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# Hiawatha Insights

## State of the City Address

2010 was a good business year for Hiawatha. We received very good news in March, when we heard "Go Daddy" had decided to come to Hiawatha with a five year projection of 600 new jobs. After some remodeling of the building at One Parsons Drive, the official Grand Opening was held on July 8, 2010.

In May, CCB Packaging announced a 40,000 sq. ft. warehouse expansion and a 6,000 sq. ft. corporate office facility. They also added 40 new employees.

In September, Ahmann Design began construction on a new office technical center. This facility will bring one new business to town and allow an existing Hiawatha business to expand and add new employees.

PAETEC has decided to move into a new facility on North Center Point Road. The move will sustain approximately 400 jobs in Hiawatha. Your City Council was very aggressive in attempting to keep them here and we are pleased with their decision.

In November, the City received its first R.I.S.E. grant of \$1.4 million to help reconstruct almost three quarters of a mile of North Center Point Road from Stamy Road to Tower Terrace Road. When this street is completed, it will be three lanes wide with sidewalks and streetlights. The total estimated cost is \$2.9 million and project completion date is November 2011.

Tower Terrace Interchange is still on our radar. We continue to aggressively meet with the I.D.O.T. to present our City's needs and the advantages the interchange will play in our community and the communities of Robins, Marion and Cedar Rapids. Recently the Corridor Metro Planning Organization approved an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to help pay for a new Interchange Justification Report.

The City has invested \$2,674,771 in water, sewer, storm and street infrastructure.

**Sewer:** \$1,145,794 includes Northwest Sewer main extension, Manhole reconstruction, Sanitary Sewer miscellaneous repairs, North Center Point Road Sewer extension and catch basin repairs.

**Storm Sewer:** \$207,287 includes Heritage Green Creek, Thiher Drive Drintile and Litchfield Drive/Boyson Road Drintile projects.

**Streets:** \$414,761 includes Third Avenue from Clark Street to Marion Street, C Avenue from Blairs Ferry Road to Tucker Street and Crack Sealing.

**Water:** \$906,929 includes Northwest Water Main extension, Third Avenue from Clark Street to Marion Street and North Center Point Road Water Main extension.

Property acquisition has begun on the Boyson Road project. Utility work and talks with the railroad will continue in 2011. This is a large project that will take several years to complete.

The City recently bought Oakbrook trailer park and has requested proposals from qualified developers. The Council has many options available to consider and we will keep you updated as this project develops.

As you may remember, we had a 350 acre voluntary annexation in 2009 and recently started another new annexation project of about 100 acres. This is also totally voluntary. With the 2009 annexation, the Council approved the subdivision final plat for Pines at Turtle Creek. This subdivision is plotted for 104 lots and basements have been poured for the first two homes.



## State of the City Address Continued

Hiawatha has a new Economic Development group of business leaders that want to help the City to prosper. Their name is HEDCO which is short for Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation. Their mission statement says "Develop a vibrant Hiawatha economic development community utilizing public and private partnership." HEDCO is a volunteer driven organization committed to delivering services and results in the most efficient manner. They have a board of directors, slate of officers and will meet each month. HEDCO hopes to make Hiawatha the first choice for realtors and developers.

City staff has diligently worked on two vital aspects of city planning, they are our Comprehensive Plan and Design Guidelines. Both documents will keep the City within their boundaries and continue to unify the development layout and aesthetics of our City. Both documents are futuristic but necessary to ensure continuity and eliminate any hodge podge.

As you can see, we have had a busy 2010 and anxiously await what 2011 will bring our way.

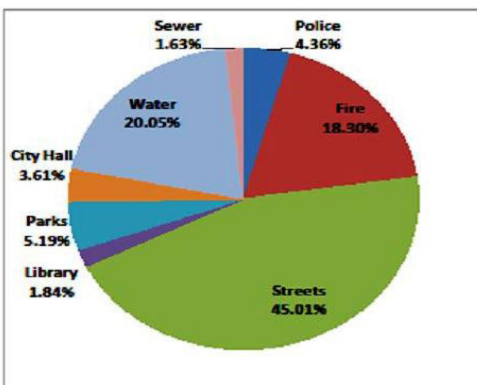
## Local Option Sales Tax Dollars Update

2010 has been a very busy year for the City of Hiawatha. We received approximately \$881,000 in Local Option Sales Tax dollars. With the additional revenue we were able to make many improvements throughout the city including water and sewer mains, drain tile installation to help with storm water maintenance, park improvements, police and fire equipment, seasonal decorations, library improvements and street reconstruction.

As you can see from the chart, about 45 percent of the LOST dollars were used on street improvements. Here is a summary of the Public Improvement Projects that were completed this year.

1. C Avenue from Blairs Ferry Road to Tucker Street included pavement replacement, manhole repairs, and drain tile installation. The project is complete and the final contract amount was \$113,549.
2. Third Avenue from Clark Street to Marion Street included pavement replacement, water main replacement, storm sewer and drain tile installation, and sanitary service repairs. The road is currently open. The project is about 75 percent complete, with grading, seeding and storm sewer intake work to be completed next spring. The contract bid amount is \$281,068.
3. Water and sanitary sewer mains are extended on North Center Point Road from Tower Terrace Road north to the City limits. LOST funds helped pay for sanitary sewer construction on the east side of North Center Point Road. The project is complete and the final contract amount was \$195,108. LOST funding accounted for \$90,050 of the total project costs. The remainder of funding was paid by the water utility, special assessments, and TIF.

LOST dollars were used in many other areas around the City. If possible, we have put up signs showing the projects that were funded with LOST dollars. You may have noticed these around Hiawatha in the parks or along the roadway. With the addition of LOST as a source of revenue, the City has been able to do some of these improvements that may have been delayed due to the lack of funding. So, thank you to our voters, we were able to do these projects, along with others we are planning for the future to make your City the best it can be.



C Avenue from Blairs Ferry to Tucker Street

North Center Point Road from Tower Terrace Road



Third Avenue from Clark Street to Marion Street



## History Commission - Police Department

In the early start of Hiawatha, late '40's and early '50's, there wasn't an appointed Police Chief. But, Fay Clark did appoint Ron Wagner as "Marshall" and Bob Cook as "Assistant Marshall". They didn't have any special training except coming back from World War II, which was training enough in those days. So there were weapons carried.

The first squad car was Fay Clark's personal car, which was a late '40's Packard. A Dodge in the '70's that spend a good deal of time in Dick Larson's garage where he kept it in good working condition. Especially the muffler system, so you knew it had some rough times on rough roads!

Fay Clark invented a "speed trap" in a certain area of Highway 150. An electronic tape would lay across the highway up to a flip-up sign which said "Stop!" Going too fast from point A to the "Stop" sign at point B would get you a speeding ticket.

Calling the Police or Fire Department was a "calling tree." Fay or Adaline would be the first ring. If it would go unanswered by the fourth ring, then the caller would move down the list. The one receiving would then call the next one on the roster and so on. The first Police Station was located in the City Hall complex along with the Water Department, Fire Department, and Library.

After remodeling the lumber company into the City Hall expansion, the Library and Police Department would be housed there. Today, there are 8 full-time officers, one officer designated to a K-9 unit, 3 sergeants, one administrative assistant and a police chief.

The police chiefs:

Ron Wagner - Marshall (1953-58); Pat Clark - Marshall (1958-62);

Neil Willia - Chief (1962-66); Robert Quimby - Chief (1967-68);

Ormal Williams - Interim Chief (1968-69); Doug Stowell - Chief (1970-73);

Dave Saari - Chief (1973-03); Rick Pierce - Chief (2003-07);

Gary Manhart - Interim Chief (2007); Dennis Marks - Chief (2007-Current).

The Hiawatha Police Department is based out of the west side of the new City Hall, lower level. The department is secured from the other areas of City Hall. The station features two interview rooms with video capability, an evidence storage room, a secured armory for weapons and ammunition storage, a command center for multi-jurisdictional emergency response personnel in the event of a disaster.



## Speed Zone Ordinance

New speed limit signs are now appearing in our Commercial/Industrial Districts. We responded to a request from an area business owner to post more speed limit signs. While researching this request, it was discovered that we really did not have many options under the current City Ordinances or State Law. The city engineer reviewed all roads encompassed in the new districts. It was discussed at Council level and decided that 30 mph was a reasonable and prudent speed for this area. While not every road section in the Commercial/Industrial districts will have a new speed limit sign, the entire district is 30 mph unless otherwise posted. New signs will be posted in the area north of Boyson and east of North Center Point Road and north of Boyson between Miller Road and the Interstate. Please observe the new posted speed limits.

### Chapter 63 SPEED REGULATIONS

**63.05 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.

**63.10 SPECIAL 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 court;
2. Twelfth Avenue Court from Boyson Road to court;

## Council Appointments/Re-Appointments

The Mayor and Council are pleased to appoint and re-appointment the following Board and Commission members:

Planning & Zoning Board  
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Housing Inspection Board  
License/Appeal Board

Parks & Recreation Board  
Parks & Recreation Board  
Parks & Recreation Board

Water Board

History Commission  
History Commission

Mary Conrad (re-appointment)  
Dale Schroth (re-appointment)  
Tom Belin (re-appointment)  
Bob Gleason (re-appointment)

Dan Wilkes (new appointment)  
Larry Eveland (re-appointment)  
Bill Hornett (re-appointment)

Patrick White (re-appointment)

Bev Daws (re-appointment)  
Dick Larson (re-appointment)

## Council Action

December 1, 2010

**Ordinance #687** - Amending Code of Ordinance Chapter 155 Building Code in its entirety and adopting a revised Chapter 155 Building Code implementing the IBC 2009 Edition and IRC 2009 Edition with minor adjustments, effective 3/1/11.

**Ordinance #688** - Fails for lack of majority vote.

**Ordinance #689** - Rezoning GPN 112930100200000 located at Lot 1, Sherman Square 1st addition to Hiawatha, IA C-3 to C-4.

**Ordinance #690** - Rezoning of GPN 112930100700000 located NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 Section 29-84-7, except Sherman Square 1st addition to Hiawatha, IA, Sherman Sixth addition to Hiawatha, IA and public highway from A to C-4.

**Ordinance #691** - Rezoning of GPN 112942700100000 located at part of the SE 1/4, Section 29-84-7 lying south of Tower Terrace Road, west of Stamy Road, and North of Lot "A", Sherman Square 4th addition to Hiawatha, IA and public highway from A to C-4.

**Resolution 10-280** - Approving Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2011-2015.

**Resolution 10-281** - Authorizing the purchase of mowing and landscaping equipment as outlined for maintenance of grounds at the City parks and City facilities; total costs of equipment not to exceed \$24,000.00.

**Resolution 10-282** - Authorizing the execution of Agreement and consent to discharge weapons and firearms within the City limits of Hiawatha by and between Sherman Properties, LLC and Kathryn Sherman Family Trust, and the City of Hiawatha and hereby approved in order to allow the property owners and up to three (3) guests with a maximum of four (4) individuals at any given time to discharge shotguns for the purpose of hunting waterfowl on the 49 acre property.

December 15, 2010

**Resolution 10-287** - Authorizing mayor to sign a State Financial Assistance Application for Mobile Demand for financial assistance through the High Quality Jobs Program.

**Resolution 10-288** - Setting public hearing date (1/5/2011 at 7:00 p.m.) to consider Resolution of Necessity containing lots to be assessed and locations of improvements for North Center Point Road Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Extension Project.

**Resolution 10-289** - Authorizing mayor to sign a nonbinding letter of intent with McLeod USA dba PAETEC Business Services and HTSITD, LLC., to enter into an agreement of at least 12 years.

**Resolution 10-290** - Approving Final Plat of Pines at Turtle Creek First Addition and authorize the execution of a Development Agreement by and between the City of Hiawatha and Pines at Turtle Creek, LLC, Alvin Frey.

**Resolution 10-291** - Approving Fire Department Organizational Chart and directs City Clerk to add changes to overall City Organization Matrix.

**Resolution 10-292** - Approving purchase of up to twenty (20) EMS 5.11 Responder High-Vis Parkas at a cost not to exceed \$305 per parka, \$6,100 total estimated cost.

**Resolution 10-293** - Authorizing Purchase of two (2) 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors replacing Units #820 and #850 at a total cost not to exceed \$33,438.48 for both vehicles including trade in value.

**Resolution 10-294** - Authorizing purchase of property located at 195 Boyson Road in connection with Boyson Road and Robins Road Intersection Project with a total purchase price of \$170,000 and pay for other related fees.

**Resolution 10-295** - Approving the City Council regular meeting schedule for 2011.

**Resolution 10-296** - Accepting and authorizing mayor to sign the letter of donation on behalf of Darrell A. Loan, Family LP donating a complete UHF Wide Area Coverage Radio Repeater System, valued at \$12,028 and yearly rent value of \$4,800

## Side Walk Shovel Notice

During the recent snow accumulations on the 3rd and 4th of December, 2010, it has been noted that several property owners did not clear the snow from their sidewalks.

Hiawatha City Code Chapter 136.03 requires that snow accumulation be removed within 24 hours after the snow has stopped or we can have the sidewalks shoveled and the charges assessed against your property.

The City does not want to resort to having to clean your sidewalks and would appreciate that citizens help keep the walks shoveled and assist your neighbors if they have troubles clearing their sidewalks.

## Live Healthy Iowa 100 Day Wellness Challenge

Join us in making Hiawatha a healthier place to be! The Live Healthy Iowa 100 Day Wellness Challenge is a fun, easy, and affordable way to engage Iowans in healthy behaviors. This team-based physical activity, nutrition and weight loss program is designed to promote positive changes leading to a healthier lifestyle. The challenge starts January 20, 2011 and ends April 29, 2011. Prizes and incentives are offered throughout the program on a team and individual basis. Friends, families, and co-workers form teams that track weight loss and/or minutes of activity. Hiawatha has set up a Group ID for teams to register and all Hiawatha residents and businesses are encouraged to assemble your team and register under **Group ID LHIHIA** at [www.livehealthyiowa.com](http://www.livehealthyiowa.com).



## Design Guidelines

Recent actions by the Hiawatha City Council have placed a "Design Guidelines" requirement for commercial development along major streets within Hiawatha. The goal is to guide development or redevelopment along: North Center Point Road, Boyson Road, Tower Terrace Road, Town Center, I-380 Corridor, and future Edgewood Road Extension. This guideline will ask the developers to submit renditions of the building they are proposing which will include site drawings, landscaping, and building materials for review by City staff and the Planning and Zoning commission. The intent of the guideline is to attract new business to the area and enhance property values while making Hiawatha a wonderful community for its commercial business customers and its citizens.

# JANUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 <div style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 2px;">Live Healthy Iowa Meeting 5:30 pm Community Center</div>	5 <div style="background-color: #ADD8E6; padding: 2px;">Council 7pm</div>	6 <div style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 2px;">Special Needs Movie Night 6pm</div>	7	8
9	10 <div style="background-color: #FFB6C1; padding: 2px;">History 1:30 p.m.</div> <div style="background-color: #FFD700; padding: 2px;">Board of Adj. 7p.m.</div>	11 <div style="background-color: #ADD8E6; padding: 2px;">Parks 6:30 p.m.</div> <div style="background-color: #FF4500; padding: 2px;">Library 7p.m.</div>	12 <div style="background-color: #808080; padding: 2px;">Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18</div>	13 <div style="background-color: #808080; padding: 2px;">Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18</div>	14	15
16	17	18 <div style="background-color: #FF69B4; padding: 2px;">Water 6:30 p.m.</div>	19 <div style="background-color: #ADD8E6; padding: 2px;">Council 7pm</div>	20 <div style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 2px;">Live Healthy Iowa 100 Day Challenge begins</div>	21 <div style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 2px;">Kids Movie Night 6:30 pm</div>	22
23 <div style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 2px;">Lil Cougar Dance Clinic Community Center 1pm</div>	24	25	26 <div style="background-color: #808080; padding: 2px;">Council Airs 7p.m. Channel 18</div>	27 <div style="background-color: #808080; padding: 2px;">Council Airs 10a.m. Channel 18</div>	28	29
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## Boyson Road/Robins Road Intersection

In the 2011 construction season, North Center Point Road between Stamy Road and Tower Terrace Road will be reconstructed. The finished product will be a concrete street with curb and gutter, center turn lane, storm sewer, and sidewalks. Prior to the City receiving a state grant for this project, the City scheduled the reconstruction of Boyson Road between Hawkeye Drive and Robins Road in 2011. However, to avoid disruptions to two neighboring major streets at the same time, Boyson Road paving will occur in 2012. The Boyson Road project will not be entirely on hold though. Right-of-way acquisition, grading and utility relocations are still expected to occur in 2011, in preparation for the paving in 2012.



## Angie Cole - Certified Park and Recreation Professional

Parks and Recreation Director, Angie Cole, has earned her certification as a Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) through the National Recreation and Parks Association.

In order to become certified, applicants must hold a Bachelor's Degree, have no less than three years of full-time experience in the field, and pass the certification exam.

The CPRP certification shows that she has met the certification's high standards of education, expertise and experience. Angie Cole will be the 44th Certified Parks and Recreation Professional in the State of Iowa.



## Sal Giunta Parade Poster Winners

The Sal Giunta Welcome Home Sign contest was judged by the Parks and Recreation Department. All contestants were judged on creativity and complexity. Please feel free to browse through all our contestant signs on our Facebook page: City of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation.

Thank you to all who created signs and participated along the parade route. Everyone did an amazing job and your artwork was very much appreciated. Also a big thank you to those who volunteered and organized this event. It was a wonderful success and we know that it was all possible because of you.



First Place Winner:  
Lorena Madden



Second Place Winner:  
Sophia & Olivia Wood



Third Place Winner: Brittany Theis