The Hiawatha City Council met in regular session in the Hiawatha Council Chambers on March 21, 2018. Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present: Dick Olson, Denny Norton, Steve Dodson, and Aime Wichtendahl. Rob Archibald was absent. Staff present: Community Development Director Pat Parsley, City Administrator Kim Downs, Finance Director Cindy Kudrna, and Police Chief Dennis Marks. Guests: Daniel Hoffmann, Jeanette Shoop and Stephanie Muters.

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

Olson moved the approval of the following consent agenda items: Approval of bills; Finance Director's Report for February 2018; City Clerk's Report for February 2018; Department Reports: Community Development, Fire, Library, Parks and Recreation, Police, and Public Works, seconded by Dodson. Motion carried.

Citizen Input

Daniel Hoffmann of 1241 Rainbow Boulevard reported on storm spotter training; over 300 people attended and several of the individuals had not previous training.

Report from Council Members/Mayor/City Administrator

Council Member Norton stated he attended another crime stoppers meeting last night. There were 25 tip line calls focusing on narcotics. Norton added there is a good video on Facebook showing how to call in to report a tip.

Council Member Dodson said he attended the Water Board meeting where there was more water tower discussion. Dodson shared the Water Board took a tour of a ground storage tank in Marion and they were very impressed with it. Dodson said it appears the board is leaning toward a 1M gallon tank because it is more cost effective if there would be a need to expand down the road and the volume would be there for future development. Dodson said the board learned the tank does not have to be full all the time; the board will have more discussion on cost at the next meeting.

Dodson added the Water Department is looking to move forward with hiring another person to fill an open position by July. Dodson said the board adopted SUDAS standards.

City Administrator Downs mentioned the Fire Chief's report noted improvements to the city's ISO rating and this will have a positive effect on homeowners insurance at renewal. Downs added the Water Department had an excellent score and this is due to making improvements as needed. Downs said staff is thankful for Local Option Sales and Service Tax Dollars to help make these types of improvements.

Mayor Bennett said there have been several economic development projects and touring of sites; it is very valuable to show interested developers that Hiawatha has properties ready.

Mayor Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mayor Pro-Tem Wichtendahl read the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation calling upon all citizens to increase their participation in building caring connections with families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

Mayor Bennett signed and presented the proclamation to the Jeanette Shoop and Stephanie Muters on behalf of Linn County Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC) and Linn County Early Childhood Iowa.

PUBLIC HEARING – on the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Not to Exceed $1,225,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes – Instituting proceedings to take additional action

Mayor Bennett opened the public hearing on the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Not to Exceed $1,225,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes instituting proceedings to take additional action at 5:47 P.M.

No written or public comments were received at or prior to the public hearing. Public Hearing closed at 5:47 P.M.

Olson presented RESOLUTION #18-038 instituting proceedings to take additional action for the issuance of Not to Exceed $1,225,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, seconded by Dodson. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Norton, Olson, Dodson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Rob Archibald. RESOLUTION #18-038 adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING – on the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Not to Exceed $50,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes - Instituting proceedings to take additional action
Mayor Bennett opened the public hearing on the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Not to Exceed $50,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes instituting proceedings to take additional action at 5:49 P.M.

No written or public comments were received at or prior to the public hearing. Public Hearing closed at 5:49 P.M.

Norton presented RESOLUTION #18-039 instituting proceedings to take additional action for the issuance of Not to Exceed $50,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, seconded by Dodson. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Dodson, Wichtendahl, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Rob Archibald. RESOLUTION #18-039 adopted.

$2,475,000 (Dollar Amount Subject To Change) General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2018 - directing the advertisement for sale and approving electronic bidding procedures and Official Statement
Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #18-040 directing the advertisement for sale of $2,475,000 (Dollar Amount Subject To Change) General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2018 and approving electronic bidding procedures and official statement, seconded by Norton. Roll call vote: AYES: Dodson, Norton, Wichtendahl, Olson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Rob Archibald. RESOLUTION #18-040 adopted.

Re-setting a public hearing date (April 4, 2018 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider the FY 2019 Budget and directing publication of notice
Olson moved approval of re-setting a public hearing date (April 4, 2018 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider the FY 2019 Budget and directing publication of notice, seconded by Wichtendahl. Motion carried.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Program - setting a public hearing date (April 4, 2018 @ 5:30 P.M.) to provide notice of the CDBG "Proposed Project Activities"
Downs gave an overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Program as follows:

Program invests $24,999 in a home if the household income meets the low-income level; project includes improvements that make a home more efficient such as replacement of roofs, windows, sidewalks, carpet, and furnace, etc.

Residents who participate in this program can enter into a five-year forgivable loan if they require additional funding to make improvements to their home, and as long as the resident remains in their home, they would never have to pay the money back.

Council Member Olson added many homes in Hiawatha would qualify for this program. Olson suggested doing an article on the front page of the Hiawatha newsletter to let others know about this program if they want to apply.

Dodson presented RESOLUTION #18-041 setting a public hearing date (April 4, 2018 @ 5:30 P.M.) to provide notice of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Program "Proposed Project Activities," seconded by Norton. Roll call vote: AYES: Norton, Wichtendahl, Olson, Dodson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Rob Archibald. RESOLUTION #18-041 adopted.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Program - approving the CDBG Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Administrative Plan for Program Year 2018
Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #18-042 approving a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Administrative Plan for Program Year 2018, for the purpose of preserving and/or stabilizing the community's housing stock that is affordable to low and moderate income persons and to provide safe, decent and sanitary housing to the community's residents who do not have the financial means to make repairs to their own dwellings. The community also hopes to improve the general aesthetics and attractiveness of the community's housing stock and to assist in the promotion and attraction of economic and community development opportunities to the area. Six homeowners with properties located within the selected Target Area will be assisted through this program, seconded by Dodson. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Norton, Dodson, Wichtendahl. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Rob Archibald. RESOLUTION #18-042 adopted.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Program - authorizing staff to solicit Requests for Proposals for technical service for the proposed housing project

Norton presented RESOLUTION #18-043 approving a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Program authorizing staff to solicit Requests for Proposals for technical service for the proposed housing project, seconded by Olson. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Dodson, Olson, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Rob Archibald. RESOLUTION #18-043 adopted.

Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Cedar Rapids Toyota for the purchase of a Toyota Tacoma Truck in the amount of $1.00 for the Parks Department to use from April through October

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #18-044 authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Cedar Rapids Toyota for the purchase of a Toyota Tacoma Truck in the amount of $1.00 for the Parks Department to use from April through October, seconded by Dodson. Roll call vote: AYES: Dodson, Norton, Wichtendahl, Olson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Rob Archibald. RESOLUTION #18-044 adopted.

Bali Hai First Addition - approving Final Plat and Development Agreement

Olson presented RESOLUTION #18-045 approving the Final Plat and Development Agreement for Bali Hai First Addition," seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Olson, Norton, Dodson. NAYS: None. RESOLUTION #18-045 adopted.

Bali Hai First Addition - approving Plan of Improvements installation

Norton presented RESOLUTION #18-046 to grant permission for Contractor to proceed with installation of improvements in Bali Hai First Addition to the City of Hiawatha, Linn County, Iowa, seconded by Dodson. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Norton, Wichtendahl, Dodson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Rob Archibald. RESOLUTION #18-046 adopted.

Bali Hai First Addition - approving Concrete Street & Multi-Use Trail Pavement Petition and Assessment Agreement

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #18-047 approving a Concrete Street and Multi-Use Trail Pavement Petition and Assessment Agreement to waive improvements to Robins Road sidewalk in Bali Hai First Addition, seconded by Norton. Roll call vote: AYES: Dodson, Wichtendahl, Olson, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Rob Archibald. RESOLUTION #18-047 adopted.

There being no further discussion, Wichtendahl moved to adjourn at 6:02 P.M., seconded by Dodson. Motion carried.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk