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City of Hiawatha



Hiawatha's New City Administrator

On June 29, 2009, Gary G. Rogers Jr., will become part of our City team as our new Administrator.

Gary is an Iowa native, has served in the US Navy; Graduated from Iowa State University with a BS in Urban Planning and later, while in Cedar Rapids, received his Masters in Public Administration.

Gary comes to the City with more than 25 years of local government management experience. He received the "CM" designation as a Credentialed Manager from the International City/County Management Association.

Gary's previous employment experience includes:

**Cedar Rapids Planning
Linn County, Chief Deputy Auditor
City Administrator, Richmond, Missouri
City Administrator, Antigo, Wisconsin
City Administrator, Waupun, Wisconsin**



Gary will be bringing with him his wife, Cindy, of 28 years. Their two children, Samantha and Grant, are attending college in Wisconsin.

We look forward to welcoming Gary and his family to our community and to the City team!

Local Option Sales and Services Tax

On May 5th, Hiawatha residents went back to the polls and voted to pass the Local Option Sales Tax by an 86% approval. We will start collecting the 1 cent tax on July 1, 2009. The tax will end June 30, 2014.

Local Option Sales Tax revenue will be used for capital projects or infrastructure projects that have a life of five years or more. The tax may NOT be used for daily operations. Local Option Sales Tax funds must be maintained separate from all other city funds and elected officials are held accountable for spending the tax revenue as stated on the ballot.

We told you that the money could be used for Sanitary Sewer repair and improvements, Street repairs and improvements, Public Safety, Library improvements, Park & Recreation improvements and Water System repairs and improvements. We will keep you informed of projects utilizing the new tax funds via the



Heritage Green Drainage Project Input Meeting June 18, 2009

A public information meeting will be held regarding the Heritage Green Drainage Project. The Heritage Green Drainage Project is located west of Miller Road and north of South Blairs Ferry Crossing, Alwine Court, Ashworth Court, and Westbrook Court. The purpose of this meeting is to share preliminary plans with the affected property owners and gather input.

The meeting will be held by the City of Hiawatha at the Community Center, at 101 Emmons Street at 7:00 p.m. City staff members will be present to discuss the project with interested persons. General information about the project or the meeting is available from Dick Ransom, City Engineer, 1860 Boyson Road, Hiawatha, IA 52233, telephone 319-362-9548 or e-mail dick@halleng.com.

Hiawatha Earth Day Efforts

The City of Hiawatha hosted our 5th annual Earth Day Event to honor our home planet by recycling various items. “Shred-It” company of Cedar Rapids, Linn County Solid Waste Agency and Midwest Electronics Recovery assisted our community in it’s disposal of paper, electronics and household hazardous waste.

Our community saved a small forest, shredding 7 tons of paper, collected 13,587 pounds of electronic equipment to be recycled and 106 individuals throughout Linn County participated in the Household Hazardous Waste drop off by dispersing 3,999 pounds of chemicals, 659 pounds more than last year. The Hiawatha American Legion Post #735 collected Federal and State flags in need of disposal.



Hiawatha Firefighter’s 4th Annual Father/Daughter Dance

The Hiawatha Firefighter’s are hosting their 4th Annual Father/Daughter Dance.

Where: Hiawatha Community Center located at 101 Emmons Street in Hiawatha

When: Saturday, June 27, 2009 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30.00 per couple and \$15.00 for each additional child.



Dress Code is Semi-formal.



The cost includes corsage, professional photo, music, snacks, and activities. Girls of all ages are invited to attend an evening of food, fun, and dancing with their dad, uncle, grandpa, or friend.

Advance Reservation Required. Reservation forms can be obtained online at www.hiawatha-iowa.com or at the Hiawatha Fire Station at 60 10th Ave, Hiawatha.

Second Annual Bike Parade



The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Dept. hosted it’s second annual Bike Rodeo on May 22, 2009 in Guthridge Park. The event consisted of helmet fitting sponsored by the Iowa Trial Lawyers Association and Hawkeye Bike club. 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 automobiles.” 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 Fire and Police Departments, along with Hi-CREW Kiwanis, 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 an estimated 50 helmets to participants. After the event, participants stayed for Hiawatha’s Concert in the Park attended by nearly 500 people.



Project Updates

North Center Point Road Streetscape Project

Backfill around light pole bases has been replaced. Irrigation contractor equipment has been moved onsite. Contractor has completed the final seeding.



8th Ave Watermain & Subdrain Project

This project has been completed and is awaiting final pay estimate and lien waivers.



Heritage Green

Preliminary grading and drainage has been planned for this project. The plan demonstrates a 4"-5" deep channel to aid in water retention. A public input meeting will be held on June 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

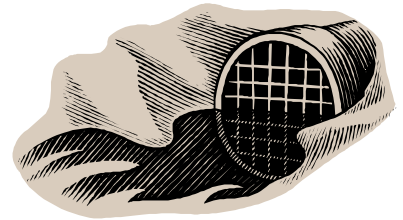
Boyson Road/Robins Road Intersection Project

The Council reviewed the Boyson Road/Robins Road Intersection Three (3) Phase Plan. The Project will be spread over a four (4) fiscal year periods, construction will take place in increments spanning over a three (3) years.

Council authorized city engineers to submit the file concept statement with the Iowa Department of Transportation to begin the funding process.

Mitchell Dr. Pump & Force Main

Control building, generator, pumps, accessories and piping have been installed at the Mitchell Dr. Pump Station Site. Gas and electrical service are being coordinated. Project to be completed in coming weeks.



Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining Project

Preconstruction meeting has occurred. Project completion date is scheduled for the end of August 2009.

Hiawatha Public Library June News

Summer Reading Programs Coming to HPL

It's a fact. Kids and teens love to read during the summer months. Therefore, why not earn rewards for doing so? From June 1 until July 31, 2009, Hiawatha Public Library (HPL) invites preschoolers through twelfth graders to join one of our summer reading programs. Participation is simple. You spend time reading; we give you prizes. Also, HPL is pleased to present a variety of free programs, guaranteed to thrill both parents and their children.

Preschoolers through fifth graders are invited to Be Creative @ Your Library. Earn food coupons for free pizza or ice cream. Receive a pass for free bowling or choose from the prize basket. You might even read your way to a free paperback book. Plus, some lucky boy or girl will win a shiny new bike by summer's end.

Express Yourself @ Your Library is the summer reading theme for sixth through twelfth graders. Again, earning rewards is easy. Keep track of the time you spend reading and you will be a winner. In addition, teens enrolled in the program will have the opportunity to snare one of many grand prizes including gift cards from Best Buy, Wal-Mart, Target, Half Price Books and Visa.

Stop by HPL to pick up a copy of our summer brochure which details special events for kids and teens. Or, check out a complete listing of day-to-day activities at www.hiawathalibrary.com or by clicking on the Local Events tab at www.kcrg.com. Still have questions? Call us at 319-393-1414.

Author Michael Buckley Visits Hiawatha

Michael Buckley is coming to Hiawatha. Author of Sisters Grimm novels, Buckley's works have won over children, adults, and critics. Fans of all ages will have the opportunity to meet him on Saturday, June 20, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. Buckley will make a presentation for the Hiawatha Public Library as part of its summer reading program. He will read from The Everafter War, the seventh book in his series about two feisty descendents of the Brothers Grimm and the magical community in which they live. This exciting free event will be held at 1:00 p.m. at Hiawatha City Hall in the multi-purpose room on the lower level.

Hiawatha now has Police Officer patrolling on Bicycles

Residents may see a Hiawatha Police Officer in a different sort of uniform this summer. We have recently added a bicycle patrol program to our department. The addition of the program will give us versatility while patrolling Hiawatha.

Officer Seth Allen and Officer Erik Naaktgeboren recently attended a week long Bicycle Patrol Officer School at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. Prior to being selected to our bicycle program Officers' Allen and Naaktgeboren have over 13 years combined as Hiawatha Police Officers. The school covered fundamental skills up to and including the unique skills necessary to perform police duties on a bicycle. Each officer will be assigned to a fully equipped Cannondale Law Enforcement bicycle. The bicycles have red and blue flashing lights, and yes you are required to yield to them.

With the nice weather and Hog Wild Days fast approaching, our bike patrol officers will become a common site around Hiawatha.

June is here, which means school is out and children are playing throughout the day especially in residential and park areas. Pedestrian injuries are the second leading cause of unintentional injury related deaths among children ages 5-14. Children should not enter streets from between parked cars or from behind shrubbery. Such darting results in the majority of child pedestrian deaths. Experts recommend that children under age 10 never cross the street alone. Slow down and be especially careful when driving on residential streets and just remember children can see you but you may not see them so always expect the unexpected. Always make sure your child wears their helmet at all times while riding. Head injury is the leading cause of death in bike crashes. Helmets can reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent, according to studies. Make sure to obey the rules of the road. Children should know that the rules of the road apply to all vehicles. Bike riders ride on the right-hand side of the road in the same direction as other traffic and they must use appropriate hand signals



Council Action Summary

April 15, 2009

Ordinance #634—Adoption of amendment of Code of Ordinance Chapter 15 § 15.02 Powers and Duties (1) adding Mayor supervision and direction to the Fire Chief and City Clerk. Both the Fire Chief and the City Clerk will report directly to the Mayor and/or Council and § 15.03 Appointments adding #11. History Commission members.

Ordinance #635—Adoption of amendment of Code of Ordinances Chapter 21—City Administrator Duties §21.04 Duties (4) to state Supervision and Administrator. Have direct responsibility for the supervision, direction and administration for the following departments and offices and be directly responsible to the Mayor and City Council for the proper function of the same: Treasurer's Offices; Building Department; Streets and Sewers; Park and Recreation Department; Building & Grounds Maintenance and § 21.04 Duties (9) changing the word fire to terminate.

Ordinance #636—Adoption of Chapter 30-Police Department §30.06 Peace Officers appointed to read as follows: The Mayor shall appoint, subject to Council approval, the Police Chief. The Mayor and the Police Chief shall hire the other members of the department. The Mayor, with the Council's approval, may remove the Police Chief.

Resolution 09-062—Awarding contract for the 2009 Hydro-Seeding Services to Greg's Lawn & Landscaping as quoted.

Resolution 09-063—Authorizing execution of pavement marking contract agreement to L.L. Pelling Co. of North Liberty at the cost of \$9,347.63 for each application of all city centerlines, dividers, and shoulder stripes for the period of April 20, 2009 to June 12, 2009. All pavement markings must be completed by June 12, 2009.

Resolution 09-064—Deleting Resolution 07-068 in its entirety, and designating new standard rate per hour for City operated equipment in the event it is used by City employees to do work on private property to ensure the public safety.

Resolution 09-065—Accepting improvements and releasing the development agreement for Hiawatha North Edgewood Road Fourth Addition.

May 6, 2009

Ordinance #637—Adoption of amendment of Code of Ordinance Chapter 106 §106.6 Frequency of Collection adding dumpster enclosure requirements: 1. Enclosures; a. Requirement; b. Construction and Appearance i-viii.

Resolution 09-067—Amending FY-09 Budget as submitted.

Resolution 09-068—Awarding contract for the 2009 Mosquito Control to Schendel Pest Control of Marshalltown, Iowa at a cost of \$450.00 for up to ten miles, then \$45.00 per mile after the first ten miles and the cost would be \$450.00 minimum for any special request such as events. The City has 30 miles of streets at a cost of \$1,350.00 per ground spray; the total cost includes the area parks.

Resolution 09-069—Authorizing staff to proceed with the bidding process for the replacement of a 1998 Ford F250 Truck with snow plow.

Resolution 09-070—Approving Pay Estimate #5 for the 12th Avenue Sewer Basin Sanitary Sewer Repair & Reconstruction Project to Municipal Pipe Tool Co. in the amount of \$41,502.65.

Resolution 09-071—Approving (Balancing) Change Order #2 with an increase of \$2,064.55 due to quantity adjustments as dictated by construction, which brings the revised contract amount to \$93,366.52.

Resolution 09-072—Approving Pay Estimate #3 for the 8th Avenue Watermain and Subdrain Project to Tschiggfrie Excavating company in the amount of \$15,541.35.

Resolution 09-073—Approving Pay Estimate #1 for the Mitchell Drive Pump Station and Force Main Extension/Bypass Project in the amount of \$382,986.56 to Ricklefs Excavating.

Resolution 09-074—Approving the Employment Agreement between the City of Hiawatha and Gary G. Rogers Jr. as the new City Administrator as stated in Attachment "A".

June 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Council 7p.m.	4	5	6 Disc Golf Tournament
7	8 History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj 6p.m.	9 Library 7p.m.	10	11	12	13
14	15 Soccer Begins 1st Session Summer Programs Begins	16 Council 7p.m.	17	HOG WILD DAYS		
21 HOG WILD	22	23 Water 6:30 p.m.	24	25	26 Concert in Park— Greenbrier 7p.m.	27
28	29	30 P&Z 6p.m.				

July 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Council 7p.m.	2	3 City Hall Closed Holiday	4
5	6 2nd Session Summer Programs Begins	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Blastball Begins History 1:30 p.m. Board of Adj 6p.m.	14 Parks 6p.m. Library 7p.m.	15 Council 7p.m.	16	17 Concert in Park— 5 of Hearts 7p.m.	18
19	20	21 Water 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26	27 3rd Session Summer Programs Begins	28 P&Z 6p.m.	29	30	31	

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Award and Service Recognition

Mayor Tom Theis recognized Dick Larson, who recently resigned as Water Board member after serving 19 years on the Water Board. Dick Larson has served the Community in several ways, as the first full time employee, Fire Department Volunteer, and as a board member.



Additionally, on May 6, 2009, Gary Casady was appointed as Water Board member to fill the vacant seat due to Dick Larson’s resignation. The appointment is effective immediately, with an end date of December 31, 2013.

Park & Recreation Director, Angie Cole and Steve Jordison of the Iowa Park & Recreation Association presented a Service Club Award of Excellence volunteerism plaque to the American Legion Post 735. Their dedication to the community by preserving our American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for children, caring for veterans and their families, and teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.



Park & Recreation Director, Angie Cole and Steve Jordison of the Iowa Park & Recreation Association presented a Special Recognition Award for volunteerism plaque to Dave Saari for his dedication to the community. Dave has encouraged, assisted, and contributed to the growth of many programs and resources within Hiawatha, Linn County, and the State of Iowa.



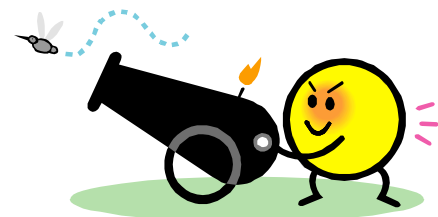
Hiawatha Mosquito Control

Every summer, the city contracts with a mosquito control company for periodic spraying.

With the mosquito population in Iowa migrating from a nuisance to a serious public health threat, the City finds it proactive to implement a mosquito control program.

Ground or aerial spraying are scheduled for the following dates:

- Week of May 18th completed by May 21st
- Week of June 15th completed by June 17th
- Week of July 13th completed by July 16th
- Week of August 17th completed by August 20th.



Schendel Pest Control of Marshalltown, Iowa has won the bid for spraying for this year. They keep a call list for those who choose to be notified before the spraying. If you are interested in being placed on the call list, please contact them at (800) 283-7336. A MSDS is available at City Hall.