



Comprehensive Plan 2036 Summary

The City of Hiawatha has completed work on the proposed 2036 Comprehensive Plan. The document was presented for recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission on November 28, 2016. The plan was approved by the Commission and presented for Public Hearing at the City Council meeting. City Council approved the plan following the public hearing on December 21, 2016.

The previous Comprehensive Plan for Hiawatha was written in 2010. Since that time, the city has experienced significant growth, annexed more land and established the Center Point Road zoning districts. These changes made it imperative we re-evaluate the goals and strategies and clarify our vision for the community development.

The planning and visioning process included five project-team meetings and four public meetings. The public meetings included the hearings before P&Z Commission and the Council. Additional input was received through an on-line survey and mapping tool in which citizens were allowed to contribute concerns and ideas regarding the future of Hiawatha. One public meeting had about 50 people in attendance and the on-line mapping tool have over 200 participatory hits. The *vision statement* developed through this process encapsulates the unique role of Hiawatha in the Northeast Iowa corridor:

We are the Creative Corridor's most welcoming community to live, work and experience. Residents and visitors love our small town feel, walkable neighborhoods and the unique restaurants and shops in our vibrant Village Center.

Public input and statistical analysis indicates Hiawatha has immense growth potential and faces some very important issues moving forward. Statistics indicate we only have about 50% of the required owner occupied and rental housing units needed for our residents with incomes from \$25K to \$50K. This group of people includes young professionals desiring to get established in our area.

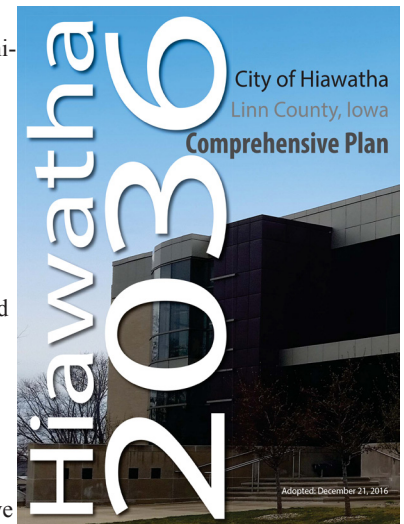
Additionally, Hiawatha is projected to need an additional 50% increase in overall housing stock in the next 20 years. This is about 1,600 units. Without adequate available housing our labor market may be adversely affected limiting the potential growth of our commercial and retail segments.

Another major issue faced by our community is traffic and transportation challenges. This issue ranked as a high priority in all of our surveys. Though it is an asset to have an interstate highway within our community we are not able to take full advantage due to limited access points. An additional interchange at Tower Terrace, a redesigned interchange at Boyson Road and the new intersection at North Center Point Road/Emmons/Robins Road will serve to relieve the traffic pressure on residents and workers of Hiawatha.

The citizens of Hiawatha feel it is very important to manage growth through a balanced land use plan for commercial and residential uses. Our surveys noted the desire for outdoor and public amenities along with the development of commercial retail centers and restaurants. The concept of the village centers ranked high in providing ready access to these services. The village center concept includes developing high density multi-family units in and around centers of commerce. This describes our Center Point Road zoning objectives.

The significant opportunities reflected in this plan include meeting housing needs, designing transportation strategies, designating zoning potential for an extended area around Hiawatha and a strategic goals format for monitoring our progress towards the 2036 vision. The new statistical information along with our vision gives us the necessary guidance and rationale for moving forward with our strategic goals.

With this plan, city staff and elected and appointed officials will be able to make appropriate decisions regarding land use, development and enhancement of our City amenities such as parks, trails and public services. The plan will guide and coordinate our efforts to update our Unified Development Ordinances and strategic plan. Knowing we desire to be a growing community with a "small town feel" and that we are integral part of the larger "corridor community" will keep our perspective focused on the present and future needs of our residents with a plan to accomplish that vision.



North Center Point Road/Emmons Street/Robins Road Intersection Improvement Phase II



The second phase contract awarded to Rathje Construction Inc. of Marion is now complete from Fisher Street to approximately 300 feet to the south. The total project will move the existing Emmons Street/Robins Road/North Center Point Road intersection approximately 100 feet to the northwest. Included will be new intersection paving, traffic signals, multi-use trail, bus stops and street lighting. The construction is shut down for the winter months and all lanes are open to traffic.

Target project completion date is November 2017.

Three New Additions Completed in 2016

The construction is now complete on three new subdivisions in the City of Hiawatha. Dell Ridge 2nd Addition and Heritage Green 12th Addition add new residential lots. R&S Addition adds four new industrial lots. Construction of new residential homes and new commercial buildings continue at a fast pace and appears to be strong leading into 2017.



Dell Ridge Phase II



R&S First Addition



Heritage Green 12th Addition

Water and Sewer Extension Project Complete to Newly Annexed Area

The construction of the sewer and water main extension to the newly annexed area along Edgewood Road between Fitzroy Road and County Home Road is now complete. Over 5,000 feet of 12" water main, 2,700 feet of 8" sanitary sewer and 4,000 feet of 8" pressure line has been constructed. This will now open approximately 300 acres to future development.



Water Main Break Information

Here at the Water Department we know the importance of having water available when you open the tap or flush a toilet. We also understand the frustration you experience when the water is not present. It's that time of year when water main breaks may occur. The Water Department wants to make sure our residents know what to do if or when this happens.

When a water main break occurs it requires the Water Department employees to close down several water main valves to isolate the main and control the leak. We do our best to inform our customers when a water main break occurs. Sometimes, actually many times, these main breaks are emergencies or they occur after hours and our customers don't become aware of the leak until water is not available.

Rest assured, the Water Department employees will be working diligently to find the source of the leak and correct the issue to reestablish water to your property in a timely manner. We appreciate your patience when a situation like this arises.

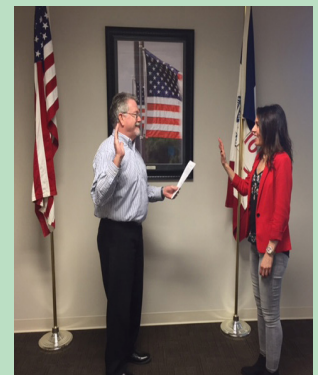
If you should see or suspect a water leak, please report it to the Water Department at 319-393-5556 opt #4. If it is after business hours please contact the non-emergency Police Department number 319-393-1212. We will promptly investigate the concern.

Thank You to our Past and Present Board Members!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals who have served and are serving as a city board/commission member. We are so fortunate to not only have you as part of our community but also your commitment to serving our community with the best interests of the City and its citizens in mind.

Board and Commission Appointments and Re-appointments:

Steve Dodson	Board of Adjustment Member	Expires 12/31/2021
Terry Trimpe	Planning & Zoning Commission Member	Expires 12/31/2020
Mark Powers	Planning & Zoning Commission Member	Expires 12/31/2021
Dan Wilkes	Parks & Recreation Commission Member	Expires 12/31/2018
Dawn Ewoldt	Parks & Recreation Commission Member	Expires 12/31/2018
Deb Theis	Parks & Recreation Commission Member	Expires 12/31/2018
Pat White	Water Board Member	Expires 12/31/2022
Tom Belin	Board of Appeals Member	Expires 12/31/2019
Deb Theis	Board of Appeals Member	Expires 12/31/2019
Dick Larson	History Commission Member	Expires 12/31/2019



New board member getting sworn in

December 7, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-223 approving & authorizing execution of a 5 year Development Agreement with O'Brien Property, LLC & Focal Point Interiors, Inc. RESOLUTION #16-224 setting a public hearing date (12/21/16 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider approving & placing on file the City of Hiawatha 2036 Comprehensive Plan.

RESOLUTION #16-225 approving the proposed building design, parking berm, landscaping & building elevations for 2 new commercial buildings containing temperature controlled storage & flex space on the property located at 620 Robins Road to the Hiawatha Design Guidelines, as submitted by Blue Lagoon Storage.

RESOLUTION #16-226 approving a deferment of sidewalk installation for the property located at 620 Robins Road, received from Brain Engineering, Inc. on behalf of Blue Lagoon Storage.

RESOLUTION #16-227 authorizing the purchase of a 2015 Toyota Rav-4 XLE new Unit 600, for the Commu-

nity Development Department at a total cost of \$0, from Cedar Rapids Toyota of Hiawatha.

RESOLUTION #16-228 authorizing the purchase & installation of interior lighting for the fire station apparatus bay at a total cost not to exceed \$8,400, with Premier Electrical Services of Hiawatha, utilizing available funding in the Capital Improvement Plan.

RESOLUTION #16-229 authorizing the purchase of 7 sets of firefighter turnout protective gear at a total cost not to exceed \$17,069.08, with Heiman Fire Equipment.

RESOLUTION #16-230 authorizing the purchase of a new breathing air compressor & fill station to fill Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Cylinders "air tanks" at a total cost not to exceed \$44,566, with Sandry Fire Supply utilizing the 2015 Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant with the City responsible for a 5% match that will be covered by the trade in value of the current air compressor. Motion of approval of the appointment of 8 Volunteer Firefighters: Jared Barth, Sean Brown, Douglas

Cole, Joey Kennally, Shaylee Minear, Steven Mariette, Payton McCarty & Kathleen Schrader. RESOLUTION #16-231 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #1 for the 2016 Boyson Road Trail Extension Project, & directing City Clerk to make payment to Midwest Concrete Inc., of Peosta, IA, in the amount of \$105,550.67.

RESOLUTION #16-232 approving (Final) Invoice #1 for Hiawatha's portion of costs for the completion of a construction project to overlay with Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) the existing pavement & shoulder & apply pavement markings on shared portions of Tower Terrace Road, & directing City Clerk to make payment to Linn County, Iowa in the amount of \$94,663.45, using available funding in Local Option Sales & Service Tax dollars.

RESOLUTION #16-233 establishing the Holiday Schedule for the City Offices for FY 17-18. RESOLUTION #16-234 approving the City Council Meeting Schedule for 2017.

December 21, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-235 approving sewer waiver on second water meter for 2936 Diamondback Road. Motion approving Mayoral & Council Appointments of Board & Commission members as follows: appointment of Board of Adjustment Member: Steve Dodson, effective 1/1/17-12/31/21, appointment of Planning & Zoning Commission Member: Terry Trimpe, effective 1/1/17-12/31/20.

Motion approving Mayoral & Council Re-Appointments of Board & Commission members as follows: re-appointment of Planning & Zoning Commission Member: Mark Powers, effective 1/1/17-12/31/21, re-appointment of Parks & Recreation Members: Dan Wilkes, Dawn Ewoldt & Deb Theis, effective 1/1/17-12/31/18, re-appointment of Water Board Member: Pat White, effective 1/1/17-12/31/22, re-appointment of Board of Appeals Members: Tom Belin & Deb Theis, effective 1/1/17-12/31/19, re-appointment of History Commission Member: Dick Larson, effective 1/1/17-12/31/19.

RESOLUTION #16-236 approving & placing on file the City of Hiawatha 2036 Comprehensive Plan.

Motion approving of a special event request submitted by Hemophilia of Iowa Foundation to hold their annual Clot Trot 5K & 10K race & use of Guthridge Park on Saturday, 8/5/17.

RESOLUTION #16-237 approving the second annual Hiawatha Fun Fest event including music/entertainment, a movie, various games & activities, fireworks, & food vendors in Guthridge Park, parade & 5K Fun Run; with event activities taking place on 8/25/17 & 8/26/17, & additionally approving event funding in the amount of \$5,000.

RESOLUTION #16-238 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #3 for the 2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project, & directing City Clerk to make payment to Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, in the amount of \$145,138.53.

RESOLUTION #16-239 amending the City's Purchasing Policies & Procedures by adding purchasing principles & updating bid & quotation limits.

RESOLUTION #16-240 acknowledging & placing on file the FY15-16 Audit.

January Calendar

- 02 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 04 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 09 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 09 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 10 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 10 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 11 Council meeting airs
6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON)
7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 17 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 18 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 23 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 25 Council meeting airs
6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON)
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February Calendar

- 01 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 08 Council meeting airs
6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON)
7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 13 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 13 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 14 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 14 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 15 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 20 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 21 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 22 Council meeting airs
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- 27 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM

Wintertime Fires and Safety Tips

“Baby, it’s cold outside” rings true this time of year. For firefighters, cold weather brings on the challenges of working in sub freezing weather. Protecting shivering victims who are standing outside their burning home in night clothes becomes a high priority for police and firefighters arriving. The heat of the fire will turn to wind and cold once the fire is extinguished. Water that poured from the hoses to put out the fire is now covering everything as ice, adding pounds to firefighters gear, making hoses hard to move and turning the fire scene into one giant ice rink. For firefighters, it’s more than that. Cold weather also brings on a variety of fire hazards that increase this time of year. Heating devices ranging from wood stoves to heat lamps can create a fire hazard. Dry Christmas trees can go up in flames in just seconds. In the excitement of the holidays, a candle knocked over can become a fast growing fire. With that in mind, the Hiawatha Fire Department would like to offer a few seasonal fire prevention suggestions. Don’t believe it will happen to you? All of these suggestions resulted from fires in Hiawatha in the last several years:

- Space heaters need space: having 36 inches of clearance around all heating devices is recommended. Space heaters, wood burning stoves, ovens, even heat lamps all need space. A heat lamp used to create a warm spot for pets can fall into bedding and cause a fire. Remember to turn off your space heater when you leave a room.
- When emptying ashes from your fireplace or wood burning stove, put them in a metal bucket, outside your home, away from anything that can burn. Ashes can hide smoldering embers days later and a plastic bucket, trashcan or cardboard box will burst into flames when the ember finds its way.
- Smoldering cigarettes can create a similar hazard. Make sure the ashes are out before dumping an ashtray in the trash can. Dispose of cigarettes properly, a smoldering cigarette can ignite dry grass or leaves (when there isn’t snow on the ground).
- Candles: keep candles on a firm surface, away from things that can burn. Remember to blow candles out when you leave the room.
- When cooking on the stove top never leave the room. If you have to, set a timer or take a spoon with you to help you remember you are cooking. If you have a grease fire, “put a lid on it.” Turn off the stove and smother the fire with a lid or damp towel. Don’t try to move the pan and never put water on a cooking fire. If the fire is in your oven, simply turn off the oven and leave the door shut. The oven is designed to take that heat and the fire won’t “get out” of the oven. Most of all, call 9-1-1 and wait outside. There is never a charge and even if the fire is out, we can blow smoke out reducing the smoke odor in your home.
- Properly dispose of dry Christmas trees. A dry tree will burn rapidly, destroying everything and making it hard to escape.
- Check your smoke detectors. Remember to check your smoke detectors once a month, replace the battery once a year and replace the detectors every 10 years.



Another Good Neighbor Policy: Outside Storage

One of our business owners affectionately refers to our city as “Beautiful Hiawatha” in their advertising campaigns. The visual aesthetics of our cityscape is one of the values espoused in our Comprehensive Plan and reflected in our ordinances.

Our Comprehensive Plan references visual elements in the Land Use Section, Quality of Life Section and the Community Character Section. All of these items point to detailed landscaping requirements, building designs and site aesthetics which enhance the beauty of Hiawatha. Items include specified building materials, night sky lighting, green space and screening of storage and garage areas. This is evidence we care deeply about how our city looks.

Consequently we have put in place ordinances which reflect this concern especially regarding outside storage, garbage and junk vehicles. It is generally expected that no outside storage is permitted unless specifically allowed in an ordinance and no junk vehicle is allowed only in specifically designated parking areas. The regulations differ between commercial property and residential property.

Outside stored materials which are classified as garbage, trash, solid waste and junk vehicles are specifically prohibited and are considered a nuisance. (*Hiawatha Ordinance Chapter 50, 51 and Hiawatha Property Maintenance Code Chapter 164*). These items are to be properly contained, removed from all property and properly disposed. Additionally, all dumpsters and waste storage areas for commercial property are to be surrounded by an enclosure. (*Hiawatha Ordinance Chapter 106*).

Outside storage not described above is regulated in our Unified Development Code (UDC) Chapter 165. This section of the code prohibits storage of any kind; including junk vehicles, in the front yard of a residential property. Further, all outside stored materials are to be properly screened.



*165.23 (9) C. Parking and Storage Restrictions.
(7) Outside Storage. Outside storage shall not be permitted in any required yard. Outside storage shall not be permitted in any front yard in a Residential District. All outside storage shall be effectively screened with landscaping and building elements or opaque fences or walls from the right of way and from off-site views.....(to view the entire section, go to www.hiawatha-iowa.com - city ordinances are found on the home page).*

When we accumulate more “stuff” than we can hope to store within our residence, garage and storage buildings, we must keep our neighbors and the well being of our city in mind. If you need to store items outside, remember this good neighbor policy. Eliminate any unnecessary outside storage and properly screen the stored items which cannot be eliminated. Help us keep “Beautiful Hiawatha” beautiful!

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2016 Annual Legislator Meeting

On December 21, Mayor Bennett and Council Members Marty Bruns and Aime Wichtendahl and City Staff meet with Senator(s) Liz Mathis, Dan Zumbach and House of Representative Elect Ashley Hinson. There are many benefits to meeting throughout the year with our legislators; one is to build positive relationships and discuss concerns with legislation we believe will affect the city's budget and overall functionality and our ability to maintain home rule. Lastly, to ask for their help and guidance with new initiatives.

This year top of mind discussions were to place the Tower Terrace Interchange project in IDOT's funding within their five year plan, maintain commercial property tax backfill appropriations, stance on minimum wage, promotion of skilled workforce, setting reasonable limits on body camera storage and open records, maintain city's home rule on right-of-way issues with cellular companies and the potential of writing a bill that addresses Ground Emergency Medical Transport reimbursement funding for Hiawatha EMS and other communities in the state that provide such services.

Senator Zumbach briefly discussed the State's initiatives to review the State's tax structure as a whole while Senator Mathis and Representative Hinson spoke of their efforts in maintaining a skilled workforce and the need to remain competitive by creating an environment that promotes competition along with encouraging programs that promote "Welfare to Work" and higher education.

Linn County Minimum Wage in Effect

As of January 1, 2017, Linn County Minimum Wage is in effect. The City of Hiawatha City Council supported Linn County's Minimum Wage Ordinance #4-9-2016 with an increased hourly wage of \$8.25 to provide consistency throughout Linn County boundaries. For more details go to www.hiawatha-iowa.com or contact the Linn County Supervisors office at 319-892-5300; linncounty.org/minimumwage.

The Hiawatha City Council will review each additional annual minimum wage increase thereafter on its own merit. The City Council in their discussions also urged our Iowa legislators to take a step forward to adopt a minimum as a whole; providing consistency throughout all of Iowa and to encourage a culture of work and a level playing field for the rising generations.

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