HIAWATHA PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
April 25, 2016

The Hiawatha Planning and Zoning Commission met in a meeting on April 25, 2016. Chairman, Gilbert Lawrence called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Members present: Mark Powers, Kenny Jones, Mark Ross, and Darryl Cheney. Members Absent: Reta Saylor and Tom Wille. Staff present: Community Development Director, Pat Parsley and Assistant Building Official, Jim Fisher and City Engineer, John Bender. Guests in Attendance: Council Member Dennis Norton, Mayor Bill Bennett, Brian Vogel, Kinch and Jamie Donithan.

Board Member, Kenny Jones moved to approve the agenda, second by Darryl Cheney. Motion carried.

Board Member, Mark Powers moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 28, 2016 second by Mark Ross. Motion carried.

Consider Resolution to approve the Site Plan submitted by Jim Sauter for Hawkeye Ready Mix located at 1450 Hawkeye Drive., Hiawatha, IA.

Brian Vogel approached the Board. He stated he was there to answer any questions they may have.

There were none.

Mark Ross moved to approve the site plan submitted by Jim Sauter for Hawkeye Ready Mix located at 1450 Hawkeye Dr., Hiawatha, Iowa. Second by Mark Powers.

AYES: MARK POWERS, DARRYL CHENEY, KENNY JONES, MARK ROSS AND GILBERT LAWRENCE.
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: RETA SAYLOR, TOM WILLE
Motion Carried
Resolution #16-007 Approved

Consider Resolution for recommendation to City Council to approve the Final Plat submitted by Schnoor Bonifazi for Longfellow Square 10th Addition, Hiawatha, IA.

There was a conversation about a Developers Agreement that was submitted before the meeting. Pat Parsley explained that the City was still waiting on the storm water calculations.

Mark Powers asked what the agreement covered. John Bender explained what was included and that it would still have to go to Council.

Kenny Jones asked if the Agreement that was submitted looked in order. Pat Parsley stated that it is a draft and looked in order.

Darryl Cheney moved approval of a recommendation to City Council approving the Final Plat submitted by Schnoor Bonifazi for Longfellow Square 10th Addition, Hiawatha, IA. with the following condition:

1. The submittal of a revised storm water plan and a Developer's Agreement.

Second by Mark Powers.

AYES: DARRYL CHENEY, GILBERT LAWRENCE, MARK ROSS, KENNY JONES AND MARK POWERS
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: RETA SAYLOR, TOM WILLE
Motion Carried
Resolution #16-008 Approved

Consider Resolution for recommendation to City Council to approve the Hiawatha Unified Development Code Chapter 166 section 166.10 of the Sign Code.

Public Hearing Open: 5:39pm

Chairman, Gilbert Lawrence asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak for the revision.

Kinch Donithan addressed the Board. He explained why he wants the signs and how he believes it would be a great thing for the new Hiawatha downtown area and City as a whole.

Chairman, Gilbert Lawrence asked if there was anyone who was against the revision. There was no response.

Public Hearing Closed: 5:41pm

Kenny Jones asked if this would open up opportunities for other businesses in the area and commented that churches are already posting signs. Pat Parsley stated that regardless, Council would have to approve the request. He also referred to his memo and the options he outlined and briefly described each one and added that churches are non-profit so they are already allowed.

Darryl Cheney asked for further explanation of the sign program. Pat Parsley briefly explained the Trail Blazer Program. He added that if the City didn't approve the Trail Blazer sign, then businesses not on Boyson Rd. could not advertise off I-380.

Mark Ross asked if Pat Parsley could explain options two and three in his memo. Pat Parsley explained in more detail what his outlined options meant and what the effects of each would be.

Mark Ross asked who would get the money. Pat Parsley stated that the Department of Transportation would collect the fees for the I-380 advertising but no fees are collected for Trailblazers Sign.

Kenny Jones asked if the maintenance would be paid for by the city or by the businesses that are on the sign. Pat Parsley said the cost would fall on the businesses.

Darryl Cheney commented on his concerns. He stated that he thinks there would be a management issue since there are only four signs. He also stated that he liked the idea of people being directed to the new downtown area. He suggested that he thought option two would be best.

Mark Powers agreed with Darryl Cheney.

Mark Ross also agreed saying he thought it would be good for the City.

Pat Parsley explained that churches are non-profit so they are already allowed.

Gilbert Lawrence asked if there were any more questions or comments. There were none.

Kenny Jones moved approval of a recommendation to City Council approving the code change to exempt one trailblazer sign on Boyson Rd. from the advertising sign prohibition in city code section 166.10 and change the right of way sign policy to allow a trailblazer sign at the intersection of Boyson Rd. and North Center Point Rd. Second by Mark Ross.

AYES: DARRYL CHENEY, MARK POWERS, GILBERT LAWRENCE, MARK ROSS AND KENNY JONES.
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: RETA SAYLOR, TOM WILLE
Motion Carried
Resolution #16-009 Approved

Mark Powers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m., Second by Kenny Jones. Motion carried.

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Gilbert Lawrence, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Goerg, Community Development Clerk