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# Hiawatha Insights

## Mayor and Council Meet & Greet April 18, 2012



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.....invite you to a Meet & Greet of your Elected Officials  
on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 in the Hiawatha Council Chambers,  
on the upper floor of Hiawatha City Hall, 101 Emmons Street from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

## Spring Means Door-to-Door Solicitation

Spring is here and warmer weather brings solicitors to our community. A solicitor is any person engaged in peddling, soliciting or in the business as a transient merchant. Each person must complete an application in writing and file it with the City Clerk's Office ten days prior to the first day of any sale, offer for sale or solicitation is made.


The City will conduct a background check on each and every person applying for a license and application, additionally, all documents will be submitted to the Police Department for review and approval. Once the license is approved by the City Clerk and the Police Department, the peddler, solicitor or transient merchant is then able to start knocking on your door. Every person is required to carry their license and a Hiawatha Solicitor I.D. badge.

Solicitors may find unique ways to gain access to your home, such as offering a free grocery drawing or coupons for free service, giving solicitors the ability to call upon you at your home for the purpose of an in-home presentation or demonstration.

As a citizen living in Hiawatha, you have the ability to turn the solicitor away. However, if you decide to continue a conversation, you should ask the individual to see their identification if it is not in plain sight. Their Solicitor I.D. badge is evidence of compliance with all requirements of the City. The badge will display a photograph and the length of time the license is issued. If the individual is unable to display their badge, it is important you call the Police Department immediately at 319-393-1212.

All peddlers, solicitors, and transient merchants license time restrictions are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days a week.

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Kim Downs  
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## Finance Department Reports on Budget Levy Rate

The City of Hiawatha elected officials have made some hard decisions weighing the needs and benefits of projects and services against their associated costs. The tax rate will change from last year's rate of \$15.53 to \$15.15 per \$1,000 of assessed taxable valuation for the Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013. The tax levy rate went down \$.38 per thousand or 2.4% from last year. An owner of a home valued at \$100,000 will pay \$769.27 in taxes to the City of Hiawatha in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012.

The quality businesses that have located in Hiawatha continue to be a great asset to our community. In effect, residential property owners pay a lower percentage of total taxes as business development continues to occur. The overall result is a balanced tax base for the community.

Hiawatha has been able to keep our tax rates reasonably low and stable due to the diligent efforts of your Mayor and Council Members on economic development and fiscal matters. With their continued efforts, Hiawatha will continue to provide taxpayers the best cost-of-living value in the area.

## North East Iowa Regional League Appointment

City Clerk, Kim Downs, has been named Vice-President of the North East Iowa Regional League (NEIRL).

The NEIRL's purpose is to bring educational and vital information to provide for advancement of progressive, efficient and effective municipal government to the Northeast Iowa cities.

Downs has been an integral member in gathering communities together, giving them a place to voice their opinions, and networking to enhance learning opportunities.



## Hiawatha Public Library - One Year Anniversary of Self-check

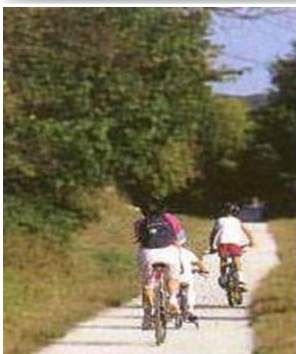
One year ago, the Hiawatha Public Library installed a self check machine to allow patrons the option of checking out their own materials.

Currently, 36% of all check outs are done on the self check. Many enjoy the convenience of being able to check out their own materials instead of waiting in line.

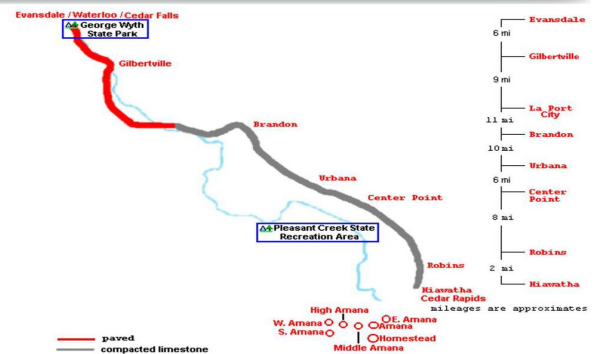
Several modifications have been made to the screen and software to make it more user friendly. Next time you stop in to the Hiawatha Public Library, give it a try!



## Cedar Valley Nature Trail



Grab your bikes, helmets, and water bottles and come enjoy the 52 mile Cedar Valley Nature Trail that connects Evansdale with Hiawatha, and runs through several small towns in between. The trail follows along an abandoned railroad right-of-way, which at one time was the old Waterloo, Cedar Falls, and Northern, an interurban railroad system established in the early 1900's. The trail is surfaced with asphalt from Evansdale to McFarlane Park, which is just 2 1/2 miles south of La Porte City. From the Park to Hiawatha, the trail is surfaced with compacted limestone. A campground is located in McFarlane Park, which is right next to the trail.



The Cedar Valley Nature Trail runs through wetlands, forested land, and farmland - an excellent place to spot wildlife, including deer, badgers, wild turkeys and song birds. You'll spot wildflowers, historical landmarks, archeological sites and two restored depots.

## Hiawatha Public Library - Jean Miller Retires

### Retirement Reception

Jean Miller will be retiring from the Hiawatha Public Library on April 30, 2012, after 13 years as the Children's Library Assistant. During her time as the Children's Library Assistant, Jean was known as the children's craft guru and the creator of beautiful bulletin boards in the children's area.

A retirement reception will be held at the Hiawatha Public Library on April 30, 2012 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Glenn Schminke Community Room. All are welcome to come.

Prior to working at Hiawatha, Jean worked for 7 1/2 years at Lake Region Community Library in Devil's Lake, ND. We will miss her creativity and smile, but we wish her the best in her retirement!



## Council Action

March 7, 2012

**Ordinance #720 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 99 Sewer Service Charges \$99.06 Lien for Nonpayment adding 1. Policies for Sanitary Sewer Utility Bill Write Offs and Delinquent Accounts and Other Charges.**

**Ordinance #721 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 101 Storm Water Drainage System \$101.05 Lien for Nonpayment adding 1. Procedures for Delinquent Accounts and Write Offs.**

**Ordinance #722 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 166 Sign Code amending §166.27.6.B.(4) adding Item (a) Pole signs on nonresidential properties zoned C-3 and C-4, amending §166.54 Definitions adding Murals, Sign and Sign, Non-Commercial and amending §166.17 Criteria for Sign types adding Item 10. Murals.**

**Ordinance #723 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 65 Stop or Yield Required amending §65.01 Stop Intersections adding the intersections of Metzger Dr and Hawkeye Dr and Commerce Dr and Metzger Dr.**

**Resolution 12-042 - Adopt proposed FY 2012-2013 Budget.**

**Resolution 12-043 - Approve Sanitary Sewer Utility Bill Write Off Policy and Delinquent Accounts and Other Charges Policy.**

**Resolution 12-044 - Approve Storm Water Utility Bill Write Off Policy and Delinquent Accounts and Other Charges Policy.**

**Resolution 12-045 - Fix Public Hearing date of (March 21, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 151 Trees §151.02 Planting Restrictions.**

**Resolution 12-046 - Fix Public Hearing date (March 21, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.) on proposal to enter into four year Development Agreement with TAT Investments, LLC for real property located at 1661 Boyson Square.**

**Resolution 12-047 - Direct sale and approving use of Electronic Bidding of \$2,855,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2012A.**

**Resolution 12-048 - Authorize Redemption of Outstanding General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2006, dated May 1, 2006.**

**Resolution 12-049 - Direct sale and approving use of Electronic Bidding of \$955,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes, Series 2012B.**

**Resolution 12-050 - Authorize Redemption of Outstanding Taxable General Obligation Capital Loan Note Anticipation Project Notes, Series 2010C, dated June 15, 2010.**

**Resolution 12-051 - Approve Community Center Non-Profit Yearly use and Non-Profit One-time use agreements and ball diamond/open space request approval processes.**

**Resolution 12-052 - Award contract for Street Sweeping Services to Kluesner Construction of Farley, Iowa, for an amount not to exceed \$88.85 per hour.**

**Resolution 12-053 - Award contract for Fire Alarm Monitoring, System Inspections, System maintenance and Alarm and Entry Alarm Service to Iowa Fire Protection of Hiawatha, Iowa, Annual inspection fee \$600 per facility, weekday rate \$100 per hour, OT rate \$150 per hour, Sunday/Holiday \$200 per hour.**

**Resolution 12-054 - Award contract for Fire Sprinkler Inspection, Maintenance and Repair to Streff Security of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Annual inspection fee \$4,104, weekday maintenance rate \$240 per location, Fire alarm inspection rate \$240 per location.**

**Resolution 12-055 - Authorize Fire Department to Proceed with solicitation of proposals for 2012, 4-Wheel Drive Chevrolet Tahoe Special Service Vehicle new Unit 282 to be used for primary command vehicle for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.**

**Resolution 12-056 - Authorize Fire Department to proceed with accepting Assistance to Firefighters Grant from Federal Emergency Management Agency and Department of Homeland Security in amount of \$25,126 for purpose of purchasing a washer/extractor and dryer systems for turnout gear.**

**Resolution 12-057 - Granting Council authorization for Police Department to purchase a 4th patrol bicycle, Cannondale Law Enforcement 2, for an amount not to exceed \$1,800.**

**Resolution 12-058 - Approve revised design plans for Phase B of N Center Point Rd Streetscape Project and authorize staff to proceed with Requests for Proposals.**

**Resolution 12-059 - Authorize ImOn Communications, LLC Right of Way permission to bury Fiber Optics Cable for Boyson Rd Access Ring.**

**Resolution 12-060 - Accept placement of street light at intersection of North 18th Ave and Progress Dr and approve monthly fee.**

**Resolution 12-061 - Accept placement of street light on Mitchell Dr and approve monthly fee.**

**Resolution 12-062 - Award contract for Repair Work of Extension of existing retaining wall on east side of N Center Point Rd, north of Kacena Rd in connection with N Center Point Rd Pavement Reconstruction from Stamy to Tower Terrace Rd P.C.C. Pavement, Trail, Sidewalk, Water Main and Storm Sewer Project to Hardscape Solutions of Marion, Iowa, for an amount not to exceed \$6,938.83.**

**Resolution 12-063 - Accept Linn County Secondary Road Department Utility Permit and Authorize Mayor to sign Permit for Hiawatha to operate and maintain water and sewer mains in Linn County jurisdiction in connection with Northwest Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Extension Project.**

**Resolution 12-064 - Accept State Energy Program Energy Retrofits Grant Award in amount of \$66,400.**

**Resolution 12-065 - Set Public Hearing date (April 7, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.) to consider approval of proposed plans, specs, form of contract, estimate of cost on file for N Center Point Rd LED Street Lighting Improvements Project.**

**Resolution 12-066 - Replace City's current Economic Development Policy Statement with Economic Development Policy Statement Goals, Policies, Criteria and Procedure updating procedures and restrictions.**

**Resolution 12-067 - Amend Economic Development Assistance Application.**

March 21, 2012

**Ordinance #724 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 151 Trees amending §151.02 Planting Restrictions adding (4) Exceptions for City designed, installed and maintained Streetscape Projects developed on roadways featured in the Design Guidelines and amending Appendix A Planting Guidelines and Suggested Tree Planting list to correspond with Chapter 151 provisions.**

**Resolution 12-068 - Approve and authorize execution of Development Agreement with TAT Investments, LLC for property located at 1661 Boyson Square within the Hiawatha Urban Renewal Area.**

## Council Action continued...

**Resolution 12-069 - Fix Public Hearing date of (April 4, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 63 Speed Regulations §63.12 Special 35 MPH Speed Zones deleting Item (6) and adding a new Item (6) Miller Rd from Blairs Ferry Rd to North City Limits and amending §63.13 Special 45 MPH Speed Zones deleting Item (4) Miller Rd from Progress Dr to North City Limits.**

**Resolution 12-070 - Authorize retirement of Police Department K-9 Dog Mod and accepting K-9 Handler purchase of Mod in the sum of \$1.00 upon retirement.**

**Resolution 12-071 - Authorize purchase of replacement K-9 Service Dog.**

**Resolution 12-072 - Award contract for purchase of Fire Department 2012, 4-Wheel Drive Chevrolet Tahoe Special Service Vehicle for primary command vehicle from Pat McGrath Chevyland, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for a purchase price not to exceed \$40,000.00.**

**Resolution 12-073 - Authorize staff to proceed with solicitation of proposals for a 2012, 4-Wheel Drive Crew Cab Pickup, replacement Unit 620 and proceed with sale of 2003 Chevy Silverado 1500 Truck, old Unit 620.**

**Resolution 12-074 - Approve Wage/Salary adjustments for Policy and Administration Department for additional responsibilities in absence of City Administrator.**

**Resolution 12-075 - Award contract to Dave Schmitt Construction Co. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for an amount not to exceed \$31,698.00, for 2012 Sanitary Sewer Repair Program.**

**Resolution 12-076 - Direct City Staff to maintain right-of-way areas for undeveloped lots including seasonal snow removal & mowing / trimming services in locations of Center Point Rd / North Center Point Rd from Blairs Ferry Rd to Tower Terrace Rd.**

**Resolution 12-077 - Approve Final Official Statement for \$2,855,000 General Obligation Notes, Series 2012A & \$955,000 Taxable General Obligation Notes, Series 2012B.**

**Resolution 12-078 - Appoint Paying Agent, Note Registrar & Transfer Agent, approve Paying Agent & Note Registrar & Transfer Agent Agreement and authorize execution of Agreement for \$2,855,000 General Obligation Notes, Series 2012A.**

**Resolution 12-079 - Approve and authorize form of Loan Agreement and authorize & provide for issuance of Capital Loan Notes and Levy tax to pay the Notes for the \$2,855,000 General Obligation Notes, Series 2012A.**

**Resolution 12-080 - Appoint Paying Agent, Note Registrar & Transfer Agent, approve Paying Agent & Note Registrar & Transfer Agent Agreement and authorize execution of Agreement for \$955,000 Taxable General Obligation Notes, Series 2012B.**

**Resolution 12-081 - Approve & authorize form of Loan Agreement and authorize & provide for issuance of Capital Loan Notes and levy tax to pay the Notes for \$955,000 Taxable General Obligation Notes, Series 2012 B.**

**Resolution 12-082 - Accept placement of 250 Watt Cobra Head Street Light on an existing light pole located closest to the vacant City property at 405 W Clark Street at no installation cost to the City & approve monthly fee.**

## Dance Clinic Recap

On Sunday, January 29, 2012, the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department partnered with the Kennedy High School Dance Squad to offer a 'Lil Cougar Dance Clinic. The clinic was offered for children ages pre-kindergarten to 5th grade from 1:00 - 2:30 P.M. in the Hiawatha Community Center. The children spent the first part of the afternoon learning a routine to perform at the end of the clinic for parents. All the dancers were provided with pom-poms, included in the \$15 registration fee. The children enjoy this annual event and always bring their smiles and spirit.

Thanks to the Kennedy Dance Squad, who did an excellent job facilitating, as well as performing their fight song for all in attendance.



## History Commission on Kauffman Hardware

In 1968, George and Mary Kauffman opened a much needed hardware store at 106 N Center Point Rd. The building still exists today, but has a gable roof instead of a flat roof. The second floor has three apartments. The property included two rental houses, one on either side of the driveway off Center Point Road.

The hardware store was a "life saver" for many people just building their first home in the 60's and 70's. If a problem or an emergency with home building or repairs occurred after store hours, George or his daughter, Rita, would open the store and help the person find the necessary tools or hardware they needed.

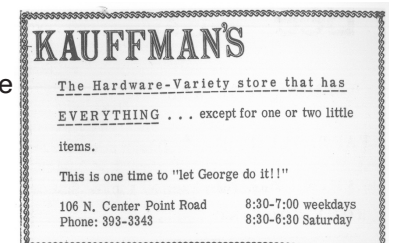
Around 1978-79 business fell off when Sutherland Lumber built on Blairs Ferry Road where Welters is now located. The Kauffman Hardware building and its contents were sold at auction.

In 1960, the Kauffman's lived on an acreage in a big farm house at 11 N Center Point Rd., where Wrightway Trailers is located now. The original address was R.R.#1 Marion, Iowa until Hiawatha annexed land north of town.

The Kauffman's had nine children; one child passed away in 1968. Most of them helped at the store at one time or another. They later moved to an acreage on County Home Rd., and lived there for several years, and recently moved to Cedar Rapids.

Still to this day, George would help a person in need with a smile on his face and a kind word.

Thank you, George.



 **APRIL 2012** 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Council 7pm	5	6 Holiday City Hall Closed	7 Easter Egg Hunt 9am Guthridge Park
8	9 History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 7pm	10 Activity Registration Day 5-6pm Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	11 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	12 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	13	14 Disc Golf Tournament Fay Clark Park
15	16	17 Water 6:30 pm	18 Council 7pm	19	20	21 City Wide Clean-up Guthridge Park 9:00 - 11:00 am
22 Farmers Market Begins 11-2 pm	23 Arbor Day Recognition Week	24	25 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	26 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	27 Arbor Day	28
29 Farmers Market 11-2 pm	30 Yard Waste Pickup Begins P&Z 6 pm				Visit our website: <a href="http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com">www.hiawatha-iowa.com</a>	

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		1	2 Council 7pm	3	4	5 City Wide Garage Sale
6 Farmers Market 11-2 pm	7 Amnesty Pickup Begins	8 Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	9 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	10 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	11	12
13 Farmers Market 11-2 pm	14 History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 7pm	15 Water 6:30 pm	16 Council 7pm	17	18	19
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27 Farmers Market 11-2 pm	28 Holiday City Hall Closed	29	30	31	Visit our website: <a href="http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com">www.hiawatha-iowa.com</a>	

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## L.E.D. Streetlights

After completing reconstruction of North Center Point Road, City Officials in Hiawatha, have initiated plans for Hiawatha's first Light Emitting Diode streetlight project. The overall scope of the reconstruction effort involves three roadway lanes, sidewalks, trails and streetlighting spanning approximately one mile. Plans include the purchase and installation of about twenty-five cobrahead LED streetlights.

"Initially we considered solar streetlights but eventually determined that it was not the most effective choice for our City. This is the first time our City will install LED streetlights, and we are anticipating significant energy cost savings," said Tom Theis, Mayor of Hiawatha. The project is partially funded by a \$66,400 award from the Iowa Office of Energy Independence Grant. The total project cost is estimated at \$282,000, according to Ken DeKeyser of Hall and Hall Engineering.



"We are not specifying a particular manufacturer or fixture, but we will identify performance based specifications and have a Buy American requirement due to the federal funding," said DeKeyser. Project plans and specifications have been issued with a bid scheduled for April 11, 2012.

## Local Option Sales & Service Update

Just over 14,000 Linn County Residents cast their vote in the March 6, 2012 Local Option Sales & Service Tax referendum on the proposed 10 year extension to the 1% local option sales tax.

Local option tax vote results by city:

Cedar Rapids	Yes	9,803	No	10,767
Fairfax	Yes	203	No	157
Hiawatha	Yes	468	No	477
Marion	Yes	2,632	No	2,345
Robins	Yes	339	No	278
Total	Yes	13,445	No	14,024



If the tax vote had been yes, the City's intentions were to provide up to 10% tax relief and provide for infrastructure improvements and other lawful purposes, etc.

Thank You for voting, whether you voted "yes" or "no", we appreciate the time you invested in gathering information to make an informed decision as you step up to the voting booth.

You may be asking yourself, "Can a Local Option Sales & Service Tax (L.O.S.S.T.) Election be called for again?"

Yes. If one or more jurisdictions in a county do not currently have the tax imposed or will not have the tax imposed at a point in the future, a Local Option Sales & Services Tax election can be called. The Code of Iowa does not mandate certain wait-time between elections. Therefore, another election can be called immediately for any eligible special election date. As with this past election, the City of Cedar Rapids, with its population of over 50% of the county, is the only jurisdiction that can call for the election. A peti-

## Happy Spring and Happy Mowing!

Time to dust off your lawn mowers, tune-it up and get ready for the mowing season. As you mow, please remember to direct grass clippings back towards your lawn and away from streets, drive-ways and sidewalks. Growing grass benefits from all the great nutrients found in lawn clippings. Clippings left on impervious surfaces are washed down the storm drain and into the closest creek or stream. Once there, nature works to decompose the grass clippings and while doing so, depletes the oxygen in the water, which fish and plants need to survive. Keeping grass clippings out of the street is a simple step we can all do to keep Iowa's waters clean and healthy.

It's also important to note that according to Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Section 50.02.10, "...said lot mowed so that grass and weeds are less than eight (8) inches in height."

