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## Mayor's State of the City Address 2011

2011 has been a very good business year for Hiawatha. Our focus was to find a way to grow Hiawatha and enhance current infrastructure.

The Council did just that by promoting Tax Increment Financing (TIF) in economic development and investments in one old and several new infrastructure projects.

"Go Daddy" spent over \$500,000 to remodel their building at 1 Parsons Drive before moving in and the City provided them some assistance. Since the official Grand Opening held on July 8, 2010, they have conducted several "job fairs" searching for new employees. Current employment numbers are 583 and the goal is set for 592 employees after the first of the new year.



We saw one major economic development project through the construction of a 40,000 square foot, \$5M building for PAETEC (Windstream); that retained their 400 plus employees in Hiawatha.

2011 also saw the construction of six (6) new commercial buildings in Hiawatha. Four of those are single business owners and the other two (2) buildings will house multiple businesses. We are very fortunate to have developers and businesses that are willing to look at our City's quality of life and work environment. CCB Packaging added a 40,000 square foot warehouse expansion, 7,000 square foot corporate office addition and hired 40 new employees. Tower Commerce and Technical Park, located off Tower Terrace Road and Hawkeye Drive, have begun development of streets and construction of a 12,753 square foot building for Dancer's Edge, a cell tower and recently announced, Enseva LLC Data Center.

Diversity of residential growth is just as important as commercial growth to our City. In 2009 and 2010 Hiawatha had two (2) voluntary annexations of approximately 500 acres. It is important to note the City of Hiawatha does not annex land and not provide city services; so we had a big job ahead of us in providing this area with water and sewer infrastructure. The City's investment of \$3M to install water and sewer services is paying off, with a new avenue for residential growth, attracting several new home contractors to Hiawatha with the addition of 13 new homes and a current return on our investment of \$1.7M in 2011 in property evaluations alone.

Several years ago, the City embarked on an aggressive sanitary sewer repair program. After televising and grouting some major trunk lines, we are seeing a significant reduction of clean water infiltration, which is reducing our charges from the metro waste water treatment plant. Some of this work has been paid for with Local Option Sales and Service Tax funds, such as 3rd Avenue and C Avenue that have been updated with both sewer and water line improvements and a nice new street to go along with those needed improvements.

Two additional street improvements have been completed this year. The \$2.3M North Center Point Road Reconstruction Project is complete and open as of November 2011. Stamy Road has also been newly paved. Both projects received RISE grants from the State of Iowa. With a RISE grant, the Iowa Department of Transportation becomes a 50/50 partner with the City in cost sharing of the project. The North Center Point Road Reconstruction Project qualified for RISE grant funds, because of the CCB Packaging expansion of a 40,000 square foot warehouse, 7,000 square foot corporate office addition and hiring of 40 additional employees. Stamy Road qualified because of the potential commercial development and added jobs in the new Tower Commerce and Technical Park located off Tower Terrace Road and Hawkeye Drive. The developer additionally installed two (2) new streets in the park; Commerce Boulevard and Mentzer Drive.

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## Mayor's 2011 State of the City Address, Continued

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In an effort to continue with enhancements to infrastructure, the City of Hiawatha has combined efforts in promoting the Tower Terrace Interchange Project with the cities of Robins, Cedar Rapids, Marion, Linn County, and the entire northern metro corridor. There are two main benefits of the I-380/Tower Terrace Interchange; promote economic development and traffic relief on Blairs Ferry Road and Boyson Road.

In June of 2011, the Iowa Department of Transportation authorized a new Interchange Justification Report (IJR) for the I-380/Tower Terrace Road Interchange. The study should take about 12 to 18 months and includes the environmental aspects of the project. We are hopeful the concerns expressed in the 2006 report have been corrected and we can take positive steps forward to a new connection with I-380.

The City has purchased right-of-way property along Boyson Road to begin needed utility work to prepare for the construction of the Boyson/Robins Road Intersection Project. Engineering of the intersection is being done at this time and hopefully construction can begin in 2013. This will be a signalized intersection with turn lanes and should help with the flow of traffic on Boyson Road. Other improvements to Boyson Road will be done as development occurs in the area.

The Hiawatha Town Center Plan has been in the making for a number of years with established phased plans for development. The New City Hall became Phase I. The purchase and cleanup of the former Oakbrook Mobile Home Park has moved us much closer to Phase II, while the Council has been very deliberate in how the area should be redeveloped. The current proposed plan looks very promising but there are many details to be reviewed and worked out at this point.

The reconstruction of Emmons Street/Robins Road Intersection will round out the central part of our plan. Once the details are worked out and the plans are finalized, we will be sharing them with everyone.

Along with sanitary sewer, water and street projects; Local Option Sales and Service Tax has been an additional asset to our community; such as the purchase of a new fire rescue unit, updated police K-9 unit, and park improvements. Those happened because you passed the five (5) year Local Option Sales and Service Tax. I hope you feel we are doing a good job of distributing these funds.

We have been very progressive and detailed in our efforts to grow Hiawatha's future; in both residential and commercial development; and responsible in our infrastructure needs by repairing and maintaining older water and sewer infrastructure and adding new in areas where it is needed for future development. The City will continue to enhance and promote our need to grow, balance our budgets and maintain a reasonable levy rate for its citizens and business owners.

## Meet & Greet Your Mayor and Council on January 24, 2012



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Council Member



Dennis Norton  
Council Member



Dick Olson  
Council Member



Bob Rampulla  
Council Member



Tom Theis  
Mayor



Bob Wheeler  
Council Member

.....invite you to a Meet & Greet of your Elected Officials  
on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 in the Hiawatha Council Chambers,  
on the upper floor of Hiawatha City Hall, 101 Emmons Street from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

## Resident Survey Results

In September's newsletter, we asked our citizens to complete a ten (10) question survey. The questions asked your opinion of what you felt about the City's infrastructure, Park and Recreation facilities, your view of our City government and what our City's priorities should be.

210 residents responded, of those, 84% rated our infrastructure as excellent to fair; 91% rated our Park and Recreation facilities as excellent to fair; access to City government was rated highly at 92%; Staff was rated as 93% accessible to the public and 90% of the respondents felt the City website, newsletter, and press releases kept them informed of pertinent and up-to-date information. Residents response to the opinion of what the Council's top four (4) priorities should be are as follows:

- Continued city street improvements and maintenance
- Increase commercial business in town (hotels, restaurants and retail)
- Keep crime rates down
- Keep property taxes down



## Trees Forever Project Plantings

For 20 years, Trees Forever has been dedicated to helping individuals and communities improve and sustain the places where we live, work and play. They have helped Hiawatha engage community volunteers to help plant and care for trees. Trees Forever is a strong advocate for the environment and allows us to educate the community and engage government leaders. They are a nationally recognized and award-winning model. The program is a unique partnership between Trees Forever and municipal utilities in Iowa. As you can see through the grants Hiawatha has received, we have worked hard to make this partnership grow and perform. To learn more about Trees Forever, check out their website: [www.treesforever.org](http://www.treesforever.org)

Project: Project Name	Amount Awarded	Stage	Total # of Trees	Total # of Shrubs	Total # of Plugs	Total # of Volunteers	Volunteer Hours
Hiawatha- Alliant/IES - 01/02	\$750	Completed	12	0	0	26	27
Hiawatha- Project - 2/03	\$15,000	Completed	182	1109	895	2	100
Hiawatha- Alliant/IES - 03/04	\$1,000	Completed	18	0	0	44	44
Hiawatha - Alliant 04/05	\$1,000	Completed	13	0	0	24	2
Hiawatha - Alliant 05/06	\$2,350	Completed	36	0	0	26	52
Hiawatha - Alliant - 06/07	\$700	Completed	12	0	0	36	54
Hiawatha - Alliant - 07/08	\$5,000	Completed	64	0	0	56	136
Hiawatha-Alli- ant-08/09 (2)	\$1,224	Completed	23	0	0	15	30
Hiawatha - Alliant - 09/10	\$1,708	Completed	31	0	0	0	0
Hiawatha - Alliant 10/11	\$3,200	Awarded/ Accepted	40	0	0	14	52
Hiawatha - Al- liant 10/11 (2)	\$8,550	Awarded/ Accepted	60	0	0		
Totals	\$40,482		491	1109	895	243	497

## Fay M. Clark Memorial Park

In 2008, the Fay M. Clark Memorial Park was dedicated to the memory of Fay Clark, Hiawatha's founding father and long time Mayor.

The park contains a pavilion, restrooms, a nearly one mile long trail, a disc golf course and playground equipment.

A walk bridge was put into place on the trail. The bridge was made from the rafters taken out of the Quonset structure, which was the first business building in Hiawatha in the 1940's.

Recently a memorial rock has been placed on the trail by the bridge. It is to be engraved as a memorial to the bridge and Fay Clark.

Fay M. Clark Memorial Park is a beautiful park to come and spend time playing disc golf, walking, getting together for a picnic or just relaxing and enjoying our newest park.

You may even see a deer or two while walking the trails in the early morning or early evening hours.



## Hiawatha Streets Reopened



Stamy Road

North Center Point Road was fully reopened to traffic on Monday, November 7, 2011. Please use caution as you drive through this area as work will continue on the sidewalk and trail just off the road for the next several weeks. Stamy Road was fully reopened to traffic on Monday, November 21, 2011. Thank you for your cooperation in these lengthy and worthwhile projects, we appreciate your patience.



North Center Point Road

## Council Action

November 2, 2011

Resolution 11-252 - Approve Public Hearing to consider authorization of Loan Agmt & Issuance of Notes to Evidence obligation of City for Not to Exceed \$1,945,000 General Obligation Notes, Series 2011B for Essential Corporate Purpose in error when not required action.

Resolution 11-253 - Institute proceedings to take add'l action for Not to Exceed \$1,945,000 General Obligation Notes, Series 2011B for Essential Corporate Purpose.

Resolution 11-254 - Approve Public Hearing to consider authorization of Loan Agmt & Issuance of Notes to Evidence obligation of City for Not to Exceed \$120,000 General Obligation Notes, Series 2011B for General Corporate Purpose in error when not required action.

Resolution 11-255 - Institute proceedings to take add'l action for Not to Exceed \$120,000 General Obligation Notes, Series 2011B for General Corporate Purpose.

Resolution 11-256 - Fix date (November 16, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.) for meeting on proposal to enter into development agmt with Kathryn A. Sherman Family Trust & Sherman Properties LLC., & provide publication of notice.

Resolution 11-257 - Approve Post-Issuance Compliance Policy for tax exempt obligations as set by Internal Revenue Service & income tax regulations & naming Finance Director as Coordinator.

Resolution 11-258 - Authorize Parks & Recreation Director to participate in Leadership Institute Program through Iowa Parks & Recreation Association as Co-Chair on annual basis under restrictions and limits as set by City Administrator.

Resolution 11-259 - Approve Final Plat of Tower Commerce Center Third Addition & authorize execution of development agmt between City of Hiawatha & TCC Investments LLC.

Resolution 11-260 - Approve permanent utility easement upon portion of property located at 1001 N Center Point Rd owned by St. Luke's Methodist Hospital in connection with future widening of N Center Point Road & Boyson Rd Intersection.

Resolution 11-261 - Approve Right of Way reservation agmt upon portion of property located at 1001 N Center Point Rd owned by St. Luke's Methodist Hospital in connection with future widening of N Center Point Rd & Boyson Rd Intersection.

Resolution 11-262 - Order construction of permanent sidewalk upon property located at 1090 N Center Point Rd extended north to entrance of Wright Way Trailer Sales located at 1100 N Center Point Rd by June 1, 2012 and directs City Clerk send notification to property owner.

Resolution 11-263 - Order construction of permanent sidewalk upon property located at 1255 N Center Point Rd providing connection from corner of N Center Point Rd & Sherman Rd to neighboring property located at 1045 Sherman Rd by June 1, 2012 and directs City Clerk send notification to property owner.

Resolution 11-269 - Authorize staff to proceed with solicitation of request for proposals for City fuel from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 with option to renew through 2015.

Resolution 11-270 - Declare Official Intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2 to issue debt to reimburse City for certain original expenditures paid in connection with specified projects, total \$1,280,000.

Resolution 11-271 - Grant waiver to Unified Development Code Section 106.06:2H prohibiting trash enclosures from being located with required street front or occupying area used for required parking spaces & allow front yard placement of dumpster enclosure per site plan dated October 18, 2011 for property located at 102 Oak St.

November 16, 2011

Resolution 11-272 - Approve & authorize execution of Development Agmt between City of Hiawatha, The Kathryn A. Sherman Family Trust & Sherman Properties LLC.

Resolution 11-273 - Accept dedication of right of way including all supporting documents for real estate in connection with Development Agmt between City of Hiawatha, The Kathryn A. Sherman Family Trust & Sherman Properties LLC.

Resolution 11-274 - Accept utility & paving maintenance bonds for installation of public improvements in connection with Development Agmt between City of Hiawatha, The Kathryn A. Sherman Family Trust & Sherman Properties LLC.

Resolution 11-275 - Direct advertisement for sale & approve electronic bidding procedures for General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2011B in amount of \$1,795,000.

Resolution 11-276 - Fix date (November 29, 2011 @ 5:30 pm) for meeting on proposition to authorize loan agreement & issuance of Notes, Series 2011B to evidence obligations of City thereunder to principal amount of \$235,000 for Essential Corporate Purpose.

Resolution 11-277 - Approve classification of City's Tax Increment Financing Indebtedness including reimbursement of actual TIF expenses not previously certified in total amount of \$46,851.39 which includes recording & miscellaneous fees totaling \$12,771.93 & long-term debt issuance fees totaling \$34,079.46.

Resolution 11-278 - Approve certification of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) indebtedness in amount of \$2,032,424 to Linn County Auditor for fiscal year 2013 collections.

Resolution 11-279 - Approve & place on file FY10-11 Annual Financial Report with 06/30/2011 ending fund balance of \$6,288,963.

Resolution 11-280 - Fix Public Hearing date (December 7, 2011 @ 7:00 pm) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 159 Board of Appeals §159.02 Membership, modifying board member classification & providing the ability to appoint licensed contractors or individuals with experience in building & home construction when unable to acquire a licensed contractor.

Resolution 11-281 - Fix Public Hearing date (December 7, 2011 @ 7:00 pm) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 69 Parking Regulations §69.08 No Parking Zones, add parking restrictions for portions of north & south side of Kacena Rd between N Center Point Rd & Stamy Rd.

Resolution 11-282 - Authorize purchase of 2012 Chevrolet G4500 Type 3 ambulance from Emergency Vehicle Sales & Service (Lifeline) of Alexander, Iowa in amount not to exceed \$149,645.00 including sale of Unit A87 utilizing available funding in 2011-2012 Capital Improvement Plan.

Resolution 11-283 - Authorize installation of camera autoscope thermal detection system along with all necessary equipment from Voltmer, Inc., of Decorah, Iowa in amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 utilizing available funding in FY2012 Local Option Sales Tax Dollars.

Resolution 11-284 - Authorize Community Development Director to issue "At Your Own Risk" Building Permit to commence site work & construction for new parking lot for Neighbor Insurance at 98 E Willman St, prior to site plans being approved.

Resolution 11-285 - Authorize payment to Hiawatha Water Dept as reimbursement for all costs in relation to storm sewer installation portion of 2011 E Clark St Water Main & Storm Sewer Project in amount of \$35,170.40 utilizing Capital Project Funds.



# DECEMBER 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Council 7pm	8	9	10
11	12 History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj. 7p.m.	13 Parks 6:30 p.m. Library 7p.m.	14 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	15 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	16	17
18	19 P&Z 6p.m.	20 Water 6:30 p.m.	21 Council 7pm	22	23 Library Closed City Hall Closed	24 Library Closed
25 Library Closed	26 City Hall Closed Library Closed	27	28 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	29 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	30 Library Closed City Hall Closed	31 Library Closed



# JANUARY 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Library Closed	2 City Hall Closed	3	4 Council 7pm	5	6	7
8	9 History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj. 7p.m.	10 Parks 6:30 p.m. Library 7p.m.	11 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	12 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	13 Kids Movie Night 6pm Movie: TBA	14
15	16	17 Water 6:30 p.m.	18 Council 7pm	19	20	21
22	23	24 Elected Officials Meet & Greet City Hall 5-7pm	25 Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18	26 Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18	27	28
29 Lil' Cougars Dance Clinic 1:00-2:30 pm	30 P&Z 6 p.m.	31				



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## Hiawatha Fire Chili Supper Recap

This year the Hiawatha Fire Department hosted it's annual chili dinner November 5th. Approximately 780 people attended the event this year. Over \$5,000 was raised. Planning for the event starts weeks earlier. On Friday, roasters are made up with the secret recipe, and then simmer overnight.

The proceeds from this year's chili event will go toward the purchase of new rescue equipment. In the past, donations have been used to purchase a new thermal imager camera, which allows firefighters to see through smoke. The new camera has much improved technology, improving our ability to save lives and reduce property losses. The new camera costs around \$10,000, and was purchased last winter. The Fire Department has also combined donated money with L.O.S.S.T. funds to purchase simulation mannequins that allow EMT's to practice medical skills in a realistic setting. Thanks to donations, grants, and L.O.S.S.T. funding, the department now owns both an adult and child mannequin. The FD hopes to use funds from this year's supper to purchase additional medical and rescue equipment.

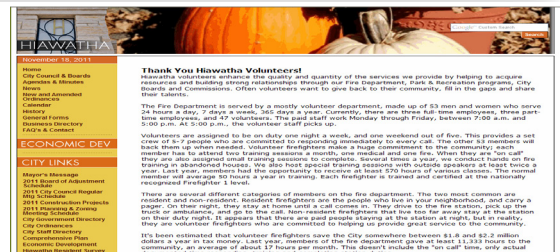
The Fire Department wants to extend a special thanks to Betty Mark, who spends countless hours tracking down donations for both food and door prizes. Without her support, we wouldn't be able to have the large door prize giveaways.

Thanks to all of you who came out and supported the event, and to all the business partners who donated supplies, and money to make the event happen!

## Take a look at [www.hiawatha-iowa.com](http://www.hiawatha-iowa.com)!

The City of Hiawatha's official website offers information and online services for community resources, economic development, recreation and city government. This also includes the City newsletter, Hiawatha Code of Ordinances, agendas and minutes of our various Boards, Committees and Commissions, report a street light and an area map. Watch for online activity registration and facility rentals coming soon!

If you haven't already, take the time to check out the website.  
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**November 15, 2011**

**Thank You Hiawatha Volunteers!**  
Hiawatha volunteers provide the quality and quantity of the services we provide by helping to acquire, maintain and having (very) maintenance through our Fire Department, Park & Recreation Programs, City Boards and Commissions. Often volunteers want to give back to their community, fill in the gaps and share their talents.

The Fire Department is served by a mostly volunteer department, made up of 23 men and women who serve 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Currently, there are three full time employees, three part-time employees, and 47 volunteers. The paid staff work Monday through Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. All 70:00 hrs. the volunteer staff picks up.

Volunteers are assigned to be on duty one night a week, and one weekend out of five. This provides a set schedule for those who are committed to responding immediately to every call. The other 30 members will work from 16 to 24 hours. Volunteer firefighters make a huge commitment to the community each member has to attend two training sessions a month, one medical and one fire. When they are "on call" they are also expected to attend training sessions to complete. Several times a year, we conduct drills on fire training at a simulated house. We also host fire training sessions with outside fire departments. Each week a member of the fire department has the opportunity to be recognized for their service. We have several recognized firefighters at the level.

There are several different categories of members on the fire department. The two most common are resident and non-resident. Resident firefighters are the people who live in your neighborhood, and carry a pager. On their night, they drive at home until a call comes in. They drive to the fire station, pick up the truck or ambulance, and go to the call. Non-resident firefighters must live far from the fire station on their duty night. It appears that there are paid people sleeping at the station at night. But in reality, they are volunteer firefighters who are committed to helping to provide great service to the community.

It's been estimated that volunteer firefighters save the City somewhere between \$1.8 and \$2.2 million dollars a year in the necessary, last year, members of the fire department gave at least 11,353 hours to the community, an average of about 17 hours per month. This doesn't include the "on call" time, only actual documented time responding, training and completion station duties.

**ECONOMIC DEV**

**CITY LINKS**

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- City Government
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- City Staff Directory
- Comprehensive Plan
- Community Development
- Executive Board Minutes

## Eagle Scout Project in Memory of James & Jeannette Faas

An Eagle Scout project has been completed by Adam Walker in memory of James & Jeanette Faas. A new bench with path and landscaping has been placed in Fay Clark Memorial Park. The children of James & Jeanette Faas donated the funds to the City for this memorial bench and tree planted nearby. A plaque will be ordered with their names to be placed on the bench.

Jim and Jeannette Faas came to Hiawatha in 1946. Fay Clark needed a welder and that is what Jim had done during the war. Jim built the first water tower and the first fire truck. Jim welded Jeannette's name on the inside of the water tank.

Jeannette worked in the truck stop and later, they started the first grocery store, on the corner of Fisher Street, where she worked.

Fay was trying to start a town, so he would give away land lots to people, who would use them to build houses. That is how Jim got his first lot to start building houses in Hiawatha. Jeannette did the painting, staining and varnishing. In the early days, she even helped with shingling.

In the late 1950's, Jim started his own business, Hiawatha Plumbing and Heating. They started in a small house, close to Center Point Road and continued building houses and moving west as the town grew.

They spent their adult lives in Hiawatha, working and raising three (3) children. Jim was on the fire department and was the Fire Chief in the early days, on the Water Board for many years and finally, after retiring from building homes, was the Hiawatha Building Inspector.

Jim passed away in 1999 and Jeannette in 2011.

