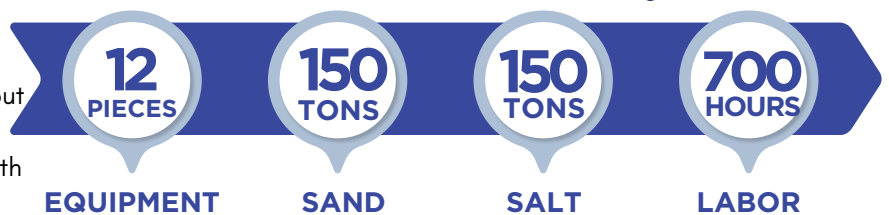
### 2024 Construction Projects

**12th Ave and Boyson Road Intersection Improvements** – This project entails the construction of a roundabout. The city has been working in coordination with the Iowa Department of Transportation on the connectivity to the new Boyson Road interchange project. The IDOT project consists of two new bridges and a new trail connecting to the trail system on both sides of the interstate. The configuration of the interchange will be very similar to Tower Terrace Road. The city recently hired Eastern Iowa Excavating and Concrete to construct this new roundabout. Prior to the main construction beginning in late March or early April when weather becomes favorable, residents and businesses can expect to see utility relocation work in progress. All construction work is expected to be completed by November 2024. The Boyson Road Interchange project is expected to begin in late fall 2024.

**Street Improvements** – This project is currently being developed. At this time, 11th Ave from Emmons St to Rainbow Blvd and 1st Ave from Blairs Ferry Rd to Willman St will include the following: New concrete curb and gutter as needed; cracking of the existing pavement; new asphalt overlay; and updates to existing curb ramps to meet ADA requirements. This project may expand if budgets allow.

Hiawatha received 8-12" of heavy snow on the evening of January 8th into January 9th. Winds picked up on the 9th causing reduced visibility and snow drifts. Another round of snowfall started on the night of January 11th lasting through January 12th, accumulating an additional 4-6" of powdery snow. On the 12th, wind gusts of 35 to 45 mph causing whiteout conditions. In addition to blizzard conditions, wind chills dropped the temperatures down to -30s to -40s by January 13th causing life-threatening danger with this winter storm.

## Blizzard of January 2024



# WE'RE HIRING

# JOIN OUR TEAM



## OPEN POSITIONS:

- SEASONAL PARK MAINTENANCE
- ADVENTURE CAMP STAFF
- INTERNSHIPS



APPLY AT [WWW.HIAWATHA-IOWA.COM](http://WWW.HIAWATHA-IOWA.COM)

## Hiawatha Summer Camp

8am - 4pm Mon - Fri

**SUMMER 2024**  
Cuthridge Park  
Green Pavilion  
Hiawatha, Iowa

**Session 1**  
June 10 - June 28  
\$375

**Session 2**  
July 8 - August 2  
\$475

**FUN & CREATIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**  
Outdoor Games, Exciting Speakers, New Friendships, Community Service Projects, Interactive Games & more!

[www.Hiawatha.Activityreg.com](http://www.Hiawatha.Activityreg.com)

## METRO KIWANIS Valentine's Day PANCAKE BREAKFAST

WITH OMELET BAR

**SATURDAY**  
FEBRUARY 10, 2024

**HIAWATHA COMMUNITY CENTER**  
101 EMMONS STREET

**8:00AM - 11:00AM**  
FREE WILL DONATION

HEART SHAPED PANCAKES,  
SAUSAGE, OMELET BAR,  
COFFEE, MILK, JUICE,  
KIDS CRAFT TABLE.

Funds raised help children in our community!

## RIDE TO WRIGLEY

Friday, June 14th Depart: 5:30 a.m.  
\$165 per person First Pitch: 1:20 p.m.  
Return: 11:00 p.m.

**CUBS VS Cardinals**

Register Here:

MARION Parks & Recreation Hiawatha!

## VOLUME 187

### February Calendar

- 01 Scrabble Club 1:00 PM
- 01 Mystery Book Club 2:00 PM
- 02 Souper Bowl Supper 5:00 PM
- 05 Preschool Storytime 10:00 AM
- 06 Tuesday Tales 10:00 AM
- 07 My Doctor My Friend 10:00 AM
- 07 Mahjong 2:00
- 08 Scrabble Club 1:00 PM
- 08 Pound Fitness 6:00 PM
- 10 Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM
- 10 Pied Piper Concert 9:00 AM
- 10 Storytime with AAMI 10:30 AM
- 12 Preschool Story Time 10:00 AM
- 12 Scrabble Club 5:30 PM
- 12 Paws to Read 6:30 PM
- 13 Music & Movement 10:00 AM
- 14 Expressive Arts 10:00 AM
- 14 Mahjong 2:00 PM
- 14 Tween Cupcake Decorating 4:00 PM
- 15 Scrabble Club 1:00 PM
- 15 Comic Book Club 7:00 PM
- 19 City Hall Closed
- 21 Mahjong 2:00
- 22 Scrabble Club 1:00 PM
- 23 Doodlebugs 10:30 AM
- 26 Preschool Story Time 10:00 AM
- 27 Tuesday Tales 10:00 AM
- 28 Mahjong 2:00 PM
- 29 Scrabble Club 1:00 PM

For additional information visit [www.Hiawatha-Iowa.com/calendar](http://www.Hiawatha-Iowa.com/calendar)

*a special story time*

### My Doctor, My Friend

Wednesday, February 7 at 10:00

Dr. Jorie Shire, a pediatrician at Physicians' Clinic of Iowa will share stories and talk about general health, eating, exercise, and the importance of regular checkups. Plus, she will surprise us with one of the tools of her trade!

ORCHESTRA Iowa Pied Piper

**February 10th**  
9:00 AM

Kids and caregivers, start off your morning with a Percussion Ensemble!

### VALENTINE'S DAY MUSIC & MOVEMENT

February 13th at 10:00 AM

Come to Hiawatha Public Library to celebrate Valentine's Day with songs, stories, and movement presented by Miss Carly from Orchestra Iowa School. Families are encouraged to attend and make music together.

*Doodlebugs*  
Preschool classes for your budding artist from the MUSEUM OF ART

February 23 at 10:30

### Sky-Scapes

What are those shapes in the clouds? What colors and textures do you see? There are so many amazing things to see, if you just look up!

The Mission of the Hiawatha Public Library is to strengthen the community and improve quality of life by providing resources and programs that foster the creation of young readers, serving as a central source of information about programs, services, community agencies and organizations and welcoming new immigrants and refugees

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## Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Programs & Events are open for registration!

Sign up today at [www.Hiawatha.activityreg.com](http://www.Hiawatha.activityreg.com)

Hiawatha! See better to a great place to live, work and play!

### Valentine's Day Cupcake Decorating for Tweens

Wednesday, February 14

4:00-4:30 PM

This program is for youth 9-12 years of age.

## Ukulele Group Lessons

March 21 - April 25

Hiawatha Community Center

Beginners Ukulele: 5:15pm - 6:15pm

Ukulele 2: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

\$105 6 weeks

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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/](http://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.

### December 20, 2023

#### **Resolution #23-224**

FY2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan

#### **Resolution #23-225**

Robins Rd - Boyson Rd to Clymer Rd Project

#### **Resolution #23-226**

Boyson Rd - Hawkeye Dr to Robins Rd Project

#### **Resolution #23-227 - #23-228**

12th Ave & Boyson Rd Intersection

#### **Resolution #23-229**

Fire Station No. 2 Project

#### **Resolution #23-230**

Ambulance Billing Services

#### **Resolution #23-231**

Splash Pad Maintenance

#### **Resolution #23-232**

Disabilities Act Compliance Amendment

#### **Resolution #23-233**

Official Newspaper

### January 3, 2024

#### **Resolution #24-001**

Council Member Resignation

#### **Resolution #24-002**

Special election to fill vacancy

#### **Resolution #24-003**

AirFX Soccer Field Agreement

#### **Resolution #24-004 - #24-005**

Community Development Block Grant

## February Meeting Calendar

07	City Council	5:30 PM
08	History Commission	1:30 PM
08	Board of Adjustment	5:30 PM
09	Parks Commission	5:30 PM
09	Library Board	7:00 PM
15	Planning and Zoning	5:30 PM
16	Water Board	5:30 PM
21	City Council	5:30 PM

## HIAWATHA DRINKING WATER

You may be aware of the concerns for per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water. PFAS are manufactured chemicals used in such products as non-stick cookware, stain resistance fabrics, water repellent clothing, and food packaging.

Hiawatha Water Department is also aware of these concerns and are committed to protecting the public's health. Staff samples the wells providing water and the water system to seek out and find unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) to stay ahead of potential health risks. The water Hiawatha provides meets federal and state standards for safety. For more information, go to the Helpful Links section on the Water page of Hiawatha's website: [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com).

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Parks & Recreation Director	Kelly Willadsen	319-393-1515 x251	kwilladsenehiawatha-iowa.com
Community Development Director	Patrick Parsley	319-393-1515 x229	pparsley@hiawatha-iowa.com
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Fire Chief	Matt Powers	319-393-4180	mkpowers@hiawatha-iowa.com
Library Director	Chris Stoner	319-393-1414	cstoner@hiawatha-iowa.com

For more information about City of Hiawatha and its services, call 319-393-1515 or visit [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://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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