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To: Mayor and City Council

From: City Administrator, Kim Downs

Date: March 27, 2019

RE: Linn County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2019-2024

In my November report I mentioned our partnership with East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) to update the Linn County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The last time we visited a Hazard Mitigation Plan was in September 2014, when we updated to the 2014 Metro Area Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan encompasses all of Linn County.

The primary purpose of hazard mitigation planning is to identify how a community can minimize the negative impacts of natural, technological, and human caused hazards. This type of planning attempts to minimize death, injury, property damage, and community disruption. For Iowa and Linn County, recurring natural disasters such as windstorms, flooding, and ice storms have made local hazard mitigation planning an essential activity.

The secondary purpose of hazard mitigation planning is to maintain a local government's eligibility to apply for Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding, which includes the Pre-Disaster Mitigation, Flood Mitigation Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Upon approval of this plan, the county, cities, and school districts included in this plan are eligible to apply for Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding to complete their mitigation strategy. It is important to note, when a federal disaster declaration is issued in Iowa, the federal government awards the state Hazard Mitigation Grant.

ECICOG opened the draft Linn County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2019-2024 for public comment during the months of November and December. There were minimal changes to the draft document, none of which changed the regions' overall goals. At this time all jurisdictions are asked to approve the draft plan as submitted by ECICOG on our regions' behalf. The Linn County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan 2019-2024 will be in effect upon all jurisdictions' approval and after review by the State and FEMA.

Each jurisdiction is responsible for remaining aware of the jurisdictions' mitigation strategy and encouraging the completion of mitigation actions. In addition, staff will also be responsible for completing a periodic review, formal or informal. If an update for a specific jurisdiction is needed during the five year life of this plan, staff will initiate an amendment process with the planning consultant, which is the East Central Iowa Council of Governments.

If you would like to review the Linn County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan, it is available on the following website:
http://www.ecicog.org/uploads/2/6/9/0/26907680/linn_county_hazmit_2019_draft_-_web.pdf

RESOLUTION NO. 19-
City Council

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LINN COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2019

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has here to deemed it necessary and desirable to have a Hazard Mitigation Plan that identifies potential hazards and the actions that need to be taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risks to human life and property form those hazards for the citizens of the City of Hiawatha, and

WHEREAS, a Local Mitigation Plan, as defined in 44 CFR Section 201.6 is required for local jurisdictions that elect to participate in FEMA hazard mitigation programs as a sub applicant or subgrantee, and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2019 was funded by a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program planning grant, and

WHEREAS, the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) with the help of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee has prepared the hazard mitigation plan that will be placed on file in the Hiawatha City Hall for public inspection upon approval of the plan by FEMA, and

WHEREAS, the appropriate public hearings have now been held in accordance with published notice of the same as by law provided and public comments open, and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Emergency Management Coordinator has recommended approval of the same, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA that the above referenced Linn County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2019 be the same and is hereby approved.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of April, 2019.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kari Graber, City Clerk