

Hiawatha Insights



July 2014

Volume 76

Earth Day 2014 Highlights

The City of Hiawatha held its 7th Annual Earth Day recycling/collection event on April 26, 2014 to show support of Earth Day, a day dedicated to celebrating the earth and bringing attention to the importance of protecting and preserving the environment. Residents came out to drop off unwanted items such as: electronic equipment, household chemicals and cleaners, documents for shredding, unserviceable flags, eyeglasses, hearing aids, and

medications. This was also the first year residents were able to donate unused cell phones for military troops serving overseas and purchase landscaping trees at a discounted rate. Hiawatha saw its highest attendance rate this year with over 325 residents participating in the event.



Earth Day event totals: approximately 4,000 pounds of material shredded, 1,379 pounds of household waste

collected, 483 pounds of household products were taken to the Swap Shop at the Solid Waste Agency for reuse by Linn County residents, approximately 100 flags collected, 75 pairs of glasses, 8 hearing aids, 16,060 pounds of equipment received, 149 cell phones donated to Cell Phones for Soldiers, 61 landscaping trees sold to residents, and 39 landscaping trees donated to the City. This event would not be possible without the help of city employees, agencies and volunteers including Heartland Shredding, Linn County Solid Waste Agency, Midwest Electronics Recovery, Hiawatha American Legion Post 735, American Legion Women's Auxiliary Local Chapter 735, Hiawatha Lions Club, Hy-Vee Pharmacy (Edgewood Road), Alliant Energy, and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Thank you for making this another successful Earth Day!



2014 State of the City Luncheon



State of the City Luncheon

Thursday | July 17, 2014

11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Kirkwood Linn County Regional Center
1770 Boyson Road

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.HEDCO.ORG

Still Time to Register!!!

Agenda

- 11:15 a.m. Registration Begins/Doors Open
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch begins
- 12:10 p.m. Welcome (Brent Cobb, HEDCO Chair)
- 12:15 p.m. State of the City, Tom Theis (Mayor)
- 12:25 p.m. Keynote (Debi Durham, Iowa Economic Development Authority)
- 1:00 p.m. Adjourn

Final Registration Deadline: July 14, 2014

BUSINESS SPONSOR

- \$400 - 15 Available
- 8 lunch invitations
- Recognition in all electronic and printed materials

INDIVIDUAL TICKET

- \$40 - 24 Available
- 1 lunch invitation

Keynote Speaker:

Debi Durham

Director of Iowa
Department of
Economic
Development



Park & Recreation Updates

Bike Rodeo Recap

The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department hosted its Annual Bike Rodeo on May 23, 2014 in Guthridge Park. The event consisted of helmet fitting sponsored by the Iowa Association for Justice. This allowed participants to receive a new helmet that fit them correctly. "Bicycles are associated with more childhood injuries than any other consumer product except the automobile." Bike helmets have been shown to reduce the risk of head injury. With the donation of helmets hopefully future bike injuries will be prevented.



The Hiawatha Police Department, along with the Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation, conducted bike safety riding tips and education on hand signals. They were able to demonstrate proper stopping procedures and how to watch for traffic. After completing the bike rodeo, kids decorated their bikes for a bike parade around Guthridge Park. We were able to give out 60 helmets to participants. After the event, participants stayed for Hiawatha's Concert in the Park with The Large Midgets.



Bandshell Completion

We are excited for the completion of our new Bandshell/Pavilion in Guthridge Park. We know this will be a great asset to Guthridge Park for our summer concert series in August, as well as the convenience of adding an additional pavilion for rent in close proximity to the splash pad and playground equipment.



We hope to register rentals before the end of this summer! Join us for the first concert in the park on Friday, August 1st for Lonesome Road from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

HiBRAI 2014

Join us for the 12th Annual Hiawatha Bike Ride Around Iowa (HiBRAI) August 16 - 17! This 55 mile intermediate bike ride will take us from Hiawatha south for an overnight stay at Riverside Casino and Golf Resort. HiBRAI has received a special rate for this event of \$69.95 (King or Double)! Don't miss out on this fulfilled charity ride to benefit the Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation, a non-profit organization that supports children's programs offered by the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department. Fully stocked rest stops will be frequent along this scenic route with snacks and lunches provided by many local sponsors and pool-side happy hour upon arrival at the casino. The registration fee is \$45/person*. Support vehicles will be available and we are happy to accommodate part-time riders. All proceeds go to benefit Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation. For more information, stop by Hiawatha City Hall or visit www.hiawatha-iowa.com and register at Getmeregistered.com. Questions? Contact Ambyr Young, Hiawatha Recreation Coordinator 319.393.1515 / reccordinator@hiawatha-iowa.com.



Hiawatha Recognizes Two Area Businesses

D&B Property Services, LLC

D&B Property Services, LLC is a local father/son partnership with 60+ years combined experience. Their core business is residential and commercial maintenance and remodeling services of all types. While at the core of this is helping realtors and their clients prepare their properties for showing and/or for sale, they also help all homeowners with property service needs.

Having grown up and lived in Hiawatha most of their lives, they know how wonderful a city it is. They would love to help out with your maintenance and remodeling needs and can provide several referrals from Hiawatha residents. They can be located at 880 Robins Road or you can contact them by visiting their website at www.dandbpropertieservices.com if you'd like to learn more about them.



Interior Perfection Design Group

Interior Perfections is made up of extraordinary people with extraordinary vision. Their homes emanate timeless beauty. From concept to completion a unique approach is taken to the design process. Attention to every detail of a project secures the unmistakable look of Interior Perfection. Design excellence, originality and uncompromising quality are at the heart of the Interior Perfection Design Group Philosophy.

They approach each project with fresh eyes and an open mind, their biggest priority being to satisfy your visions. Their designers can work with you from blue print to door knob and anywhere in between, making sure that each and every detail is being carried out specifically to their impeccable standards. Visit their 8,000 square foot showroom today at 1450 Boyson Road, Building A, call them at 319-395-7804 or visit their website at www.interiorperfection.com.



Hiawatha Council Adopts 2015 Budget

July 1, 2014 marks the beginning of a new fiscal year for the City of Hiawatha. The city's finances are divided into six categories/funds, which include, General Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Tax-Increment Financing (TIF) Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Fund, and Enterprise Fund.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the City. It supports operations including Police, Fire, Ambulance, Library, Park and Recreation, Building, Mayor and Council, Clerk and Finance, City Hall, Legal fees, and Election expenses.

The Special Revenues Fund contains the proceeds from a specific source which are required by law to be accounted for separately and used for a specific purpose. Included in the Special Revenue Fund are TIF revenues, Road Use Tax, Local Option Sales Tax, and Employee benefits.

The TIF Fund is a special revenue fund that helps the City in achieving a variety of economic development goals, including job creation, growth in property values and protection of the local tax base. TIF can also be used to finance public improvements (such

as streets, sewers, water, sidewalks, and other infrastructure).

The Debt Service Fund is dedicated for the payment of principal and interest on the City's long term debt. This is a special levy that the council approved in the budget to pay for our debt payments in FY15.

Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the resources used in the acquisition and construction of large capital projects including but not limited to street construction, water and sewer main extensions or repairs, land, equipment or building acquisitions, and storm sewer installations or repairs.

The Enterprise Fund consists of the operations and maintenance of the City's utilities including water, sewer and storm sewer.

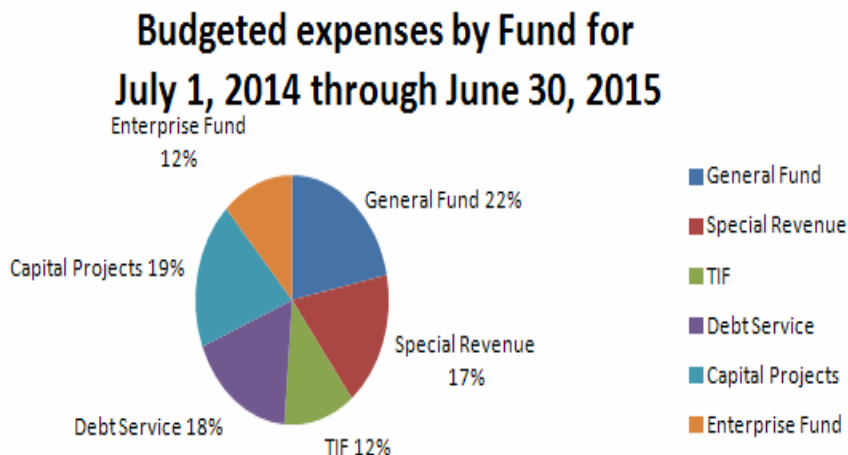
Illustrated in the chart below are the budget expenses by fund for the upcoming budget year of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. As you can see the General Fund is the largest portion of the City's budget, 22% of the total budgeted expenses equaling \$4,106,015. Capital Projects is the next largest, at 19% of total or \$3,609,200. Debt

Service is next at 18% or \$3,331,026, this includes the payments made for all of the City's debt. Special Revenue expenses are expected to be 17% or \$3,326,697. TIF expenses at \$2,235,391 and Enterprise Fund expenses are \$2,249,190 and are each 12% of the total. TIF expenses include payments of principal and interest on the City's debt and the Development Agreements that are in place to aid in economic development. The total operating budget for the City in the upcoming fiscal year is \$18,857,519.

At the March 5, 2014 regular council meeting, the City of Hiawatha City Council adopted the budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2015 that will begin July 1. We began budget discussions last fall with department managers and council members by setting priorities and goals for the coming year.

The City of Hiawatha elected officials have weighed the needs and benefits of projects and services against their associated costs. Some of the projects included in the FY15 budget include Water, Sewer, and Storm Sewer improvements, updates in the Park and Recreation department, Library, Fire and Ambulance service and the Police department.

The tax rate will change from last year's rate of \$15.18 to \$15.20 per \$1,000 of assessed taxable valuation for the Fiscal year 2014-2015. The City's tax levy is a very important part of the residential property-tax equation. A property owners' tax bill is determined when Linn County Assessor values a property and the state sets a "rollback", or what percentage of the value of property is subject to tax. The property value is then multiplied by the levies of the other jurisdictions with taxing authorities, such as the State of Iowa, Linn County, local school districts and Community Colleges.



Hiawatha Congratulates Staff on Degrees

In August of 2008, Cindy Kudrna, Finance Director, began pursuing her education goal of obtaining an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Kirkwood Community College that she received in 2012.

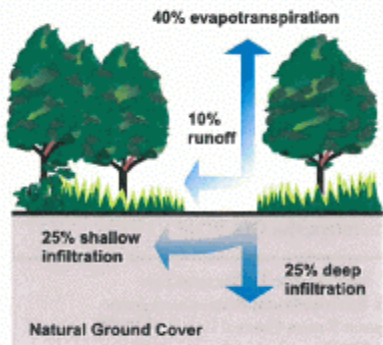
In the fall of 2011, she started at Mount Mercy University to attain a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, double majoring in Finance and Human Resources, with which she graduated in May 2014. "My goal of continuing my education with a double Bachelor's Degree is a great accomplishment that I have always wanted to achieve. I never would have been able to complete my education without all of the support I have received. The knowledge and experience I have gained not only helps me in serving the City of Hiawatha to the best of my ability, but has helped me grow as a person by gaining self confidence and setting and achieving goals that I never thought I could accomplish. I am so grateful to be working for the City of Hiawatha. It is a growing and aggressive community that I am proud and happy to be a part of."



Congratulations Cindy!

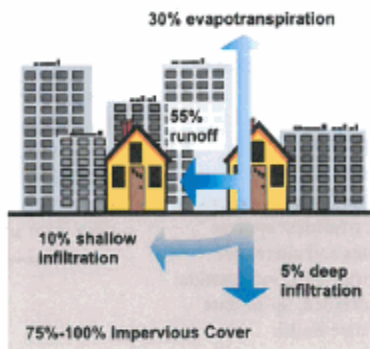
Protecting Water Quality from Urban Runoff

In urban and suburban areas, much of the land surface is covered by buildings and pavement, which do not allow rain and snowmelt to soak into the ground. Instead, most developed areas rely on storm drains to carry large amounts of runoff from roofs and paved areas to nearby waterways. The stormwater runoff carries pollutants such as oil, dirt, chemicals, and lawn fertilizers directly to streams and rivers, where they seriously harm water quality. To protect surface water quality and groundwater resources, development should be designed and built to minimize increases in runoff.



ants include:

- Sediment
- Oil, grease, and toxic chemicals from motor vehicles
- Pesticides and nutrients from lawns and gardens
- Viruses, bacteria, and nutrients from pet waste and failing septic systems
- Road salts
- Heavy metals from roof shingles, motor vehicles, and other sources
- Thermal pollution from dark impervious surfaces such as streets and rooftops.



These pollutants can harm fish and wildlife populations, kill native vegetation, foul drinking water supplies, and make recreational areas unsafe and unpleasant.

To decrease polluted runoff from paved surfaces, households can develop alternatives to areas traditionally covered by impervious surfaces. Porous pavement materials are available for driveways and sidewalks, and native vegetation and mulch can replace high maintenance grass lawns. Homeowners can use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways, sidewalks, and roads instead of using a hose. Instead of disposing of yard waste, they can use the materials to start a compost pile. And homeowners can learn to use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to reduce dependence on harmful pesticides. In addition, households can prevent polluted runoff by picking up after pets and using, storing, and disposing of chemicals properly. Drivers should check their cars for leaks and recycle their motor oil and antifreeze when these fluids are changed. Drivers can also avoid impacts from car wash runoff (e.g., detergents, grime, etc.) by using car wash facilities that do not generate runoff. Households served by septic systems should have them professionally inspected and pumped every 3 to 5 years. They should also practice water conservation measures to extend the life of their septic systems.

Urbanization increases the variety and amount of pollutants carried into streams, rivers, and lakes. The pollut-

Three Steps That Could Save Your Life!

1 Call 811 before you dig
8-1-1 is the national phone number that initiates the process of locating and marking the underground utility lines in your yard or at your job. **Call 8-1-1 at least two business days before you dig.**



2 Wait the required time for facilities to be marked.
One Call Center personnel will notify Alliant Energy to mark the approximate locations of buried gas or electric lines with high-visibility safety paint and/or flags. **There is no charge for this locating service.**



3 Respect the marks or flags and dig with care.
When you start digging, stay at least 24 inches away from the marked lines. Hand digging with extreme caution is required when digging within the 24-inch tolerance zone.



To learn more visit 811.com or contact Iowa One Call, 1-800-292-8989, www.iowaonecall.com.

Hand in Hand Early Care and Education Center Opening Soon

*Conveniently located at the intersection of North Center Point Road and Robins Road in Hiawatha!

OPENING
August
2014

Call
319-373-3630 and
ENROLL NOW!

Mention this flyer for
\$50 off your registration fee.

Hand In Hand in Hiawatha will offer

- Childcare
- Preschool
- Academy Program

Call for more details!

3524 35th Avenue Marion, IA 52302 319-373-3630
905 Barrington Parkway Marion, IA 52302 319-377-5686
1300 Tower Lane NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 319-832-1575

And now HIAWATHA!

www.handinhandinc.com

Hiawatha City Council Action

June 4, 2014

Ordinance 789 - Approve rezoning of property located at the corner of North Center Point Road and Boyson Road known as Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and Lots 19 and 20 of Auditors Plat 372, Parcels A and B of Plat of Survey 1791, from R-1 (Single Family Residence) and CPR-3 (Center Point Road 3) to C-3 (Highway Commercial District) as requested by Next Level 22 Properties, Next Level 22 Properties on behalf of Ruth Cadwallader, and Next Level 22 Properties on behalf of James and Denise Scheer.

Ordinance 790 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 35 Fire Department in its entirety and replacing it with a new Chapter 35 Fire Department.

Resolution 14-110 - Approve sewer waiver on second water meter for 3507 Fitzroy Road.

Resolution 14-111 - Set public hearing date (Tuesday, June 17, 2014 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider approval of the Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST)/Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 2015 - 2024.

Resolution 14-112 - Approve Fire Department donation of two Laedral/Phillips FR2 AED defibrillators to Pleasant Creek State Park for use by the park rangers.

Resolution 14-113 - Approve adoption of the Fire Department Knoxbox Policy.

Resolution 14-114 - Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Hiawatha Fire Department and NextEra Energy/Duane Arnold Energy Center for services provided in support of response to an occurring or highly likely catastrophic event at NextEra Energy and authorizing the appropriate city staff to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

Resolution 14-115 - Authorize Hiawatha American Legion Post 735 to hold a flag burning ceremony on June 14, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. on the city owned property located at 155 Robins Road.

Resolution 14-116 - Set Pay Plans for FY14-15.

Resolution 14-117 - Approve Wage/Salary Schedule for FY14-15.

Resolution 14-118 - Approve 28E Agreement between City of Hiawatha and Linn County Secondary Road Department for shared road maintenance and winter snow and ice control and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents.

June 17, 2014

Resolution 14-119 - Approve sewer waiver on second water meter for 223 Ashworth Court South.

Resolution 14-120 - Approve the Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST)/Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 2015-2024.

Resolution 14-121 - Refer the proposal to vacate a portion of right of way to the Planning and Zoning commission (as established in Section 137.02 of the Code of Ordinances) for the purpose of a study and recommendation to City Council for consideration of the vacation request.

Resolution 14-122 - Set public hearing date (July 2, 2014 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider the vacation of a portion of right of way.

Resolution 14-123 - Approve a 28E Agreement between Hiawatha and Linn County Secondary Road Department to seal coat sections of Loggerhead Road, Hunt Road and Todd Hills Road.

Resolution 14-124 - Approve the replacement of the Police Department In-Car Video Recording Systems in all marked patrol cars.

Resolution 14-125 - Enter into purchase agreement for the property located at 1450 Robins Road and authorize the mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

Resolution 14-126 - Approve fiber build out for City facilities.

Resolution 14-127 - Amend 2010 Employee Policy Manual (and amending the 2010 Part-Time/Temporary/Seasonal Employee Policy Manual accordingly) Section IV Employment Recruitment and Application by adding a policy for accepting employment applications/resumes and Section III adding a Worksite Breastfeeding Policy.

Resolution 14-128 - Approve Change Order #4 with increase in contract amount with Ricklefs Excavating Ltd., in connection with RISE Improvement Reconstruction of North Center Point Road from CC&P Railroad to Fisher street and North of Boyson Road.

July Calendar

- 02 City Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 04 City Hall Closed - Holiday
- 06 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park
- 08 Parks Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 08 Library Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 09 Council meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 10 Council meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 13 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park
- 14 History Commission Meeting 1:30 pm
- 14 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 pm
- 15 Water Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- 16 City Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 20 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park
- 23 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 24 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 25 Movies on the Square 5:30 pm Enchanted - Boyson Square
- 27 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park
- 28 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 pm

August Calendar

- 01 Music in the Park: Lonesome Road 6:00 pm Guthridge Park
- 03 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park
- 06 City Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 08 Touch a Truck 5:00 pm
- 08 Music in the Park: Do's and the Don'ts 6:00 pm Guthridge Park
- 10 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park
- 11 History Commission Meeting 1:30 pm
- 11 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 pm
- 12 Parks Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 12 Library Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 13 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 14 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 15 Music in the Park: Two Buck Chuck 6:00 pm Guthridge Park
- 16 HiBRAI
- 17 HiBRAI
- 17 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park
- 19 Water Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- 20 City Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 22 Music in the Park: Dogs on Skis 6:00 pm Guthridge Park
- 24 Farmers Market 11-2 Guthridge Park
- 27 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18
- 28 Council Meeting airs 7:00 pm Channel 18

History Commission Recalls I-380 Opening



1984 I-380 Opening Ceremony in Urbana

Dennis Wheeler,

Pat Semelroth, Council

City of Hiawatha
101 Emmons Street
Hiawatha, Iowa 52233
Phone: 319-393-1515
Fax: 319-393-1516
www.hiawatha-iowa.com

PRSRRT STD
US Postage
PAID
Hiawatha, IA
Permit No. 33

Walk Sequence Postal Customer Hiawatha, Iowa 52233

**DELIVER BY:
SATURDAY,
7/12/2014**

Hiawatha Public Library Adds Friendly New Face

This June and July, look for a friendly new face at Hiawatha Public Library. Alaina Kote, summer intern, has agreed to dive into the busy pool called summer reading. Youth Services Librarian, Alicia Mangin couldn't be happier to have such a worthy life preserver. "We are happily swamped during the summer and I am delighted to have Alaina with us," says Mangin.



Kote, originally from Waverly, served in the United States Army Reserve from 2003 until 2011. She spent one year in Iraq and fulfilled her weekend commitments in Waterloo. Afterwards, she moved to Cedar Rapids and enrolled at Mt. Mercy University, where she double majors in English and History. She is on track to graduate in May 2015.

This summer, Alaina is familiarizing herself with the inner working of Hiawatha Public Library during its busiest time of the year. Readers of all ages are encouraged to participate in HPL's summer reading programs where they can earn rewards for spending time with their noses in a book. Upwards of 400 adults, 400 teens, and 1,500 kids and infants take on this challenge. Thus, the Library is a hopping place to be. Needless to say, an extra hand or two is welcomed.

Look for Kote back in the children's area. She will happily help you register for summer reading; give you a clue for Where's Milton; or reward you with fantastic prizes. Or maybe she's assisting with crafts or shelving returned materials

today. Seek her out and say hello. She enjoys working with people and is especially fond of children and children's books.

Why Hiawatha Public Library? Kote, a lover of books says, "Every book I just finished is my favorite book! However, if I had to pick just one book, I would say that *Jane Eyre* is my all-time favorite." And she would like to take this farther. "When I complete my undergraduate studies, I would like to pursue a Masters of Library Science and Information degree. So, this internship is a great fit for me."

Besides interning, Kote works part-time and is a wife and mother. We here at the Library feel very fortunate to have a bit of her valuable time and exceptional talent each week.



City Contacts

Mayor:

Tom Theis
mayor@hiawatha-iowa.com
319-393-1515 X 525

Council Members

Marty Bruns
mbruns@hiawatha-iowa.com

Dennis Norton
dnorton@hiawatha-iowa.com

Dick Olson
dolson@hiawatha-iowa.com

Bob Rampulla
Mayor Pro Tem
brampulla@hiawatha-iowa.com

Bob Wheeler
bwheeler@hiawatha-iowa.com

City Staff

City Administrator:
Kim Downs 393-1515 X523
cityadmin@hiawatha-iowa.com

City Clerk:
Kelly Kornegor 393-1515 X526
cityclerk@hiawatha-iowa.com

Finance Director:
Cindy Kudrna 393-1515 X522
financedir@hiawatha-iowa.com

Park & Recreation Director:
Kelly Friedl 393-1515 X251
parkdirect@hiawatha-iowa.com

Community Development Director:
Patrick Parsley 393-1515 X229
bldgofficial@hiawatha-iowa.com

Public Works Superintendent:
Rod Jasa 393-6601
streets@hiawatha-iowa.com

Water Superintendent:
Carl Ransford 393-1515 X232
watersuper@hiawatha-iowa.com

Police Chief:
Dennis Marks 393-1515 X133
chief@hiawathapolice.com

Fire Chief:
Mike Nesslage 393-4180
mnesslage@hiawatha-iowa.com

Library Director:
Jeaneal Weeks 393-1414
weeksj@hiawatha-iowa.com

City Engineer:
John Bender 393-1515 X511
cityengineer@hiawatha-iowa.com

Hiawatha!