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Hiawatha Insights

Mayor's 2012 State of the City Message

2012 proved to be a bit more challenging than past years, but maybe we should call it a draw because of the election and hope things improve in 2013.

2012 Hiawatha Highlights:

In January, Enseva broke ground for their new \$12M facility at 755 Metzger Drive, located in the Tower Commerce Center. Enseva is a data co-location firm that designs, constructs and operates secure computer data storage centers.

We also welcomed a new Council member, Denny Norton, who was sworn in at the first Council meeting in January, along with Dick Olson and Bob Wheeler. Denny replaced Nancy Melsa, who decided not to run after serving eight years as a City Council member. These three gentlemen hold four year terms that end December 31, 2015.

The Tower Terrace Road/I-380 Interchange study initiated a justification report and an environmental assessment to evaluate if any future improvements are needed. The report should be available for local review in late December 2012. We hope the report will reflect the need for improvements, accommodate increased travel demands, anticipate future traffic growth, and support planned economic development and land issues.

Officer Mod retired this year. He served from March 2005 until March 2012. In May, Reso, a German Shepherd police service dog, became the newest member of the Hiawatha Police Department. The Ms. Diane Strathman Estate donated the needed dollars to replace Mod. Reso arrived on May 21, 2012.

This summer, the City received its third RISE grant in 20 months to improve North Center Point Road from the railroad tracks to Fisher Street. The State of Iowa has invested \$2.3M in the City to assist in our infrastructure and open new doors to economic development.

Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO) sponsored a "State of the City" presentation, which was the first in ten years. The day's theme was "Strong today, Stronger tomorrow". Hiawatha is strong for several reasons. We continue to promote a strong, balanced growth between residential and commercial development, our location along I-380 has proven to be a destination place that citizens and businesses alike call their home, and we continue to focus on infrastructure improvements and promote economic development. We even challenged our area developers to help reshape Hiawatha's future by developing a public-private partnership.

Alliant Energy invested in two Light Emitting Diode Street Light Projects on North Center Point Road, and 12th and 15th Avenues. The total cost of these projects was \$7,726. Alliant also donated \$2500 to a much needed Mobile Command Center for the Hiawatha Police Department.

In September, Kirkwood announced that they had purchased the former PAETEC building and are going to establish a Hiawatha Campus. This is wonderful news for our City.

Thanks to the generous donation of Farmers State Bank, we now have a lighted U.S. flag flying in Guthridge Park along Emmons Street.

After a lot of time spent by City Staff, we should see two nice new bus shelters installed soon, along Boyson Road and North Center Point Road.

Although 2012 was not the year I was hoping it to be for economic development, we did welcome a major data storage facility and an education center, both are much needed in our community. Our accomplishments in street and lighting infrastructure are very impressive, and with the help of Farmers State Bank, we can drive down Emmons Street, see the new flag pole in Guthridge Park and be reminded of what a great country we live in. We will continue to strive to reach our 2013 goals to the best of our ability.

Hiawatha![™]

Snow Ordinance Reminder

Our Snow Ordinance will be in effect when the National Weather Service (NWS) predicts a snowfall in which three (3) or more inches are expected. While the Snow Emergency is in effect, **there is no parking on any city street.** Vehicles found parked in violation of this ordinance will receive a \$25 parking ticket and/or be impounded.

The Snow Emergency declaration will be given to all the local media including but not limited to: KGAN (Channel 2), KCRG (Channel 9), and KWWL (Channel 7).

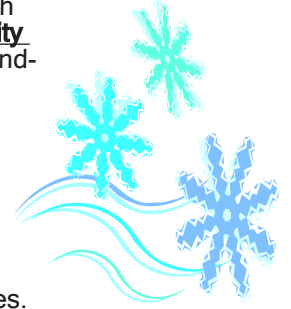
The declaration will also be posted on the City website, www.hiawatha-iowa.com. Your cooperation is appreciated.

REMEMBER - Don't park in the street if:

The 24 hour (or less) prediction by the NWS is for three (3) or more inches of snow.

Three (3) or more inches of snow has fallen and/or your street has not been cleared.

Also, the City will **not** generally conduct snowfall clearing operations for a snowfall of less than two (2) inches.



Tips for Snow Removal

Please, please, please - do not push, plow, pile, or deposit snow from your residential or commercial driveway, sidewalk, or parking onto the street. This is a violation of City Code Chapter 135.12. This includes pushing snow from your driveway across the street into your neighbor's right-of-way. The City snow plows will have to make extra passes to clean this up and the snow will end up in your neighbor's driveway. Keep driveway and sidewalk snow in your yard behind the sidewalk. If you have a contractor plow your driveway, sidewalk, or parking lot, please remind them of this. If you have no place to put the snow then you will have to have it hauled away. We will be issuing warnings and possible fines to violators. It is recommended that you don't clear the end of your driveway until the street has been cleaned.

Property owners - have 24 hours to remove snow from their sidewalks after the cessation of snow fall, City Code Chapter 136.03. The City can remove the snow and assess the costs to your property taxes. Bear in mind this is contracted out. This is required so pedestrians and school children have safe routes to walk on. If you want to report a sidewalk that needs to be cleared, call 393-1515 and ask for the Community Development Department.

Check your mailbox - be sure that your mailbox is BACK of the curb line, preferably about six inches, City Code Chapter 135.14. If a plow hits your mailbox and/or post, buy a new one if needed and bring the receipt to City Hall for reimbursement of up to \$50.

You can help out - the Water Department and Fire Department by clearing snow from around fire hydrants that are near your property. This makes it easier for the firemen to find it during emergencies.

Check with your neighbors - especially the elderly, to see if they need help with shoveling their sidewalks and driveway. It's a great way to build community spirit and check on neighbors.

Keep your vehicles - in your driveway or parking lot during snow events, per City Code Chapter 69, Parking Regulations. This makes it easier for the plow trucks to clear the street from curb to curb.

Direct sump pumps and downspouts away - from hard surfaces so that water doesn't build up and freeze, creating slippery conditions on driveways, sidewalks, or streets.

Safe Winter Driving

Clear snow and ice from all windows and lights - even the hood and roof - before driving.

Pay attention - don't try to out-drive the conditions. Remember the posted speed limits are for dry pavement.

Leave plenty of room for stopping - brake early. It takes more time and distance to stop in adverse conditions. If your car is equipped with anti-lock brakes, do not pump brakes in an attempt to stop. The right way is to "stomp and steer!"

Leave room for maintenance vehicles and plows - the law requires you to slow down or move over when approaching emergency or maintenance vehicles, including snow plows, parked on the side of the road when they have their flashing lights turned on. If you approach a parked emergency or maintenance vehicle during a winter storm and decide to change lanes, be extra careful. The passing lane may be in worse shape than the driving lane. Avoid making an abrupt lane change. If approaching a snow plow, stay back at least 200 feet and don't pass on the right. Snow plows plow far and wide. The front plow extends several feet in front of the truck and may cross the center line and shoulders during plowing. Plows turn and exit the road frequently. On multiple lane roads, watch for snow plows operating in either lane. Snow plows can throw a cloud of snow that can reduce your visibility to zero in less time than you can react. Never drive into a snow cloud - it could conceal a snow plow. A snow plow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them but they may not see you.

Know the current road conditions - call 511 or log onto the Iowa DOT winter road conditions web page. www.iowadot.gov.

Watch for slippery bridge decks - even when the rest of the pavement is in good condition. Bridge decks will ice up first.

Don't use cruise control - even roads that appear clear can have sudden slippery spots and deactivating the cruise control can cause you to lose control of your vehicle.

Look farther ahead in traffic than you normally do - actions by cars and trucks will alert you more quickly to problems and give you an extra split-second to react safely.

Go slow - especially when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady spots. These are all candidates for developing black ice - a thin coating of clear ice that forms on pavement surfaces and is difficult to see.

Drive with your headlights on so you can be seen.

Introducing New Parks Recreation Coordinator - Kelly Friedl

Kelly Friedl is the new Recreation Coordinator for the City of Hiawatha. She replaces Liz Neff.

Kelly graduated from the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) with a degree in Leisure, Youth and Human Services in 2012. She worked for the City of Coralville through high school and completed an internship with Ankeny Parks and Recreation during her time spent at UNI. She enjoys working with the community and is excited to assist with the development and implementation of new and existing programs.

Welcome to Hiawatha, Kelly!



Hiawatha Police Mobile Command/Transportation Trailer

On August 15, 2012, Alliant Energy Foundation awarded the City \$3,500 to assist in our purchase of a Mobile Command/Transportation Trailer for our police department, total project cost \$7,995.

The Mobile Command/Transportation Trailer is a new piece of equipment to the department, equipped with counters, cabinets and electricity. The trailer will aid in methamphetamine lab processing, transportation of range equipment, transportation of seized items, crime scene investigations, evidence transportation to and from DCI crime lab and a command center for community events.

Federal funds have been eliminated for methamphetamine lab cleanup, removing our ability to call upon the Drug Enforcement Administration, and making the clean up the responsibility of the local jurisdictions.

The trailer will be used to its maximum benefit within the department by following the criteria below:

- Provide a site to safely process methamphetamine lab materials for transfer and disposal without risk of contaminating the interior of a patrol car or our facilities;
- Increased efficiency at a crime scene because all the necessary equipment will be available within the trailer;
- Efficiency of the department and reduction in outsourcing equipment would be provided on site which will reduce officers time in traveling back and forth to City Hall to complete paperwork;
- Provide positive Public Relations;
- Command Center will be present at community events (currently we are unable to provide this);
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The City of Hiawatha commends Alliant Energy in their giving back to the community efforts by providing funding to help communities improve the quality of life for the citizens that live, work and play in their communities.



Enseva Ribbon Cutting

A public ribbon cutting and facility tours of Enseva, a new data center in Hiawatha was held on November 20th at 10 a.m. Mayor Theis welcomed Enseva, along with Alliant Energy, Iowa Health System, and Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation, wishing them great success and thanking them for choosing Hiawatha as their location.

The multi-tenant data center facility, which houses a portion of Iowa Health System's data, has the capability, security and infrastructural support to house data for additional corporations that seek off site secure storage for integral data systems.

The 17,000 sq. ft. Enseva Data Center is a collaborative project with Enseva, Iowa Health System, Professional Office Services, the City of Hiawatha, Alliant Energy and Priority One, with financing provided by GNB Bank. The new facility has the capacity to build three more modules at 12,000 sq. ft. each.

Major national health care providers, like Iowa Health System, the first tenant in the facility and the impetus behind the project, rely entirely on having access to huge volumes of reliable data in order to care for their patient populations.

The center uses unique electrical and cooling technologies that provide high-efficiency operations and an innovative extra defense against threats such as overheating or power surges. For a number of reasons, data center construction is growing quickly as companies seek more secure, higher volume storage.

"As our society moves from an industrial to an information age, making sure data is safe and available is one of the most important elements of doing any sort of business," said Chris Sevey, Chief Information Officer with Enseva. "This new facility is a biometrically secured, high density, high efficiency facility that can provide 100% service availability for clients. All of these aspects are important to companies who rely on mission critical data for their operations."

Enseva partnered with the City of Hiawatha on incentives to locate the data center in the Corridor metro area and to facilitate the requirements needed to build a facility of this magnitude and service. The company also worked with Alliant Energy to identify and provide the electric infrastructure to enhance electric reliability to the operational center.



Council Action

November 7, 2012

Ordinance 734 - Adopt rezoning of property located at 1450 Robins Road, from A (Agriculture) to C-4 (Central Service District) requested by Burd Family Limited Partnership.

Resolution 12-257 - Approve and authorize execution of development agreement between the City of Hiawatha, Stone Supply, LLC and BJP Investments, LLC.

Resolution 12-258 - Approve Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2013-2017.

Resolution 12-259 - Authorize staff to proceed with Requests for Quotations for purchase of firefighter personal protective equipment (turnout gear) for the Fire Department.

Resolution 12-260 - Approve one (1) permanent Storm and Drainage Easement for property owned by Pines at Turtle Creek, LLC.

Resolution 12-261 - Accept Improvements and approve Maintenance Bonds for Croell's First Addition.

Resolution 12-262 - Approve Final Plat Croell's First Addition.

Resolution 12-263 - Approve Final Plat MJS First Addition.

Resolution 12-264 - Approve and authorize execution of agreement granting the City of Hiawatha access for maintenance with assessment of 100% of costs back to the owner in the event the owner fails to maintain a storm water detention basin located on an unplatted parcel owned by Tower Commerce Center, Inc.

Resolution 12-267 - Approve job description and pay rate for a part-time in-house Engineering Coordinator.

Resolution 12-268 - Approve job description and pay rate for a part-time in-house Construction Observer.

Resolution 12-269 - Approve Federal Aid Grade Crossing Surface Repair Force Account Agreement for the construction of surface improvements at the railroad crossing on Emmons Street between the City of Hiawatha, Chicago, Central and Pacific Railroad Company, and the Iowa Department of Transportation and authorize Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

Resolution 12-270 - Approve Federal Aid Grade Crossing Surface Repair Force Account Agreement for the construction of surface improvements at the railroad crossing on N Center Point Road between the City of Hiawatha, Chicago, Central and Pacific Railroad Company, and the Iowa Department of Transportation and authorize Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

Resolution 12-271 - Accept placement of two (2) LED street lights in the Tower Commerce Center Fifth Addition along Stamy Road.

Resolution 12-272 - Approve and place on file the FY11-12 Annual Financial Report.

Resolution 12-273 - Authorize Flexible Benefits Plan Renewal for the 2013 plan year with Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield and direct City Clerk's office to administrate the plan.

Alliant Energy adding green to Hiawatha's Tower Commerce Center

Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL), an Alliant Energy company, worked with volunteers to bring more than 100 trees to a developing industrial park in Hiawatha. The project at Tower Commerce Center, 1550 Hawkeye Drive, represents one of the largest tree plantings through Alliant Energy's Industrial Park Tree Grant program.

The Industrial Park Tree Grant program offers grants to help bring trees to industrial parks, which commonly do not have trees. In return, the trees offer shade in the summer and wind breaks in the winter to help increase energy efficiency for buildings in the area.

Volunteers and community members planted the trees on Saturday, November 3rd, at the Tower Commerce Center. Volunteers, including students at nearby Dancer's Edge, started planting the trees around 9 a.m. The goal was to plant all 104 of the trees on Saturday.



The Industrial Park Tree Grant program is available for new or existing industrial parks in Iowa communities served by Alliant Energy. This program offers tree-planting grants specifically for industrial parks to encourage energy efficiency, environmental awareness and support economic growth.

Industrial Park Tree Grant applications are accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year, but are considered for funding during a spring and fall grant-making cycle. For more information, contact 866-ALLIANT (866-255-4268).

Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency Winter Hours

The Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency compost, shingle recycling, wood recovery and recycling facility at 2250 A St SW, Cedar Rapids (Site #1) will be enacting winter hours on December 1, 2012.

The facility will be open from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday - Friday (closed Saturday and Sunday).

Winter hours are effective December 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013. Winter hours are being used because customer traffic slows down significantly at the site during winter months.

Operations at 1954 County Home Road, Marion, where the landfill, Pollution Prevention Center, and recycling drive-through are located, will not be affected. Regular business hours remain in effect at that location, 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Saturday.

WHAT: The Solid Waste Agency's Cedar Rapids facility, located at 2250 A St SW, Cedar Rapids (Site #1), will be enacting winter hours of operation.

HOURS: Winter hours are 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday - Friday

WHEN: Effective December 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Solid Waste Agency, (319) 377-5290.



DECEMBER 2012



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2	3	4	5 Council 7pm	6	7	8
9	10 History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 7pm	11 Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	12 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	13 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	14	15
16	17 P&Z 6 pm	18 Water 6:30 pm	19 Council 7pm	20	21	22
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30	31 City Hall Closed					

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Crime Prevention Safety Tips

With the holiday season now upon us, the Hiawatha Police Department would like to take a moment to remind everyone of a few simple crime prevention tips to keep you and your property as safe as possible. Many thefts and burglaries seen in this area are simply crimes of opportunity. Please remember to lock the doors and windows of your home as this will deter a significant number of would-be crimes. The same goes for your vehicles; lock them up and many criminals will not bother. Many crimes can also be avoided by keeping your valuables secure and out of sight. We recommend that you keep from leaving valuables in your vehicles at all, but when you must, we advise you keep them out of sight. Many times pulling the blinds of your home at night will be sufficient to keep your valuables at home out of sight of those willing to steal from you. Use of exterior lights is always advisable for deterring crimes as well. Also, the majority of vandalism to vehicles occurs when the vehicles are left more accessible while parked in the street. If possible, you can reduce the likelihood of your vehicle being vandalized by parking it in your garage or in your driveway. For those that have home alarm systems, please be certain the Linn County Dispatch Center has contact information for you that may be helpful for our response to an alarm at your home. Although your alarm company likely has contact information for you, our response can be streamlined and information used more quickly if our Dispatchers have a little bit of information from you, for example, your phone number. Please also be certain that your alarm company utilizes the following phone number when initiating a response to an alarm activation: 319-365-9419. This is a phone number used exclusively for alarms and alarm related calls. You can also contact the Dispatch Center using this line to give them your contact information. Finally, please do not hesitate to contact our Dispatch Center on the alarm line if you have accidentally set off your alarm. Although we may still find it necessary to respond, any information you are able to give us before our arrival helps us determine what sort of response is most appropriate.

Pole Sign Moratorium

On September 19, 2012, Council approved a Sign Pole Moratorium for Center Point and North Center Point Road from Blairs Ferry Road to Boyson Road.

The original sign code was adopted in 1998, at that time there was discussion to eliminate sign poles but through compromise, the code had only limits on size and height for these types of signs.

In knowing the Town Center Project includes the realignment and street improvements of Center Point/Emmons/North Center Point and Robins Road intersection, we anticipate new development in this area. Pole signs may create distractions and clutter the City's corridor being a detriment to the Town Center redevelopment and well being of the community.

The City Council reviewed and discussed the request of the sign pole moratorium and found that appropriate measures must be taken to secure a temporary stop on the construction of pole signs in order to protect our City's corridor and well being of the community. Council placed a sign pole moratorium along Center Point and North Center Point Road from Blairs Ferry Road to Boyson Road for an 18 month period and it was made effective on September 20, 2012. For concerns or questions regarding the Sign Pole Moratorium, contact the Community Development Department at 393-1515.



Christmas Tree Disposal

The City of Hiawatha does not provide Christmas tree pickup and removal.

It is the responsibility of the resident to contact their garbage hauler and make arrangements for the pickup and removal of their Christmas trees after the holidays.



City Hall Holiday Hours

Happy Holidays!
The Administration and City of Hiawatha Team would like to wish you and yours a very happy, prosperous and safe Holiday Season.
Offices are Closed:

December 24, 25, 31
January 1

