HIAWATHA PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
May 23, 2016

The Hiawatha Planning and Zoning Commission met in a meeting on May 23, 2016. Chairman, Gilbert Lawrence called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Members present: Mark Powers, Kenny Jones, Mark Ross, Darryl Cheney, Reta Saylor and Tom Wille. Members Absent: None. Staff present: Community Development Director, Pat Parsley and Assistant Building Official, Jim Fisher and City Engineer, John Bender. Guests in Attendance: Chad Abernathy, Bob Overding, Dean Waterhouse and Barb Waterhouse.

Board Member, Reta Saylor moved to approve the agenda, second by Kenny Jones. Motion carried.

Board Member, Mark Powers moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 25, 2016 second by Darryl Cheney. Motion carried.

Consider Resolution for recommendation to City Council to approve the Vacation Request submitted by Brainiac Inc. for the property described as Langston Dr., Hiawatha North 15th, Hiawatha, IA.

Chairman, Gilbert Lawrence asked if there was anyone that would like to speak for the vacation request.

Chad Abernathy addressed the board. He explained the history and reasoning for the vacation request. He stated that he believed it would benefit the hospital and ambulance services as well as provide safe parking for the hospital employees.

Bob Overding addressed the board saying that he also believes it would be the best for the hospital and its patients.

Chairman, Gilbert Lawrence asked if there was anyone that would like to speak against the vacation request.

Dean Waterhouse addressed the board. He explained why he is against the vacation request. He believes it would limit access on his property that is to the east of the hospital by removing Langston Dr.

Kenny Jones asked Dean Waterhouse if he had any plans for his property. Waterhouse explained that they have had many offers, but have not accepted any.

Mark Ross asked John Bender how Dean Waterhouse would gain access to his property. John Bender explained that he does have access off Boyson Rd.

There was some discussion about what the plan was twenty five years ago for Langston Dr. by John Bender, Dean Waterhouse and the Board.

Gilbert Lawrence then asked if the DOT would affect the North entrance off Boyson. John Bender explained that the property could not be landlocked so DOT would not have an effect on the property.

Darryl Cheney stated that that area is already clogged with traffic. He asked if that North entrance would be blocked and if there was a plan to install a light in that area.

John Bender stated that there has been a request to install a light off 12th to relieve the traffic congestion.

Chad Abernathy stated that he was willing to give up his portion of the public access off Boyson Rd.

Dean Waterhouse explained that he was worried that he would eventually lose the access off Boyson Rd.

Kenny Jones and John Bender assured him that that the property would always have access and that it could not/would not be land locked.

Chairman, Gilbert Lawrence asked if there were any more questions. There were none.

Rita Saylor moved to approve the Vacation Request submitted by Brainiac Inc. for the property described as Langston Dr., Hiawatha North 15th, Hiawatha, IA. Second by Mark Ross.

AYES: TOM WILLE, MARK POWERS, RETA SAYLOR AND MARK ROSS.
NAYS: KENNY JONES, DARRYL CHENEY AND GILBERT LAWRENCE.
ABSENT: NONE
Motion Carried
Resolution #16-010 Approved

Mark Powers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m., Second by Mark Ross. Motion carried.

Gilbert Lawrence, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jennifer Goerg, Community Development Clerk