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City of Hiawatha

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To: **Mayor and City Council** **Date:** **December 14, 2017**

From: John Bender PE, City Engineer

Re: **Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Intersection**

Description: **Approval of Public Hearing for Speed Limit Adjustment on North Center Point Road between Wilman Street and Parsons Drive**

Report:

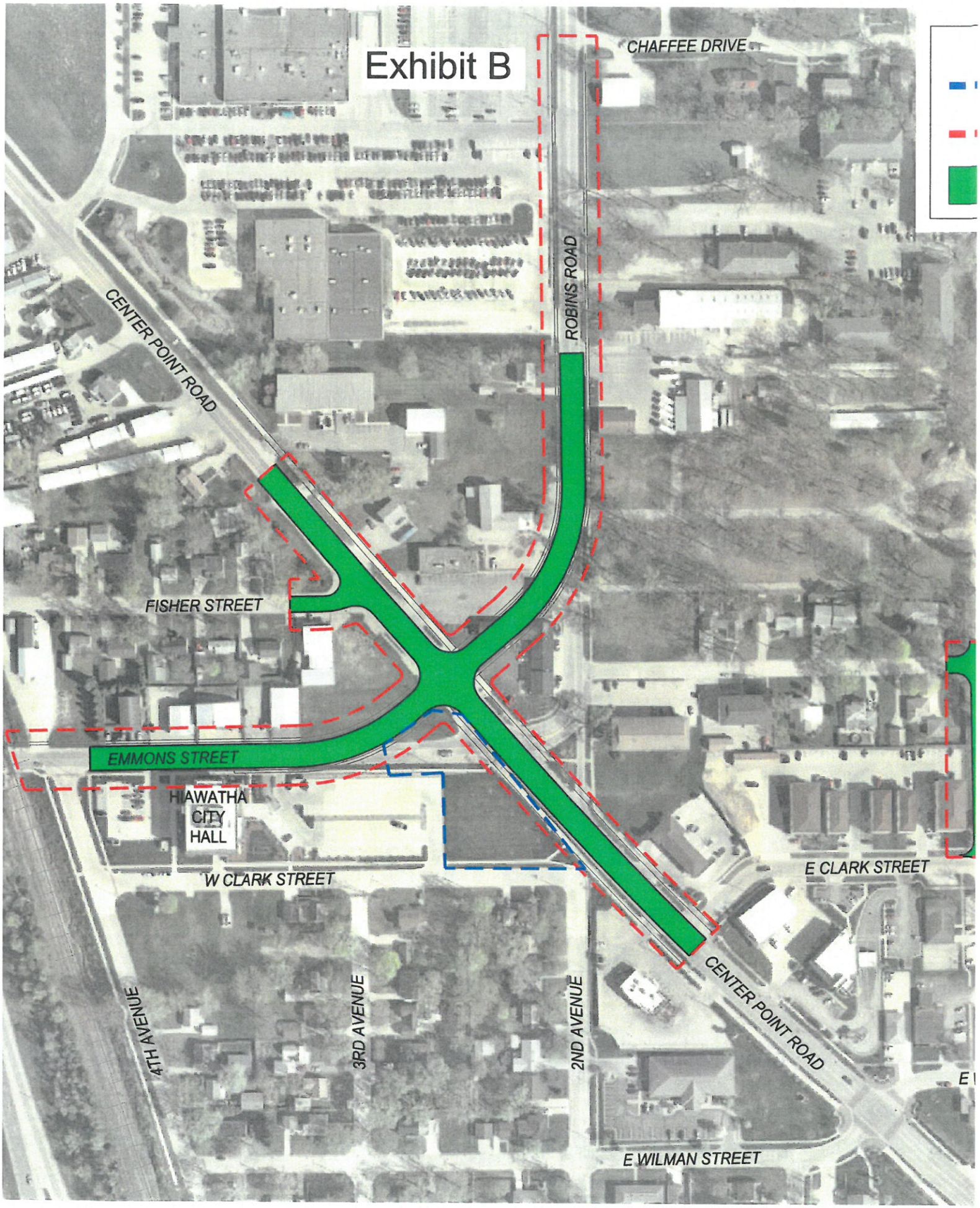
See attached sketch showing the limits of the proposed speed limit reduction on North Center Point Road between Wilman Street and Parsons Drive. With the new intersection complete, all the pedestrian traffic, bus stops, and bike traffic are located in the area of the new cross walks and trails regulated by the new traffic signal. We have also added islands with turning lanes on the approaches to the intersection. With the new concentration of pedestrian and traffic movements and the number of driveways providing access to area businesses, we feel lowering the current speed limit is warranted.

Although we have not done a detailed traffic speed study, it is our opinion we should reduce the posted speed limit in this area of the intersection from the current 35 miles per hour to a more appropriate speed for a central business district. Our current Chapter 63 recommends 20 miles per hour in a business district and 30 miles per hour in a commercial district. With the remaining sections of Center Point Road remaining at the posted 35 miles per hour, a reduction to a posted 25 miles per hour seems reasonable.

Recommendation:

Engineering recommends setting a public hearing on the proposed reduction of speed limit on North Center Point Road from Wilman Street to Parsons Drive.

If you need any further information, please let me know.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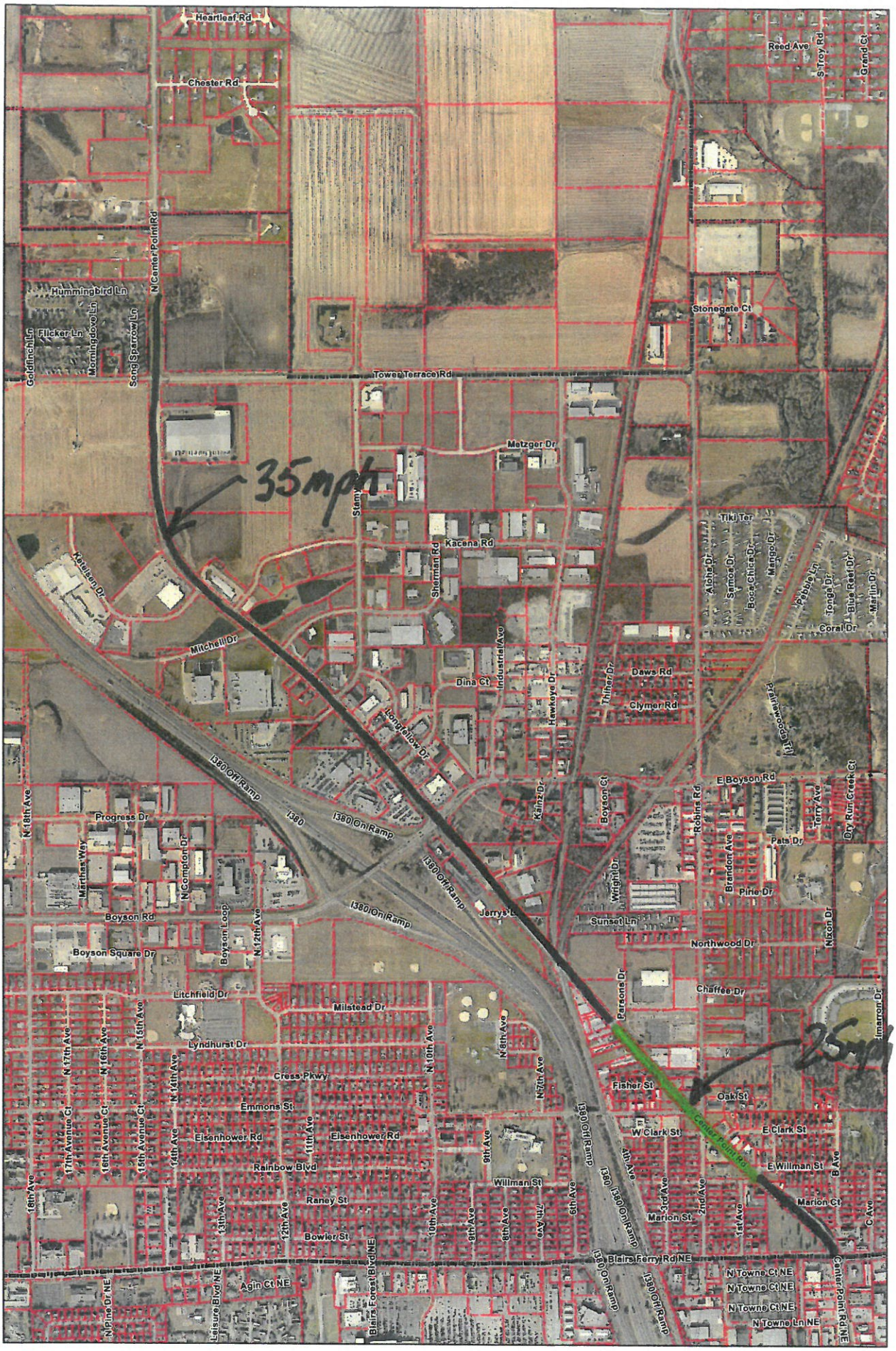

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1 inch = 833 feet

CHAPTER 63

SPEED REGULATIONS

63.01 General
63.02 Minimum Speed
63.03 Emergency Vehicles
63.04 Special Speed Restrictions

63.01 GENERAL. Every driver of a motor vehicle on a street shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater than nor less than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the street and of any other conditions then existing, and no person shall drive a vehicle on any street at a speed greater than will permit said driver to bring it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead, such driver having the right to assume, however, that all persons using said street will observe the law.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285)

1. Business District. A speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour in the business district, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285 [1])

2. Residence or School District. A speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour in any school or residence district, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285 [2])

3. Suburban District. A speed in excess of forty-five (45) miles per hour in any suburban district, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285 [4])

4. Commercial/Industrial District. A speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour contained within any commercial/industrial district, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.

5. Cemeteries and Parking Lots. A speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour in any public cemetery or parking lot, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[5])

6. Special Speed Zones

A. 25 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA, 1996, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 63 SPEED REGULATIONS §63.01 GENERAL (6) SPECIAL SPEED ZONES (A) 25 MPH SPEED ZONES AND (C) 35 MPH SPEED ZONES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA:

SECTION 1. Chapter 63 Speed Regulations, Section 63.01 General, (6.) Special Speed Zones of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hiawatha, Iowa, 1996, is hereby amended as follows:

63.01 GENERAL. Every driver of a motor vehicle on a street shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater than nor less than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the street and of any other conditions then existing, and no person shall drive a vehicle on any street at a speed greater than will permit said driver to bring it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead, such driver having the right to assume, however, that all persons using said street will observe the law.

6. SPECIAL SPEED ZONES.

A. **25 MPH SPEED ZONES.** A speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

(1) Stonegate Court from Robins Road to the end of the court;

(2) Twelfth Avenue Court from Boyson Road to Court;

(3) Center Point Road from Willman Street north to Parsons Drive.

C. **35 MPH SPEED ZONES.** A speed in excess of thirty-five (35) miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

(1) Blairs Ferry Road from east City limits to west City limits;

(2) Center Point Road from south City limits to ~~Emmons Street~~Willman Street;

(3) North Center Point Road from ~~Emmons Street~~Parsons Drive to the north City limits;

(4) Boyson Road from North Center Point Road to Miller Road;

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(5) Tower Terrace Road from North Center Point Road to west line of Section 29-84-7;

(6) Miller Road from Blairs Ferry Road to the north City limits.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of January, 2018.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk

I, Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk of the City of Hiawatha, Iowa, do hereby certify that the foregoing ORDINANCE was PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Hiawatha, Iowa, on the 3rd day of January, 2018, and was posted as Ordinance No. _____ on the _____ day of January, 2018.

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 17-
City Council

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER AMENDING HIAWATHA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 63 SPEED REGULATIONS §63.01 GENERAL (6) SPECIAL SPEED ZONES (A) 25 MPH SPEED ZONES AND AMENDING (6) SPECIAL SPEED ZONES (C) 35 MPH SPEED ZONES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA to direct staff to proceed with notification of a public hearing that will be held in the Hiawatha Council Chambers, 101 Emmons Street, before the Hiawatha City Council on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. regarding amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 63 Speed Regulations §63.01 General (6) Special Speed Zones (A) 25 MPH Speed Zones by adding (3) Center Point Road from Willman Street north to Parsons Drive, and amending (6) Special Speed Zones (C) 35 MPH Speed Zones to add remaining sections of Center Point Road.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of December, 2017.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk