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Hiawatha!

Hiawatha Insights

Cedar Rapids Sculpture Gift

In March 2010, the Hiawatha City Council approved the request of the Cedar Rapids Council to hold their council meetings in our City council chambers due to the 2008 flood. The Cedar Rapids Council conducted their city council meetings for nearly 14 months free of charge in our facility and recently moved back downtown. On April 26, 2011 they were able to hold their first council meeting in their new City Hall, which had been the former Federal Courthouse building.

In working together, our two cities have been able to form new relationships and to collaborate meeting schedules that worked well for both our communities.

In appreciation of our efforts, the Cedar Rapids City Council proposed to donate a work of art in thanks to the City of Hiawatha.

The City of Cedar Rapids presented three (3) sculptures with a symbolic nature to the Hiawatha City Council at their April 20, 2011 Council meeting. The Hiawatha City Council graciously accepted their kind gesture by choosing the sculpture "Fly Again" which represents unity and people coming together to achieve a goal. The sculpture was created by Gail Chavenelle of Dubuque.

This sculpture is a stainless steel figure that stands 5 feet tall, at a cost of \$10,500, and will be placed in front of the glass wall of City Hall. Estimated installation date is scheduled for late November 2011.



Finance Dept Fiscal Year End

June 30, 2011 marks the end of the Fiscal Year of 2011 for the City of Hiawatha. Overall, we expended 94% of our budgeted estimate, which amounted to \$1,253,036.82 less than estimated. The revenues received were above what was estimated, at 101% which is \$208,903.99 over the budgeted amount. All department heads did a great job of holding their expenses to the budgeted amount or below this past year.

The General Fund, which consists of Police, Fire, Ambulance, Community Development, Library, Park and Recreation, Policy and Administration, City Hall, and Building/Grounds/Maintenance departments expended \$180,149.04 less than what was anticipated for the year, which totals 95% of the approved budget.

Needless to say, we had a very busy year with the ongoing projects including the Water and Sewer extensions in the newly annexed area, the drainage project in the Heritage Green area, pavement reconstruction and water main replacement on C Avenue and 3rd Avenue, along with other capital improvements throughout the city. The local option sales and service tax we received this year totaled \$916,326. With the additional revenue, we were able to make improvements throughout the City including updates to the interview room in the Police Department, a new brush truck for the Fire Department, the RFID system for the Library, mowing equipment and ball diamond improvements for the Park Department, seasonal decorations for North Center Point Road, and water and sewer improvements.



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Congratulations to Banacom Signs for 25 years of service to the Hiawatha Community.



Lions Hog Wild Recap



The Lions Club 2011 Hog Wild Days had excellent weather for the whole weekend. The event started with the crowning of Joseph Hartzler as Jr. Mr. Hiawatha, Sarah Hansen as Jr. Miss Hiawatha and Kim Martin as Favorite Grandmother. Winners of the 5K run on Saturday were Phil Young (16:05) and Erin Miller (16:50). The Lions Club of Hiawatha would like to thank all that came out to enjoy themselves and those that gave of their time, talents, or finances to help make this a fun event. The 29th annual Hog Wild Days is already being planned. Mark your calendar for June 21, 22, 23, & 24, 2012. See the Lions Club website of www.hogwilddays.com for up to date info as the dates get closer.



Legion Hog Wild Parade Article

The Hiawatha Legion Post #735 led the Hog Wild Days Parade again this year. As a group of veterans in this community, it is VERY heart-warming each year to see more and more of the people along the parade route not only standing but removing their hats and holding their right hand over their hearts. The veterans along the route also rendered a hand salute, which is now acceptable, and that alone makes it worthwhile.

The Hiawatha Legion Post #735 would also like to say THANKS to all who have signed up, as well as those who continue to support our Avenue Of Flags project. We would also like to remind the community that they don't have to wait to bring unservicable flags to Guthridge Park in the spring. We will be happy to collect them at any time. Just call the Post at 393-2377 or give them to any Legion member you know.

Again, Thank You from the Hiawatha Legion Post #735.



Fire Department Training

Of all the training sessions firefighters participate in, the ones that attract the most attention are the house burns that are conducted on old or abandoned homes. Once the fire takes off, the column of black smoke can be seen for miles, attracting spectators from all over the metro area to Hiawatha to see what is going on. For firefighters, by the time the house is actually lit to "burn down", they have already put in a lot of work, and training.

Experience is the best teacher. Except, in firefighting, learning while doing is extremely dangerous. Going into an unfamiliar house, looking for an unknown fire, that's been burning for an unknown amount of time is dangerous. It is not the place to be learning our trade. By using an existing structure, doing a little prep work, and setting "controlled" fires, we are able to expose our firefighters to real fire conditions, while controlling many of the risks associated with firefighting. While training with live fire is still dangerous, we have the benefit of knowing what kind of shape the structure is in, where the fire is, and what is burning. We can focus on learning and gaining the experience we need to do a good job for you.

Planning for live burns starts months in advance. Once an owner contacts us, we evaluate the house to see if it's suitable for training use. We have turned down buildings because they were too dilapidated for training or we felt we couldn't control the risk to surrounding structures adequately. The house must be tested and all asbestos removed. Firefighters donating their time prepare the building. They fix any hazards, such as holes in the floor, and prepare the house by adding layers of drywall, to prevent the fire from spreading too quickly. Finally, we are required to obtain permits from the DNR and County Air Quality Division.

Before we ever start burning, we practice other skills such as laddering, cutting holes, and forcing doors open. These are important skills that you can't perfect without practicing on the real thing. Next, we'll do smoke drills using theatrical smoke. In these drills, firefighters practice searching for victims and finding fires. Then, we start building larger fires inside the house. Crews will go in, find the fire, and extinguish it. We make this as realistic as possible while controlling the risk. We do this as long as the structure can support it, and the firefighters are able to safely function. After all, firefighting is extremely rigorous.

Finally, we'll set several large fires in a manner that will let the house burn quickly and efficiently. By this point, our training is finished, and we concentrate on controlling any remaining risk to neighboring buildings. By the end of the day, firefighters go home tired, but have gained valuable experience that allows them to be good firefighters. Without these opportunities, firefighters would learn and practice their trade in unrealistic settings, then have to perfect it in dangerous situations.

If you have questions about the Fire Department or it's training, contact Chief Mike Nesslage at (319) 393-4180.



PAETEC Groundbreaking & Mobile Demand Ribbon Cutting

On April 27, 2011 Mayor Tom Theis shared in the excitement of PAETEC's ground breaking ceremony of their new facility located at 1450 Center Point Road. PAETEC is a Fortune 1000 company that provides advanced communication solutions to businesses nationwide.



460 PAETEC employees are located within two buildings at 1 Martha's Way. Of the two, one will be vacated as employees move to the new facility. The second building, which is under lease for the next seven years, will serve as PAETEC's national Fiber Network Management Center.

The new facility consist of 40,000 square feet and includes 300 workstations, 21 offices, a state-of-the-art training area, and multiple conference and meeting rooms. The facility will utilize PAETEC fiber and will have an emergency generator for uninterrupted power supply backup. The target move date is December 2011.

Mayor Tom Theis recently attended a networking event recognizing Mobile Demand's expansion and new office located in the



Tec Center at 1501 Boyson Square Drive, Suite 101. Mobile Demand outpaced all its competitors in year-on-year growth in 2010 by nearly tripling revenue over 2009. Matt Miller, president of Mobile Demand, said 2010 was an amazing year. To address the company's rapid growth, Miller said Mobile Demand added several new positions last year and plans to hire additional staff this year. Mobile Demand's rugged tablet PCs now are used by mobile workers in virtually every industry including food and beverage distribution.

Hiawatha Police - Back To School Safety

School is beginning soon, all drivers are urged to "drive safe" and student pedestrians are urged to "be smart" and make safety a priority.

Here are some general safety tips:

1. Obey all traffic signals, signs and markings whether walking, bicycling, or driving.
2. The speed limit in Residential and School Zones is 25 miles per hour. You should drive with added caution where children are present.
3. Do not park or stop to unload children in no parking zones or on the roadway. Use the school's designated drop off and pickup zone. This will help cut down on the potential for accidents during periods of congestion.
4. Have your children enter and exit vehicles on the passenger side of the car and only in loading areas or next to the sidewalk when legally parked.
5. Remind your children to look in all directions before crossing the street.
6. Cross the street only in a marked crosswalk or at a corner, not mid-block.
7. When riding a bicycle, you should always wear a helmet. If riding on the street, you ride your bike with the flow of traffic.



The Hiawatha Police Department monitors specific areas near Hiawatha and Nixon Elementary schools and violators will be issued citations for unsafe driving.

Hiawatha Community Development Department



The Hiawatha Community Development Department strives to provide excellent customer service to the community. The main objectives of the Department include: ensuring that construction activity on residential and commercial projects comply with adopted building codes, ensuring rental properties comply with safety and maintenance requirements found in the Housing Code, and that residential and commercial properties within the City comply with adopted zoning ordinances. We also handle a variety of land development inquiries and services for planning, platting, subdivisions, zoning compliance, and development issues.

Services offered by this office include the following: plan review (building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical plans), acceptance and issuance of building permits, onsite inspections of residential and commercial construction, rental property inspections, zoning and violation investigations and zoning classification inquiries.

The Department acts as advisors to the City Council on building and zoning issues and is a representative to the Hiawatha Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment, License and Appeals Board, and Housing Inspection Board.

The Community Development Department strives to ensure the building requirements, code enforcement, zoning regulations, and development issues are handled in a fair and consistent manner. We look forward to assisting developers, contractors, owners and residents with their compliance to the City Codes and requirements. Staff for the Department consists of the Community Development Director, Assistant Building Official, Code Enforcement Inspector and an Administrative Assistant.

Council Action

July 6, 2011

Resolution 11-143 - Authorizing the History Commission to enter into an agreement with Metro Studios of Cedar Rapids proceeding with the production of 60 years of historical data on DVD.

Resolution 11-144 - Directing preparation of detailed plans and specs, form of contract and notice to bidders for the Stamy Road from north of Kacena Road to Tower Terrace Road Pavement Extension Project.

Resolution 11-145 - Approving one (1) temporary construction easement for the property referenced to/owned by TCC Investments, LLC., for the Stamy Road from north of Kacena Road to Tower Terrace Road Pavement Extension Project Special Assessment Process.

Resolution 11-146 - Approving one (1) temporary construction easement for the property referenced to/owned by Sherman Properties, LLC., for the Stamy Road from north of Kacena Road to Tower Terrace Road Pavement Extension Project Special Assessment Process.

Resolution 11-147 - Setting public hearing date (July 20, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.) to consider adopting and placing plans, specs, form of contract and estimate of cost on file and direct publication of notice to bidders for the Stamy Road from north of Kacena Road to Tower Terrace Road Pavement Extension Project Special Assessment Process.

Resolution 11-150 - Granting permission for the Developer to proceed with installation of "At the Developers Risk" improvements for the Kacena Road Extension between the existing east end of Kacena Road and Stamy Road project subject to conditions outlined by City Engineering being met as requested by Brain Engineering, Inc., on behalf of Sherman Properties LLC.

Resolution 11-151 - Authorizing the purchase and outfitting of one (1) Dodge Charger unmarked police package vehicle for the Investigator replacing the 1997 Toyota Camry at a total cost not to exceed \$31,000 from Stew Hansen's Dodge of Urbandale, Iowa.

Resolution 11-152 - Amending the employee voluntary ICMA Retirement Corporation 457 Governmental Deferred Compensation Plan & Trust to include the associated Roth amendment.

Resolution 11-153 - Authorizing the purchase of the Project Accounting module at a total cost not to exceed \$3,650 from Data Technologies, Inc., of Omaha, Nebraska.

Resolution 11-154 - Authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department to take part in an internship program with Mt. Mercy College beginning July 2011.

Resolution 11-155 - Approving the Implementation City Staff budget cuts to reduce the General Fund deficit spending in the FY-2012 Budget bringing the deficit General Fund balance of (\$16,481) to a positive balance of \$152.86.

Resolution 11-156 - Directing City Staff to freeze the FY-2013 General Fund Budget in an effort to prevent further deficit spending in the General Fund and bring the City back to a healthy financial condition for successful operation and future growth.

July 20, 2011

Ordinance 709 - Amending Code of Ordinance Chapter 3 Boundaries §3.02 Voting Precincts to rearrange districts and add a third precinct.

Ordinance 710 - Amending Code of Ordinance Chapter 63 Speed Regulations §63.12 (3) Special 35 MPH Speed Zones adding speed regulations for North Center Point Road from Emmons Street to north of City Limits and amending §63.16 (1) Special 40 MPH Speed Zones deleting North Center Point Road from 300 feet north of Kacena Road to north City Limits.

Resolution 11-157 - Authorizing staff to proceed with the solicitation of proposals for the replacement of the 2000 F450 Ford Truck with Utility Body and Snow Plow, Unit 580.

Resolution 11-158 - Authorizing staff to proceed with the sale of the 2000 Ford F450 Utility Body with Snow Plow, Unit 580 and to accept the highest, responsive and responsible bid.

Resolution 11-159 - Authorizing staff to proceed with the solicitation of proposals for the replacement of the 1996 Case 580L Backhoe 4WD, Unit 540.

Resolution 11-160 - Authorizing staff to proceed with the sale of the 1996 Case 580L Backhoe 4WD, Unit 540 and to accept the highest, responsive and responsible bid.

Resolution 11-161 - Declaring an official intent under treasury regulation 1.150-2 to issue debt to reimburse the City for certain original expenditures paid in connection with specified projects: Property purchased (102 3rd Ave) in the amount of \$52,000 in October 2011.

Resolution 11-162 - Adopting plans, specs, form of contract and estimate of cost for Stamy Road Pavement Reconstruction Project FY 2011.

Resolution 11-163 - Approving the payment of invoice to the City of Cedar Rapids for engineering services for the Indian Creek/Dry Creek Sanitary Sewer Project with Hiawatha's portion of \$47,467.55.

Resolution 11-167 - Approving and ratifying the partial purchase of parcel number 113325300300000, property known as 935 Boyson Court from JOMO Investments Inc., in the amount of \$10,100.

Resolution 11-168 - Approving tenant purchase agreement with Presentations Inc., for the property located at 935 Boyson Court in the amount of \$100 for the tenant's interest.

Resolution 11-169 - Approving tenant purchase agreement with M&T Enterprises LLC., for the property located at 935 Boyson Court in the amount of \$100 for the tenant's interest.

Resolution 11-170 - Authorizing City Staff to proceed with the replacement of the current server at City Hall and updating to a virtual server for the City Offices and Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$28,217.50 with Inteconnex of Cedar Rapids utilizing available funding as outlined.

Resolution 11-171 - Authorizing contract for two (2) split AC systems for the Main Level and Upper Level of the East Stairwell at City Hall in the amount of \$15,725 from Pipe Pro of Cedar Rapids, utilizing available funding in the FY2012 Local Option Sales and Service Tax Dollars.

AUGUST 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Council 7pm	4	5	6
7 Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	8 History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj. 7p.m.	9 Parks 6:30 p.m. Library 7p.m.	10 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	11 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	12	13
14 Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	15	16 Water 6:30 p.m.	17 Council 7pm	18	19 Concert in Park, Large Midgets 7pm	20
21 Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	22	23	24 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	25 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	26	27
28 Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	29 P&Z 6p.m.	30	31			



SEPTEMBER 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Farmer's Market 11 am - 2 pm Guthridge Park	5	6	7 Council 7pm	8	9 Kids Movie Night 6:30 pm Movie: TBA	10
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Hiawatha Public Library Summer Report

Novel Destinations is the theme of our adult summer reading program, and what a novel destination the Hiawatha Public Library has been throughout the past year. If you've been to the library lately, particularly this summer, you know how busy we are. Our most common complaint: no parking available.

This summer we had 1,613 children, 404 teens, and 322 adults sign up for our summer reading programs. In the month of June alone, we had 15,000 people visit the library, which is about 3,000 more than a year ago June. Our circulation for FY11 was 304,123. We had 124,906 library visitors in the same period. During the last year 10,890 children, 73 young adults, and 704 adults attended library programs. Also in that time frame 22,672 patrons used the library internet for a total of 16,765 hours. These numbers are our highest ever, which puts us in the position of being the busiest library of our size in the state. In fact, we have higher circulation than many libraries throughout the state that are even larger than we are. We are thankful that we now have self-check which accounts for about 26% of our circulation.

For those of you who may have missed us this summer, never fear! Fall programming starts in September. We are adding a story time session to make it five per week. Children Reading to Dogs and Anime-Nia programs resume in September, and our Smart Start story time for infants will be offered every week. Upcoming programs for adults feature crocheting, beading, a photo album craft program, and a Master Gardener series. Call us any time at 393-1414 for more information about library programs.

History Commission revisits Library History

The library has grown by leaps and bounds in the three locations it has occupied. When Hiawatha officially became a town in 1950, population 108, the city hall, water service, fire and police departments, and a "small, cramped library" were all headquartered in one building. That building was located at what is now Center Point Road and Emmons Street. It also housed Midwest Equipment Co., a business owned by town founder and Mayor Fay Clark.

By the early 1980's, Hiawatha had a population of nearly 5,000. The fire department had relocated to a new station house on 10th Ave., and Emmons St., but 15 full time and 6 part time city employees, plus 4 full time and 2 part time police officers and the city library were all packed into a 2900 square foot building, originally owned by Fay Clark.

Despite a difficult economic climate, on March 9, 1983 residents approved a \$357,000 bond referendum to purchase and remodel two adjacent vacant buildings. One was the former Hiawatha Lumber Co., and the other, a garden center which eventually became the community center. This was an upgrade to expand City Hall and the Police department, Library and Community Center.

Fast forward now to 1998 when the library moved into a new building on Willman Street. A beautiful building, but now in 2011, it is outgrowing it's space with more and more people moving into our city and utilizing the library.

The City's goal will always be to have a working complex to serve the people of Hiawatha and surrounding areas. Come to the Hiawatha Public Library and "Check Us Out!" www.hiawathalibrary.com

HiBrai 2011

Do you like to ride bicycles? Would you enjoy a scenic two-day ride with a fun group of people?

Then the Hiawatha Bike Ride Around Iowa is for you!

On August 20-21, 2011, the riders will make the 58 mile trek south this year, traveling to *Riverside Casino and Golf Resort*. All registered riders will be treated to a FREE Prime Rib buffet with rooms for only \$69.95!

If you would like more information about this amazing event, contact Liz Goater or Angie Cole at Hiawatha City Hall. **HURRY, HURRY, HURRY!** Registration deadline is August 15, 2011.

