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FROM THE MAYORS DESK - A Review of 2017

I would like to take a few minutes to highlight 2017 accomplishments as each mayor has done before me. Let me start out by saying 2017 has continued to be an exciting year! Tower Terrace Interchange has officially been added to our Iowa Department of Transportation five (5)-year plan with construction to begin in FY-22 with completion in FY-24. The purpose of the proposed improvement is to accommodate increased travel demands in the I-380 corridor between Iowa 100/Collins Road to County Home Road/Linn County E34. This is quite an accomplishment to get this within their capital plans. The IDOT staff has even mentioned the potential to move the project up by one year as long as the revenue numbers all fall into place.



Hiawatha's economic growth continued to flourish for another year. The Tower Terrace Interchange will play a vital role in our future development. With that being said we recently received the State of Iowa City Development Board's final approval of another 60-acre annexation of two parcels west and north of our Hiawatha city boundaries on the northerly end. Most of this annexation is earmarked for future residential development. Our construction valuations continue to be strong for both commercial and residential. In reflection of our year-to-date permit numbers; YTD fiscal 2015-\$5,062,044, YTD fiscal 2016-\$19,818,411, YTD fiscal 2017-\$19,544,411. In 1 1/2 years' time our commercial growth added over 309,000 square feet of building space with valuation totals of \$36M adding 339 full time jobs and 84 part time jobs in our community alone. Housing development will continue to grow with the newer annexed land on line and the near completion of Pines at Turtle Creek. Since 2015 we have seen over 150 residential lots being built with four (4) new subdivisions. The 2036 Comprehensive Plan completed forecast our potential growth areas along with a large need of multi-family housing.

We continue to enhance our technology efforts for the ease of doing business in Hiawatha. One you are most familiar with is permitting on line; this has been a win-win for both the contractor, home owner, and staff. Less time at the counter and more time on site which allowed us to handle our growing community with the same number of people. The updates to the Comprehensive Plan and the Unified Development Code allows for better understanding of the code and a simplistic format to navigate making our systems even more user friendly.

It is certainly worth celebrating the final piece of old Highway 150 that you know today as North Center Point and Center Point Roads. The Center Point/Emmons Street/Robins Road intersection was completed and opened on October 31 to the public with a celebratory ribbon cutting. This arterial road identifies Hiawatha, as to who we are and separates us from Cedar Rapids and other metro communities with its beautification and welcoming spirit as you enter and leave our community. Thank you to each of you for your patience and acknowledging our efforts over the past 17 years of redevelopment to a significant piece of infrastructure.

The library referendum will add to the excitement of 2018. With a 76% citizens "yes" vote to remodel and expand our public library. Staff continues to fine tune the library expansion plans looking for efficiencies in construction as they did in the final floor plans of the building.

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The library is an essential economic development piece that adds to the social aspects of the community and areas workforce development. As the fundraising steering committee gets closer to reaching their fundraising goals they are working on grant opportunities that will get them to their final dollars prior to going out for bid. I believe you will see them go out for bid late summer.

Our biggest goal for 2018 will be the redevelopment of city owned property more specifically Oakbrook. This I feel will be the kick off to the development of the Town Village Center that you have either participated in the visionary plan or have heard of for the past several years. We are currently soliciting developers and drawing in interest now that the intersection is completed adding to the momentum of future re-development. Our intentions are to solicit creative, high quality solutions in the proposed uses, site design, architecture, financing, construction and management of the project.

Our desired uses would be a mix of residential and non-residential uses to this site, including retail, entertainment and service space, though the exact mix may be determined by market demand. In our most recent surveys the greatest focus would be to have a balance of day and night time activities such as eateries, retail/commercial amenities as well as after work amenities. Type of amenities suggested: health food eating establishments, shopping, restaurants, grocery, nice pubs off trail, boutiques, martini bar, area for live music, restaurants with outdoor sitting, brewery, small business, pharmacy, and fitness center. Single family housing stock, townhouses, living centers and apartments.

As you know I continue to work toward the possibility of lowering our city's levy rate. I have not been able to make much progress on this goal since being elected. However, I see the results of this years election as a mandate from our voters to keep encouraging the City Council and City Staff to find ways to accomplish this. I remain committed to making the operation of our city government more efficient and bring the tax levy down. I look for outside help in finding ways to accomplish this. With the growth of the Hiawatha tax base I believe in creating more tax payers, not more taxes.

Now, something I am excited about is our most recent five (5)-year Capital Improvement Plan reflecting reduced general obligation bonding request by \$1M. This overtime will aid in reducing our debt service levy. You will see this kind of reduction in general obligation bonding request for the next five (5)-years. Adjustments were made through reducing our street reconstruction/repair by overlaying with asphalt verses concrete. We will also refurbish certain fire equipment, such as the ladder truck instead of purchasing new.

Lastly, I would like to say Thank You once again to council members Bob Rampulla and Marty Bruns for their dedication to the city over the years. They along with Mayor Theis have brought many great opportunities to our community. With their vision we have seen growth in both residential and commercial and will continue to see this because of their direction. As your Mayor and with council members Dick Olson, Denny Norton, Aime Wichtendahl along with our newly elected officials Rob Archibald and Steve Dodson we will continue to carry out that vision with new perspectives and eyes on the target.

As your mayor, I am looking forward to 2018; it will prove to be another exciting year!

Hiawatha Mayor, Bill Bennett



Oath of Office to Incoming City Council Members

After the presentation of plaques to Bruns and (Rampulla absent), newly elected City Council Members Rob Archibald and Steve Dodson took the Oath of Office. The two can officially begin conducting business on January 1, 2018.

Archibald and Dodson will join City Council Members Aime Wichtendahl, Dennis Norton, and Dick Olson. Both will serve four (4) year terms ending December 31, 2021.



Retiring Water Board Member

Beverly Daws has wore many hats at the City of Hiawatha. From being employed by the City for 48 years as the City Clerk and then the Water Clerk. But, her most recent hat has been an active member of the Hiawatha Water Board for nine years. She retired from the Board at the end of her term in December 2017. The Water Department and current Board members would like to thank Bev for her dedication and wish her the very best.

December 6, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-223 setting a public hearing date (12/20/17 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider approval of the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 18-23. RESOLUTION #17-224 setting a public hearing date (12/20/17 @ 5:30 P.M.) on the proposal to enter into a Development Agreement with Eagle Real Estate IA, LLC, Eagle Technology Management, Inc. & providing for publication of notice. RESOLUTION #17-225 setting a public hearing date (12/20/17 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 Unified Development Code (UDC) in its entirety by making updates throughout the chapter as recommended by the UDC Review Committee. RESOLUTION #17-226 approving the partial release of a Development Agreement between City of Hiawatha & J. Murphy Homes, LLC for property located at 2919

Savannah Drive, Lot 2 of Rolling Prairie Estates Second Addition. RESOLUTION #17-227 ordering construction of permanent sidewalks upon the property located at 1375 N Center Point Road along Kacena Road frontage to provide continuous sidewalk connections from N Center Point Road to Stamy Road. RESOLUTION #17-228 approving a 28E Agreement with Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division for Tobacco, Alternative Nicotine & Vapor Product Enforcement. RESOLUTION #17-229 identifying a target area for the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program Application. RESOLUTION #17-230 committing a local contribution of \$15,000 to the OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION project and hereby authorizing the Mayor to sign the application & any related documents required by State regulations for submittal.

Motion approving of the Community Development & Housing Needs Assessment. Motion approving of the appointment of 4 volunteer Firefighters/EMTs: Jered Dieter, Grady Fairley, Matthew Miller & Jordan Valencia. RESOLUTION #17-231 approving the renewal of Employee Benefits including Health Insurance, Dental Insurance, & Flex Spending Plan for the 2018 plan year. RESOLUTION #17-232 setting a public hearing date (12/20/17 @ 5:30 P.M.) to transfer title of city owned properties know as Lots 16, 17, 18 & 23 of Auditor's Plat No. 372, back to Linn County by Quit Claim Deed in connection with future city dog park.

December 20, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-233 authorizing transfer title of City owned properties known as Lots 16, 17, 18 & 23 of Auditor's Plat No. 372 back to Linn County by Quit Claim Deed. RESOLUTION #17-234 approving the Capital Improvement Plan for FY18-23. RESOLUTION #17-235 approving & authorizing execution of a 5 year Development Agreement by & between the City of Hiawatha & Eagle Real Estate IA, LLC, Eagle Technology Management, Inc. ORDINANCE #887 amending amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 Unified Development Code (UDC) in its entirety by making updates throughout the chapter as recommended by the UDC Review Committee. RESOLUTION #17-236 setting a public hearing date (1/3/18 @ 5:30 p.m.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 63 Speed Regulations amending §63.01 General (6) Special Speed Zones (A) 25 MPH Speed Zones by adding Center Point Road from Willman Street north to Parsons Drive & amending (6) Special Speed Zones (C) 35 MPH Speed Zones by adding remaining sections of Center Point Road. RESOLUTION #17-237 instituting a temporary speed reduction on Edgewood Road from County Home Road to the south City limits. RESOLUTION #17-238 approving & authorizing consent of the City in executing an assignment of the Longfellow Square L.C. Agreement for Private Development to INDABA Properties, LLC.

RESOLUTION #17-239 authorizing city staff to submit 1 2014 AWD Ford Police Interceptor Sedan patrol car, Unit 810, to insurance in exchange for payment of the value of the vehicle in the amount of \$12,300. RESOLUTION #17-240 authorizing the purchase of 1 2017 Utility AWD Ford Police Interceptor SUV replacing Unit 810 at a total cost not to exceed \$27,767, from Stiver's Ford of Waukee, IA, using Police Department Equipment Reserve Funds. RESOLUTION #17-241 setting policy regarding the disclosure of private customer records. RESOLUTION #17-242 amending Section V Disciplinary Practices & Procedures by adding notice of changes to Iowa Code Chapter 22 relating to information in personnel files subject to public records request, amending Section VIII Vacation Policies by changing the vacation accrual schedule to match the union agreement, & amending the DOT Drug & Alcohol Policy Manual to add notice of expanded drug test panel effective 1/1/18. City Clerk Kornegor administered the Oaths of Office for newly elected Council Members Steve Dodson & Rob Archibald effective 1/1/18. *Motion approving Mayoral appointment of Aime Wichtendahl as Mayor Pro-Tem.*

January Calendar

- 01 Holiday - City Hall Closed
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- 03 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 08 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 08 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 09 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 09 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 10 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
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Council Members Marty Bruns and Bob Rampulla honored for their municipal service



Council Member Marty Bruns and Bob Rampulla ended their four-year term of office on December 31, 2017, and December 20, 2017 was their last official City Council meeting. The tradition has been to recognize the outgoing council members during the last regular meeting of the year.

During the city council meeting, Mayor Bennett thanked Marty Bruns for his service to the City and presented Bruns with a recognition plaque. Bob Rampulla was not present for the meeting so staff will hand deliver his plaque along with gratitude for his commitment to Hiawatha.

Marty Bruns has a long history as a City Council member, beginning his service in 1974 with consecutive terms through 1983. Bruns also served as acting Mayor for two years during his time on City Council. Bruns returned to City Council in 2008, serving for ten additional years until the end of his current term on December 31, 2017. Bruns has been a great asset to our City Council in many aspects, but one noteworthy trait that comes to mind was Bruns dedication to thorough examination of the budget and Capital Improvement Plan to ensure proper allocation of funding and made certain the expenditures stayed within the limit set by City Council. This was something City Staff came to highly appreciate over the years because it kept us on our toes and taught us there is always room for improvement and a different way to present information. When it came to making decisions on behalf of the city, Bruns held tight to his convictions and did a great job of presenting a case to support his stance on matters he believed were or were not in the best interest of the city, without discrediting other opinions.

Bob Rampulla too has a long tenure on City Council, as well as giving time to other boards and commissions. Rampulla began his service as City Council member in 2007, serving for 11 consecutive years until the end of his current term on December 31, 2017. Rampulla also served on the Planning and Zoning Commission and Water Board in past years. Rampulla came to us with many years of experience as a superintendent for the Alburnett school system and this proved to be a benefit to City Council and staff. Through his background, Rampulla was very versed in people negotiation skills, having the ability to look at both sides of the equation, do his own research, and carefully weigh all options and opinions available before making his final decision. Hiawatha staff greatly appreciated Rampulla's willingness to listen and look at things from an internal perspective and build good working relationships with employees. That didn't mean he would always agree, but we could always count on Rampulla to give honest feedback.

Thank you Marty Bruns and Bob Rampulla for sharing your passion, intellect, insight, and experience with the City of Hiawatha! You have both played an integral role in improving the city and prepared us for future growth and development.

HICREW KIWANIS

VALENTINES DAY

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
WITH OMELET BAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

FACE PAINTING & CRAFT TABLE FOR THE KIDS!



YOU COMPLETE ME

LOCATION: HIAWATHA COMMUNITY CENTER
101 EMMONS ST. HIAWATHA

8:00AM-11:00AM

ENJOY HEART-SHAPED PANCAKES, SAUSAGE AND OMELET BAR WITH ALL THE FIXINS' COFFEE, MILK AND JUICE.

FREE WILL DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED

FUNDS RAISED HELP CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Lil' Cougar Dance Clinic

Date: Sunday, January 28th

Time: 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Fee: \$20

Location: Hiawatha Community Center

Registration Deadline: January 20, 2018

The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department and the Kennedy Dance Team will be holding a Dance Clinic for **Kindergarten through 5th grade**. Each child should wear gym pants, a t-shirt, tennis shoes, and socks to the clinic. We would like each child to bring plenty of spirit and most importantly, their smiles!! Pom Poms included with your registration fee. In case of inclement weather the program will be moved to February 11, 2018.



Join Hiawatha area businesses for a morning of networking and education!

This informal gathering, hosted by Munson Electric (925 N Compton Dr, Hiawatha), provides attendees the opportunity to develop new contacts, enjoy a cup of coffee and learn more about Regional Workforce Programming/Initiatives.

Date: February 13, 2018

Time: 7:30 AM

No cost to attend. Please register at: <http://web.cedarrapids.org/events/Hiawatha-Business-Summit-4495/details>

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. Many times, these main breaks are emergencies often occurring 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 main leak, please report it to the Water Department at 319-393-5556. If it is after business hours please contact the non-emergency Police Department number 319-393-1212. We will promptly investigate the concern.

Annexation Approved

On December 8, 2017 the State of Iowa's City Development Board approved John and Lois Novak and Tim Brandt's annexation request to become part of Hiawatha city boundaries. The Novak parcel contains 50 acres with the Brandt's parcel at 2.5 acres.

These parcels are located in an area west and north of the city's current boundaries to the North. City sanitary sewer and water main is adjacent to each of their properties constructed as part of the northwest annexed area project.

In review of the application(s) it was determined each of the properties meet the city's comprehensive plan criteria. Additionally, the City of Hiawatha currently does not have an active moratorium annexation agreements with any city adjacent to our city boundaries.

Because of previous annexations by other communities the growth potential for the City of Hiawatha is limited to areas west and north of the current corporate limits. The city has experienced in this particular area steady growth in residential development.



Winter Safe Driving Tips

It is that time of year again where a little extra caution is required when driving.

Here are a few safety tips:

- Plan ahead so you are not rushed when driving
- Watch the weather forecast and plan accordingly
- Completely clear your windshield and windows of snow, ice and frost
- Make sure all your exterior lights are clearly visible
- Practice defensive driving
- Check that your tire tread is sufficient for slippery roads
- Utilize your hazard lights should you become disabled
- Keep a charged cell phone with you at all times



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Interstate 380 Improvements Open House held November 16, 2017

The Iowa Department of Transportation held a public information meeting November 16, 2017 at Hiawatha City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate improvement alternatives to I-380 from Iowa 100 to County Home Road E-34 in order to improve safety and operations of I-380. Potential improvements include a new interchange at Tower Terrace Road and reconstruction of the Boyson Road Interchange. The purpose of these improvements is to accommodate increased travel demands in the I-380 corridor and which will also provide a benefit by supporting regional travel needs for the planned economic development and land uses.

The study area of I-380 is approximately five miles in length which is currently a four-lane divided highway within the city limits of Cedar Rapids and Hiawatha. The IDOT has worked with local agencies on a feasibility study to evaluate potential solutions for corridor improvements. Of greatest interest to Hiawatha residents are the following alternatives:

- Proposed new interchange at Tower Terrace Road
 - * New standard diamond interchange
 - * New diverging diamond interchange
- Reconstruction on Boyson Road Interchange
 - * New diverging diamond interchange



Over 80 interested residents attended the meeting and were able to share their ideas concerning the proposed improvements. There is still the opportunity to submit comments at the following website: <http://bit.ly/Iowadot9211663>. Other opportunities for input will be provided throughout the project development process.

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