The Hiawatha City Council met in regular session in the Hiawatha Council Chambers on July 5, 2017. Mayor Bill Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present: Bob Rampulla, Aime Wichtendahl, Marty Bruns, Dennis Norton and Dick Olson. Staff present: City Administrator Kim Downs, Finance Director Cindy Kudrna, Fire Chief Mike Nesslage, Public Works Superintendent Rod Jasa, City Engineer John Bender and Police Chief Dennis Marks. Guests: Daniel Hoffmann, Tom and Jenny Theis, Kenny Jones and Charlie Vogel of Dancer's Edge.

Rampulla moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Bruns. Motion carried.

Norton moved the approval of the following consent agenda items: Regular Meetings June 7, 2017 and Special Meeting June 21, 2017, Receive & File Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees: Board of Adjustment May 8, 2017, History Committee May 8, 2017 and June 12, 2017, Library Board May 9, 2017, Parks and Recreation June 13, 2017, Planning and Zoning April 24, 2017 and June 5, 2017, and Water Board June 18, 2017, Approval of Garbage Hauler Permit for Waste Management effective immediately, RESOLUTION #17-128 approving sewer waiver on second water meter for 1305 Boyson Loop, City Engineer's Report, Mayor's Report, and City Administrator's Report, seconded by Wichtendahl. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – on the proposal to enter into a Development Agreement with Edge Holdings, LLC and The Dancer's Edge L.L.C.

Mayor Bennett opened the public hearing on the proposal to enter into a Development Agreement with Edge Holdings, LLC and The Dancer's Edge L.L.C. at 5:32 P.M.

Charlie Vogel of Dancer's Edge spoke on behalf of the project and commended city staff for being great to work with. Vogel shared a rendering of the proposed expansion and said footing construction is under way. Vogel stated the building expansion will increase capacity space from five rooms to nine rooms. There are 850 students currently and with expansion, the future capacity will increase to 1,700.

There were no additional written or public comments received at or prior to the public hearing. Public Hearing closed at 5:34 P.M.

Bruns presented RESOLUTION #17-129 approving and authorizing execution of a five (5) year Development Agreement by & among the City of Hiawatha, Edge Holdings, LLC & The Dancer's Edge L.L.C., seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Rampulla, Norton, Wichtendahl, Olson, Bruns. NAYS: None. ***RESOLUTION #17-129 adopted.***

Mayor Veto to not move forward with the purchase of one (1) new Tandem Axle Truck Chassis, replacement Unit 500, and the purchase of one (1) new truck box, snow plow and Hi-lift tailgate for the Tandem Axle Truck Chassis, as approved by Resolution #17-113 and Resolution #17-114

Council Member Wichtendahl stated in her opinion it was not necessary to purchase a new plow truck as it would be cheaper to repair what needs to be repaired than to replace.

Council Member Bruns said there is a duty to the citizens to keep equipment up and running and in prime condition at a minimum cost.

Council Member Rampulla inquired if Wichtendahl read the memo submitted by staff. Wichtendahl said she did read the memo but in her opinion, some of the information hinges on hypotheticals and things that could happen. Wichtendahl continued to state the purchase of a new plow truck is spending money when it is not necessary.

Council Member Norton stated Public Works Director Jasa gave a thorough review with the justification on the purchase of the plow; City Council needs to move forward.

Council Member Rampulla said due diligence was done by staff and this whole issue centers around a lack of communication from all parties involved.

Mayor Bennett commented there are better things to spend money on at this time; there is more life in a plow truck with 40,000 miles on it. Bennett disputed the information provided in the memo that a tandem axle truck can haul more product; Hiawatha is a small town with the ability to get rid of product more quickly.

Mayor Bennett continued to state the veto was issued to slow down the process. Bennett disputed the new truck would plow any better. Bennett said he had Dan Wiley from Future Line Truck and Equipment go to the shop to look at the current plow truck and asked City Clerk Kornegor to read the correspondence received from Mr. Wiley. In the email received from Mr. Wiley on July 5, 2017, Wiley gives his opinion that the current plow truck has several years of service left and the expectation is for service and maintenance costs to be minimal when weighed against the cost of replacement.

Council Member Bruns stated the longer the city holds on to the equipment, the ability to get rid of the truck goes down immensely, therefore, Bruns argued the need to purchase the new truck

Council Member Rampulla added the Mayor had ample opportunity from March 1 to June 7 to sit down and discuss this matter with staff and other council members. Rampulla continued to state if the Mayor would have communicated in advance, everyone could have laid everything out.

Mayor Bennett said the reason he didn't address this matter at the June 7 meeting was due to his absence to attend another event. Rampulla noted the Mayor made the time to submit a letter in support of Lucky Penny so the Mayor could have also submitted a letter stating his position on the purchase of the new plow truck.

Council Member Olson commented this is a difference of opinion and it is time to move forward.

Bruns presented RESOLUTION #17-130 reinstating Resolution # 17-113 approving the purchase of one (1) 2018 International 7400 SFA 6X4 Tandem Truck Chassis, for the Public Works Department at a total cost not to exceed $86,650.00, from Thompson Truck and Trailer of Waterloo, Iowa, utilizing available funding through the FY2018 Equipment Reserve Fund & Reinstating Resolution # 17-114 approving the purchase of one (1) Multi-Purpose Truck Body, Snow Plow and Hi-Lift Tailgate, for the Public Works Department at a total cost not to exceed $83,327.00, from Henderson Manufacturing of Manchester, Iowa, utilizing available funding through the FY2018 Equipment Reserve Fund, in response to Mayor Veto received in the City Clerk's Office on June 9, 2017, seconded by Rampulla. Roll call vote: AYES: Bruns, Olson, Norton, Rampulla. NAYS: Wichtendahl. ***RESOLUTION #17-130 adopted.***

Approving the design of a new maintenance garage to the Hiawatha Design Guidelines for the property legally described as Bali Hai First Addition Lot 2 and addressed as 2111 Robins Road

Rampulla presented RESOLUTION #17-131 approving the design of a new maintenance garage to the Hiawatha Design Guidelines for the property legally described as Bali Hai First Addition Lot 2 & addressed as 2111 Robins Road, seconded by Olson. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Wichtendahl, Bruns, Norton, Rampulla. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION #17-131**

Amending Current Policies for the Hiawatha Ambulance Service - approving and adopting amended Financial Hardship Policy

Bruns presented RESOLUTION #17-132 approving & adopting amended Financial Hardship Policy, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Rampulla, Olson, Norton, Bruns. NAYS: None.
RESOLUTION #17-132 adopted.

Amending Current Policies for the Hiawatha Ambulance Service - approving and adopting amended Uncollectible Accounts Policy

Norton presented RESOLUTION #17-133 approving & adopting amended Uncollectible Accounts Policy, seconded by Ramulla. Roll call vote: AYES: Bruns, Olson, Wichtendahl, Rampulla, Norton. NAYS: None. ***RESOLUTION #17-133 adopted.***

There being no further discussion, Rampulla moved to adjourn at 5:45 P.M., seconded by Wichtendahl. Motion carried.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk