The Hiawatha City Council met in regular session in the Hiawatha Council Chambers on November 16, 2016. Mayor Bill Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present: Dick Olson, Bob Rampulla, Marty Bruns, Dennis Norton and Aime Wichtendahl. Staff present: Finance Director Cindy Kudrna, City Engineer John Bender, Community Development Director Pat Parsley, Fire Chief Mike Nesslage and Police Chief Dennis Marks. Guests: Daniel Hoffmann. Note: Not all guests in attendance signed in.

Wichtendahl moved the approval of the following consent agenda items: Approval of bills; Finance Director's Report for October 2016; City Clerk's Report for October 2016; Department Reports: Community Development, Fire, Library, Parks and Recreation, Police and Public Works, seconded by Bruns. Motion carried.

Report from Council Members / Mayor / City Administrator

Council member Norton commented the crew working on the sidewalk on Boyson Road is doing a great job and moving along quickly.

City Administrator Downs commented Robins Road is back open as of November 16, 2016. Downs stated Hiawatha staff tried to go to the Cedar Rapids City Council meeting on November 15, 2016 to listen to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) speak about erosion control. Downs said Hiawatha does not want to be as stringent as Cedar Rapids as it can be quite costly to developers: Cedar Rapids took action on the first reading of the ordinance and it passed.

PUBLIC HEARING - to consider approval of the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2017 – 2024

Mayor Bennett opened the public hearing to consider approval of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 2017 – 2024 at 5:37 P.M.

No written or public comments were received at or prior to the public hearing. Public Hearing closed at 5:37 P.M.

Rampulla presented RESOLUTION #16-214 approving the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2017-2024, seconded by Olson. Roll call vote: AYES: Bruns, Olson, Wichtendahl, Rampulla, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-214 adopted.**

Setting a public hearing date (December 7, 2016 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider the proposal to enter into a five (5) year Development Agreement with O'Brien Property, LLC and Focal Point Interiors, Inc. and providing for publication of notice

Norton presented RESOLUTION #16-215 setting a public hearing date (December 7, 2016 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider the proposal to enter into a five (5) year Development Agreement with O'Brien Property, LLC and Focal Point Interiors, Inc. and providing for publication of notice, seconded by Olson. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Norton, Wichtendahl, Bruns, Rampulla. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-215 adopted.**

Approving the certification of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) indebtedness to the Linn County Auditor's Office for Fiscal Year 2018 Collections

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #16-216 approving the certification of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) indebtedness to the Linn County Auditor's Office for FY 2018 Collections, seconded by Norton. Roll call vote: AYES: Rampulla, Olson, Norton, Wichtendahl, Bruns. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-216 adopted.**

Approving and placing on file the FY 2015-2016 Annual Financial Report

Olson presented RESOLUTION #16-217 approving and placing on file the FY 2015-2016 Annual Financial Report, seconded by Bruns. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Rampulla, Bruns, Olson, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-217 adopted.**

Approving and placing on file the Annual FY 2015-2016 Urban Renewal Report

Rampulla presented RESOLUTION #16-218 approving and placing on file the Annual FY 2015-2016 Urban Renewal Report, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Bruns, Rampulla, Norton, Wichtendahl. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-218 adopted.**

Discussion/Possible Action regarding Mayor Veto on Resolution #16-200 authorizing the Community Development Department purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford Escape, replacement Unit 600

Council member Rampulla asked to strike the resolution and instead moved to authorize staff to go out for bids on used vehicles.

Council member Wichtendahl questioned the reason for a 2015 vehicle.

Downs explained that staff did research and a 2015 vehicle provides some warranty in case the vehicle is a lemon and additionally the City would have to put cost up front.

Council member Bruns stated a 2015 eliminates taking a total risk on a car that is totally out of warranty.

Council member Olson commented 20% of the retail value is lost after driving the vehicle off the lot.

Mayor Bennett stated he is not against buying a new car but is against spending $9,000 when there is an option to get a quality vehicle at a better price.

Olson stated there is a chance the dealership would trade in the current vehicle (Unit 600) for a 2015 with desired specifications at no cost to the City.

Olson presented RESOLUTION #16-219 authorizing the solicitation of used car bids for replacement of Unit 600, seconded by Norton. Roll call vote: AYES: Bruns, Wichtendahl, Olson, Rampulla, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-219 adopted.**

Approving renewal of an Agreement with CGI Communications, Inc. to continue an online Community Video Program on the Hiawatha website

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #16-220 approving a three (3) year renewal of an Agreement with CGI Communications, Inc. to continue an online Community Video Program on the Hiawatha website, seconded by Olson. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Olson, Rampulla, Norton, Bruns. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-220 adopted.**

Increasing the deposit rate for the sanitary sewer only accounts

Wichtendahl commented this change only affects 15 customers and there does not appear to be an issue with people leaving without paying their bills; no need to increase the deposit rate.

Downs explained the increase is for the deposit only not to the sewer rates the increase will only apply to new customers not existing customers.

Rampulla presented RESOLUTION #16-221 approving an increase to the deposit rate charged on sanitary sewer only accounts from $20.00 to $50.00, effective on all new accounts set up after November 16, 2016, seconded by Norton. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Bruns, Norton, Wichtendahl, Rampulla. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-221 adopted.**

2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project

Norton presented RESOLUTION #16-222 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #2 for the 2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project, and directing City Clerk to make payment to Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, in the amount of $188,443.47, seconded by Bruns. Roll call vote: AYES: Rampulla, Wichtendahl, Olson, Bruns, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-222 adopted.**

Placement of items for next Agenda/Work Sessions

Norton asked if the handicap accessibility doors for the Community Center item needs to come back on the agenda.

Downs stated the cost is only a little over $2,000.00 and staff will move forward with the purchase.

Rampulla moved to adjourn at 5:50 P.M., seconded by Wichtendahl. Motion carried.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk