

The Hiawatha City Council met in regular session in the Hiawatha Council Chambers on April 3, 2019. Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present: Dick Olson, Steve Dodson, Aime Wichtendahl, and Dennis Norton. Rob Archibald was absent. Staff present: City Attorney Mark Parmenter, City Administrator Kim Downs, Finance Director Cindy Kudrna, and Police Chief Dennis Marks. Guests: Daniel Hoffmann. Not all attendees signed in for the meeting.

Dodson moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Norton. Motion carried.

Wichtendahl moved the approval of the following consent agenda items: Approval of bills; Regular Meetings February 20, 2019 and March 6, 2019; Receive and File Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees: Parks and Recreation February 12, 2019; History Committee February 11, 2019; Water Board March 19, 2019; HEDCO January 10, 2019; Approval of renewal Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial), Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for El Kahir Shrine, 905 Tower Terrace Road, effective April 20, 2019; City Engineer's Report, Mayor's Report and City Administrator's Report, seconded by Dodson. Motion carried.

Report from Council Members/Mayor/City Administrator

Council Member Norton commented there was a decent turn out for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan meeting.

City Administrator Downs stated the Parks Master Plan has had almost 400 people respond to surveys, public input and committee meetings. Each comments, suggestion and recommendation were considered throughout the planning process. 50 people were in attendance at the most recent meeting that ends our master plan study.

Downs also gave an overview of the HB165 Property Tax Bill including a timeline of April 5, 2019 will be the last opportunity to get bills in. This bill would greatly affect our city's revenues and is a very significant bill overall in the future of Hiawatha services and strategic plan goals. Downs commented we shouldn't sit quietly and should get out and share/talk with our local legislators to be help them understand the effects if such a bill was passed.

Council Member Olson commented, "That citizens should do a petition, likelihood of it passing nobody knows and thinking about the impact on larger cities, can't imagine them going down without a fight."

Council Member Wichtendahl stated, "Lowering property taxes should go through city hall not through the state. This is an egeris overstep of Home Rule."

Approving an Engagement Agreement to disclose and memorialize the terms and conditions for services provided with Ahlers & Cooney (bond counsel) to the City of Hiawatha in connection with the issuance of General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2019

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #19-056 approving an Engagement Agreement to disclose and memorialize the terms and conditions for services provided with Ahlers and Cooney (bond counsel) to the City of Hiawatha in connection with the issuance of General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2019, seconded by Norton. Roll call vote: AYES: Dodson, Olson, Wichtendahl. Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Archibald. **RESOLUTION #19-056 adopted.**

\$2,515,000 (dollar amount subject to change) General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2019

Norton presented RESOLUTION #19-057 directing the advertisement for sale of \$2,515,000 (dollar amount subject to change) General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2019, and approving electronic bidding procedures and Official Statement, seconded by Olson. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Norton, Olson, Dodson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Archibald. **RESOLUTION #19-057 adopted.**

Approving the Purchasing Policy and Procedures

Dodson presented RESOLUTION #19-058 approving the purchasing policy and procedures for the following purpose of raising the department heads purchasing threshold, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Dodson, Norton, Wichtendahl. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Archibald. **RESOLUTION #19-058 adopted.**

Approving a natural gas sales agreement with WoodRiver Energy, LLC for a discounted rate of 5%

Olson presented RESOLUTION #19-059 approving a natural gas sales agreement with WoodRiver Energy, LLC for a discounted rate of 5%, seconded by Norton. Roll call vote: AYES: Norton, Wichtendahl, Dodson, Olson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Archibald. **RESOLUTION #19-059 adopted.**

Adopting the Linn County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2019

Norton presented RESOLUTION #19-060 adopting the Linn County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2019, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Dodson, Norton, Olson, Wichtendahl. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Archibald. **RESOLUTION #19-060 adopted.**

Setting a public hearing date (April 17, 2019 @ 5:30) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 157 Electrical Code by deleting §157.08 Receptacles in its entirety to align with the State mandate

Dodson presented RESOLUTION #19-061 setting a public hearing date (April 17, 2019 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 157 Electrical Code by deleting §157.08 Receptacles in its entirety to align with the State mandate, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Dodson, Wichtendahl, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Archibald. **RESOLUTION #19-061 adopted.**

Discussion/Possible Action Supplemental Design Standards and Specifications for Pole-Mounted Utility Facilities Within City Right-of-Way

Olson presented RESOLUTION #19-062 approve the Supplemental Design Standards and Specifications for Pole Mounted Utility Facilities within City Right of Way, seconded by Dodson. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Norton, Olson, Dodson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Archibald. **RESOLUTION #19-062 adopted.**

There being no further discussion, Wichtendahl moved to adjourn at 5:55 P.M., seconded by Norton. Motion carried.

Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kari Graber, City Clerk