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Legislative Day 2017



Throughout the year your City Council, Mayor and Staff meet with our district’s legislators to discuss issues and opportunities within the district. The new year brings new legislation along with freshmen legislators who are working the floor to learn and make a difference for our citizens.

We know early in the session there are many issues and opportunities that are thrown their way; some more challenging than others but none the less all hold value. We appreciate our legislators hard work and dedication to the citizens of the State of Iowa and their support to local government. In this session and in previous sessions it is vital to our community to stay in front of legislators and build valued relationships.

Mayor Bennett, Council Members Denny Norton and Aime Wichtendahl, City Clerk Kelly Kornegor, City Engineer John Bender and City Administrator Kim Downs attended Legislative Day 2017 early February to continue their discussions on several bills that have or may have an effect on Hiawatha citizens. Those bills include changes to Home Rule Powers, minimum wage, ATE’s, firework sales, union collective bargaining agreements and the swapping of federal primary road monies to state secondary road and municipal street systems funding.

What is home rule you may ask? Home rule provides some level of local autonomy. Home rule in its infancy was extended to municipalities to adopt and exercise home rule powers to allow state legislators and governors time to devote their energies to matters of state-wide importance. Home rule essentially provides communities the ability to initiate immediate action to resolve our own particular local problems without waiting for state legislation to take action. Therefore, each year we ask our legislators to continue to support local governments in their districts to oppose any bill that limit cities abilities to initiate their own immediate action to resolve local problems.

During this time, we ask the legislators to use us as a resource as they are making decisions for our community, metro region and state along with asking them to provide guidance at the state and federal level as it relates to transportation and medicare funding for ground transportation. Senator Liz Mathis has played an integral part in helping us get before the Iowa Department of Transportation Director to share the importance of a third interchange for Hiawatha and our metro communities at Tower Terrace to help alleviate high levels of traffic and attain dollars for the Interchange in the Iowa Department of Transportations five year plan with a construction completion date of FY 2022. Senator Dan Zumbach who sits on the transportation committee, has provided up to date information on this project as dollars are being allocated throughout the state based on need. House of Representative Ashley Hinson acts as our liaison creating a new bill relating to available federal supplemental reimbursement for publicly owned or operated ground emergency medical transportation providers through Medicare/Medicaid program.

We value our local legislators and look forward to working with them to maintain home rule and accomplish important transportation initiatives that will benefit many within our community, region and state.



North Center Point Road/Emmons Street/Robins Road Intersection Improvement Project Phase II Construction to Resume March 6, 2017

The second phase contract awarded to Rathje Construction Inc. from Marion, Iowa will begin early this spring thanks to the mild weather. This work when completed will move the existing Emmons Street/Robins Road/North Center Point Road intersection approximately 100 feet to the northwest. The work begins with the closing of Emmons Street west of North Center Point Road. A detour will be established on 4th Avenue to Willman Street with a 4-way stop installed at North Center Point Road and Willman Street. The Emmons Street entrance to City Hall will be closed but the Clark Street entrance will remain open.

The work includes a new traffic signal, new street lights, new bike trail and landscaping along the curbs and sidewalks.

Project completion date for the North Center Point Road/Emmons Street/Robins Road Intersection Improvement project is November 2017.



Planning for New Tower Terrace Interchange Continues

Local officials have requested the Iowa Department of Transportation Commission to add the \$20 million interchange project to their state plan in Fiscal Years 2021-2022. Local groups have pledged \$5 million to the project, \$4 million as a grant from the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO). The Iowa DOT continues with an Interchange Justification Report (IJR) and environmental study with all work completed in 2018. The purpose of the study is to analyze the proposed widening improvements to I-380 from Iowa 100 to County Home Road, **including a new proposed interchange at Tower Terrace Road and reconstruction of the Boyson Road Interchange.**

The City of Hiawatha is the lead agency for the funding request to the CMPO.

Interim Improvements to the Boyson Road Interchange Planned

The Hiawatha City Council has allocated funds in the current Capital Improvements Plan to make interim changes to the traffic signals at all three intersections at the Boyson Road Interchange. New signal equipment is proposed at the Boyson Road and the North Center Point Road intersection and both traffic signals at the I-380 off ramps. This new equipment will be the latest technology to respond to peak hour traffic and modify signal timing to accommodate traffic flow at these peak times. The plans have been submitted to the Federal Highway Administration for review and approval.

Another significant improvement planned for the interchange is the widening of the northbound off ramp from one lane to two lanes. The Iowa DOT has agreed this improvement will provide more storage for turning traffic to reduce the stacking of cars into the I-380 traveled lanes during peak hours. The DOT announced to the City Council the project has been included in the summer 2017 work plan with the proposed letting of a construction contract in July.

For additional information, contact the City Engineer at cityengineer@hiawatha-iowa.com.



Wright Wash Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting was held on February 17 welcoming Wright Wash to Hiawatha. Mayor Pro-Tem Marty Bruns thanked Dave Wright of Wright Wash for his investment in Hiawatha and along North Center Point Road. Wright Wash is a complementary business to Dave Wright's Subaru/Nissan Auto Dealership.

Wright Wash is a new state of the art car wash offering attention to detail, focusing on providing a better, more complete service. You will find Wright Wash located at 755 North Center Point Road.



February 1, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-008 approving sewer waiver on second water meter for 217 Willowood Drive. RESOLUTION #17-009 approving & authorizing execution of a 5 year Development Agreement with Mother Goose Daycare & Preschool Center, Inc. RESOLUTION #17-010 setting a public hearing date (2/15/17 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider the proposal to enter into a 5 year Development Agreement with BDP Property Management L.L.C. & Petersen Pet Hospital, P.C. RESOLUTION #17-011 setting a public hearing date (2/15/17 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 136 Sidewalk Regulations §136.02 Definitions by adding new standards of classification for a "Defective Sidewalk" in connection with a new inspection & repair program. RESOLUTION #17-012 approving the Final Plat for Tower Terrace Center Eleventh Addition. RESOLUTION #17-013 approving the Final Plat & Development Agreement for Sherman Square Eighth Addition. RESOLUTION

#17-014 approving the purchase of 28 L.E.D. garland snowflakes with a 6 seasons warranty from Temple Display Ltd. of Oswego, IL., & the purchase of flags & flag hardware from Display Sales of Bloomington, MN, for remaining street lights added along North Center Point Road at a total cost not to exceed \$12,851.59, utilizing available funding in Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) Funds FY10-14. RESOLUTION #17-015 authorizing the purchase & installation of pedestrian signalized yield signs at the Cedar Valley Nature Trail crossings on Boyson Road & Tower Terrace Road, at a total cost not to exceed \$21,815.44, with the City responsible for paying a portion of costs in the amount of \$6,815.44, utilizing available funding in Local Option Sales & Service Tax (LOSST) Funds FY10-14 to address safety concerns. RESOLUTION #17-016 approving Change Order #1 for the 2016 Boyson Road Trail Extension From North 15th Avenue to North 12th Avenue Project with an increase in contract

amount of \$3,825.00, resulting in a revised total project contract amount of \$107,012.00. RESOLUTION #17-017 approving (Balancing) Change Order #2 for the 2016 Boyson Road Trail Extension From North 15th Avenue to North 12th Avenue Project with an increase in contract amount of \$7,918.97, resulting in a revised total project contract amount of \$114,930.97. RESOLUTION #17-018 accepting the public improvement contract work in connection with the 2016 Boyson Road Trail Extension From North 15th Avenue to North 12th Avenue Project, & directing the City Engineer to sign the Certification of Completion. RESOLUTION #17-019 approving application for (Final) Pay Estimate #2 & directing City Clerk to make payment to Midwest Concrete Inc, in the amount of \$3,633.75 immediately. 5% retainage in the amount of \$5,746.55 will be released after 30 days has elapsed from the date of acceptance if no claims against the project are filed.

February 15, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-020 approving sewer waiver on second water meter for 2920 Diamondback Road. ORDINANCE #871 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 136 Sidewalk Regulations §136.02 Definitions by adding new standards of classification for a "Defective Sidewalk" in connection with a new inspection & repair program. RESOLUTION #17-021 approving & authorizing execution of a 5 year Development Agreement with BDP Property Management L.L.C. & Petersen Pet Hospital, P.C. Motion approving setting a public hearing date (3/1/17 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider the FY18 Budget & directing publication of notice. RESOLUTION #17-022 authorizing the Finance Director to proceed with Requests for Proposals to auditing firms to perform annual auditing services for the City for FY 17-19. RESOLUTION #17-023 approving the Police Department purchase of 5 replacement Panasonic Toughbook in-car computers & compatible printers, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 in addition authorizes the creation of an equipment reserve fund for future expenditures for replacement of in-car computers & compatible printers with a beginning amount of \$5,000. RESOLUTION #17-024 approving & authorizing execution of an Agreement between the Hiawatha Fire Department & Mercy Medical Center to provide an Employee Assistance Program for the Hiawatha Fire Department. RESOLUTION #17-025 authorizing the purchase of 32 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units & other related equipment with Sandry Fire Supply LLC utilizing a \$6,000 trade in for the SCBA units, utilizing funding through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant, & the City's total portion of costs not to exceed \$12,735, utilizing available funding previously approved from LOSST funds. RESOLUTION #17-026 authorizing the purchase of 6 Integrated Thermal Imaging Cameras in a total amount not to exceed \$7,200, from Sandry Fire Supply LLC, utilizing available funding in the Fire Department Trust Fund. RESOLUTION #17-027 approving the partial release of a Development Agreement between City of Hiawatha & Pines at Turtle Creek, LLC for property located at 2920 Diamondback Road, Lot 78 of Pines at Turtle Creek Fifth Addition. RESOLUTION #17-028 approving Change Order #5 for the FY 2015-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Project with an increase in contract amount of \$2,846.20, resulting in a revised total project contract amount of \$813,116.13 with Ricklefs Excavating, Ltd. RESOLU-

TION #17-029 approving (Balancing) Change Order #6 for the FY 2015-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Project with a decrease in contract amount of \$27,474.40, resulting in a revised total project contract amount of \$785,641.73 with Ricklefs Excavating, Ltd. RESOLUTION #17-030 accepting the public improvement contract work in connection with the FY 2015-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Project, & directing the City Engineer to sign the Certification of Completion. RESOLUTION #17-031 accepting the FY 2015-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Project, constructed by Ricklefs Excavating, Ltd., approving application for (Final) Pay Estimate #4 & directing City Clerk to make payment to Ricklefs Excavating, Ltd, in the amount of \$35,007.94 immediately. 5% retainage in the amount of \$40,430.09 will be released after 30 days has elapsed from the date of acceptance if no claims against the project are filed. RESOLUTION #17-032 approving Change Order #3 for the FY 2015 Water & Sewer Extension Project with an increase in contract amount of \$3,444.48, resulting in a revised total project contract amount of \$1,293,095.48 with Ricklefs Excavating, Ltd. RESOLUTION #17-033 approving Change Order #4 for the FY 2015 Water & Sewer Extension Project with a decrease in contract amount of \$6,002.41, resulting in a revised total project contract amount of \$1,287,093.07 with Ricklefs Excavating, Ltd. RESOLUTION #17-034 approving (Balancing) Change Order #5 for the FY 2015 Water & Sewer Extension Project with a decrease in contract amount of \$23,335.21, resulting in a revised total project contract amount of \$1,263,757.86 with Ricklefs Excavating, Ltd. RESOLUTION #17-035 accepting the public improvement contract work in connection with the 2015 Water & Sewer Extension Project, & directing the City Engineer to sign the Certification of Completion. RESOLUTION #17-036 accepting the 2015 Water & Sewer Extension Project, constructed by Ricklefs Excavating, Ltd., approving application for (Final) Pay Estimate #5 & directing City Clerk to make payment to Ricklefs Excavating, Ltd., in the amount of \$134,493.94 immediately. 5% retainage in the amount of \$61,187.89 will be released after 30 days has elapsed from the date of acceptance if no claims against the project are filed, & \$2,000 will be held from the final released retainage until 6/1/17, until the seeding has fully developed.

March Calendar

- 01 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 08 Council meeting airs
6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON)
7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 13 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 14 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 14 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 15 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 21 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 22 Council meeting airs
6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON)
7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 27 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM

April Calendar

- 05 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 10 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 10 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 11 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 11 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 12 Council meeting airs
6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON)
7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 14 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 18 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 19 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 22 Earth Day Event 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Public Works Building -
1410 Robins Road
- 24 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 26 Council meeting airs
6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON)
7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)

Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO) Business Summit

On February 14, HEDCO held its largest Hiawatha Summit event with eighty plus professionals turning out to hear about the specifics of the 2016 Labor Shed Study and what the labor force has in store for the region. Allison Antes of Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance presented the details of the study. The regional analysis was based on aggregate data from the Benton, Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn and Washington County labor shed studies (2,202 total completed surveys; a 40% response rate).

Labor shed studies provide community leaders, economic developers, site selectors and existing or prospective employers a flexible tool for understanding the workforce characteristics of their local labor market.

A labor shed is defined as the area or region from which an employment center draws its commuting workers. It shows the distribution of these workers regardless of political boundaries. Labor shed studies also address underemployment, availability of labor and likeliness of the employed or unemployed to change or accept employment. Other topics covered within a labor shed analysis include: current and desired occupations, wages, hours worked, job search resources and distance willing to commute to work.

The 2016 Labor Shed Study's interesting facts:

- Of those working 45.6% were males with 54.4% female
- Average age of worker is 50 with ages 24-35 growing (community asset)
- 76% of those workers have high school degrees
- Cedar Rapids Metro area is the first in state to pay the highest hourly wage and second in the state with Des Moines being first with the highest salary rate
- Linn County has been highly competitive with Des Moines. 80% of our business growth is from local expansion. Capture entrepreneurs is what grows our business community and not necessarily the big companies like PMX.
- Top desired benefits rated by employees in our area are health insurance 91.7%, 58.3% Pension with dental, paid vacation, vision, paid leave to follow.

For the full analysis go to the following link at <http://iowascreativecorridor.com/workforce/laborshed/>

Community Development Staff

The Community Development Department is an integral part of many of the services provided in Hiawatha. The department is in charge of issuing permits, inspecting construction projects, licensing residential rental property, administering code enforcement and zoning for new and existing sites in the City. In conjunction, we assist the Fire Department with fire code administration, coordinate with the Water Department, Engineering Department and Streets Department in platting and development processes. These processes include the oversight of utility installations; sanitary sewer, storm sewer, filling and grading, water and communication lines, through right-of-way permitting and inspections. In short, Community Development is responsible for or participates in nearly all aspects of public safety in the built environment of Hiawatha!



As you can see the range of services in this department are very broad. This requires our staff to be properly trained and certified to be effective in our positions. Most of our certifications are through the International Code Council (ICC). This is an organization of over 50,000 members which provides certifications for regulators in the building industry. ICC is also responsible for the development of most of the building codes for the United States.

We also encourage our inspectors to be certified through the Iowa Storm Water Education Partnership (ISWEP). This organization of Iowa municipalities supplies training and administrative support for Cities maintaining a Storm Water Discharge Permit with the state of Iowa. Hiawatha is an MS4 municipality since it is a part of a metropolitan region.

Over the next months we will introduce each of our department members and feature their certifications and accomplishments. When you get to know us, you will understand and appreciate our ability to serve and our desire to do our jobs effectively and professionally to keep all of Hiawatha safe and beautiful.

HIAWATHA FUN FEST - AUGUST 25-26, 2017



Stay tuned for what's new at Hiawatha Fun Fest in 2017! Visit the Hiawatha Fun Fest Facebook page with all the latest and greatest activities, entertainment and events!

The Hiawatha History Committee Presents

“Did You Know” the history behind Hiawatha street names?

Heefner Street

Heefner Street was named after Ned Heefner who was an electrician working for Fay Clark.

Heefner St

Industrial Ave

Industrial Avenue

Industrial Avenue was named after a cement plant called Hawkeye Concrete.

LIVE HEALTHY IOWA 5K and 1K Kids Run

Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 8:00 AM in Guthridge Park

The City of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation partnered with Live Healthy Iowa to host one of 18 5K races around the state of Iowa in conjunction with the Live Healthy Iowa 10 Week Challenge. This partnership is a collaborative effort to combat Iowa's growing obesity problem and to make strides toward the goal of making Iowa the healthiest state in the nation! The 5K will begin in Guthridge Park at 8:00 AM with a kids 1K to follow at 9:00 AM. Register at LiveHealthyIowa.com



5K Early deadline (March 31) \$20.00
 (\$10.00 for Live Healthy Iowa participants)
Late deadline (April 7 NOON) \$25.00
 (\$15.00 for Live Healthy Iowa participants)
 T-Shirt not guaranteed
Kids 1K \$5.00 On site entry \$5.00
 not guaranteed a T-Shirt
Registration Day of the event (7:30AM) \$25.00



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Hiawatha Farmers Market brings the taste of Iowa Producers to you!

April 30, 2017 officially kicks off our Hiawatha Farmers Market season! Join us in the 10th Avenue parking lot of Guthridge Park from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM every Sunday through October! Markets are held rain or shine!

BEET THE CROWDS



Hiawatha Farmers Market
 10th Avenue Parking Lot of
 Guthridge Park
 Sundays 11 AM - 2 PM



Dance Clinic Recap

Hiawatha Parks and Recreation partnered with the Kennedy Cougars Dance Team to hold the Little Cougars Dance Clinic on January 22 in the Hiawatha Community Center. Fifty-two kindergarten through 5th graders learned a new dance routine to "When Will My Life Begin" from the hit Disney movie Tangled. While learning the routine they also learned the value of teamwork and self confidence.

At the completion of the program, dancers performed the routine for their family and friends, obtained their certificate of participation and picked out their favorite colored pompoms to continue dancing on their own time! Look for this program again in January of 2018!



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The Importance of Flushing Water Lines



If the residents of Hiawatha notice the Water crew working at fire hydrants and see water running into the street, you may think that the Department is ignoring its own philosophy on conserving water. The process of periodically “flushing” fire hydrants, however, is an important preventive maintenance activity. Although it may appear to waste water, this process is part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system and to continue to deliver the highest quality water possible to our customers.

Flushing the water system on a routine basis removes sediment from lines and keeps the entire distribution system refreshed. Hiawatha Water Department maintains over 40 miles of domestic water lines throughout the City.

As a result of the flushing procedure, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their waters. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt or deposits and does not affect the safety of the water. The water is still drinkable. If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been flushing in your neighborhood, clear the pipes in your own home by running all water faucets for a minute or two. We also advise to postpone doing your laundry until all internal pipes have been cleared.

This same philosophy of water line preventive maintenance is one that you should use in your own home. Your home’s water heater should be drained and flushed at least once a year to keep it working efficiently and to protect the quality of water inside your home. Also, if you go out of town and there is no water use in your home for a week or more, when you return it’s always a good idea to run all your faucets for a minute or so before using the water. This ensures that you don’t use any stagnant water that may have developed in your home’s pipes while you were away.

Starting Monday, April 10, 2017 through Friday, May 5, 2017, weather permitting, Hiawatha Water Department will be flushing hydrants.

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