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To: Mayor and City Council

Date: May 10, 2018

From: John C. Bender PE, City Engineer

Re: Robins Road Study

Report:

After the reconstruction of the North Center Point Road intersection at Emmons Street which completes the improvement of the roadway from Blair's Ferry Road to Tower Terrace Road, the most logical redevelopment area to consider is the area on Robins Road from the newly constructed intersection project north to Boyson Road. Because the roadway is in a deteriorated condition along with numerous driveway accesses and limited site conditions, a study was considered by Council to determine the best approach to improve the conditions along this important roadway. As traffic volumes increase as a result of the development that is anticipated around the Village Center area, a possible 3-lane roadway section should possibly be considered along with the extension of the bike trail facilities that have been constructed from the Cedar Valley Nature trail on the new section of Robins Road.

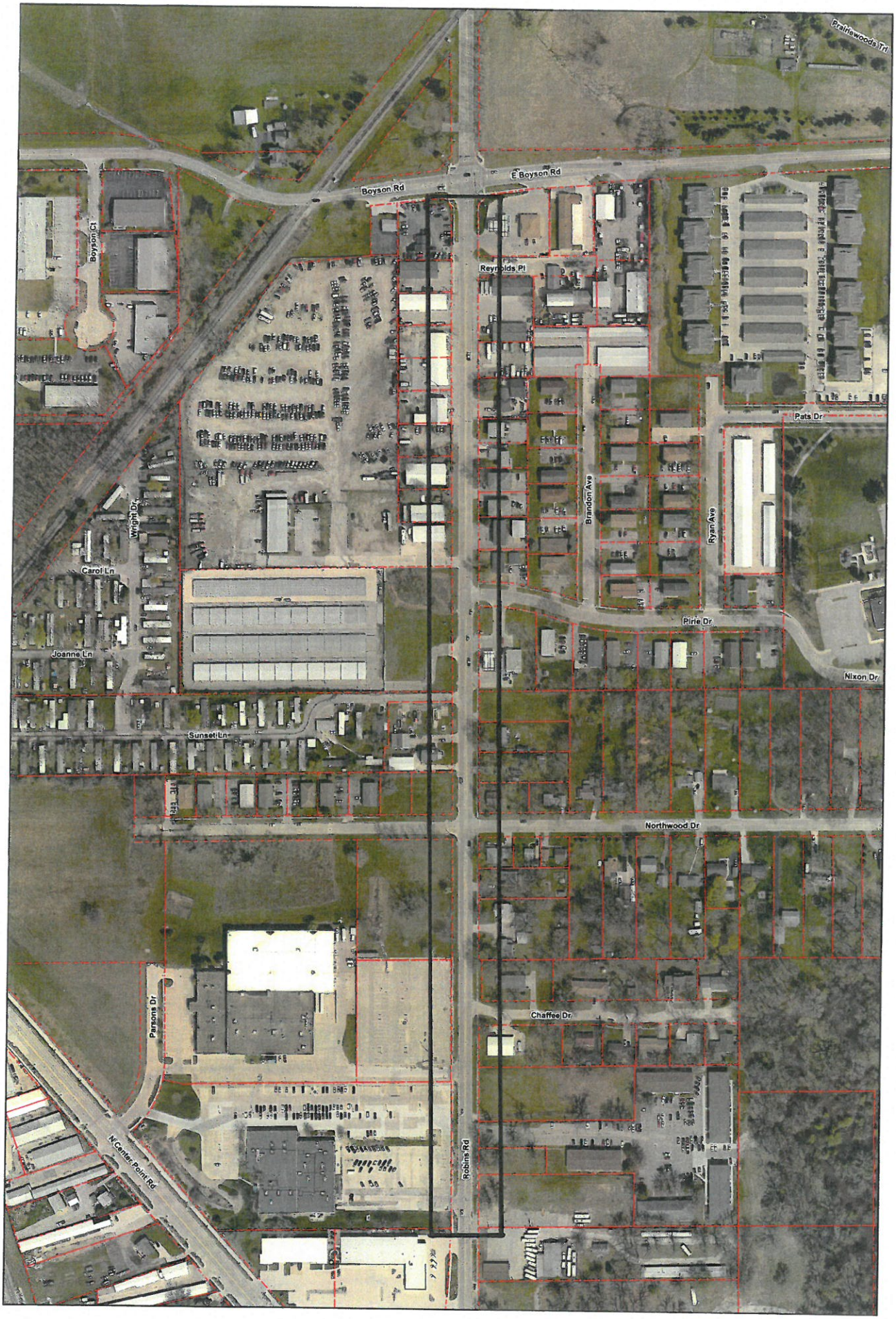
In addition, the existing utilities have experienced maintenance issues which are a condition of the age of these services. As demand for services increases, we want to make sure we have the capacity to provide the sewer and water service for a growing redevelopment area. The current CIP approved by Council has a planning project budgeted for the fiscal year 2019 to study this area and have a consultant make recommendations as to best way to plan for needed improvements along this corridor. The funds allocated were LOST funds with a budget of $50,000.

The approach would be for the City of Hiawatha to seek a "Statement of Qualifications" from engineering or architectural firms who are interested in providing planning services to the City for this corridor. Experience requested would be:

- Planning and sustainable design
- Comprehensive planning
- Open space planning
- Street lighting
- Sanitary sewer collection
- Traffic analysis
- Water distribution
- Recreational trail design
- Street reconstruction and rehabilitation
- Landscaping design
- Public and Stakeholder outreach

We would contact firms and a notice will also be posted on the City of Hiawatha website asking firms to determine their interest and capabilities in performing the anticipated scope of work needed. The study area shown on the attached map will take several months to complete so we need to start the process to select a firm to complete this study.

If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call.



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RESOLUTION NO. 18-
City Council

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE COMPLETION OF A ROBINS ROAD PLANNING STUDY

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA, authorizing the solicitation of Request for Qualifications for the completion of a Robins Road planning study.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of May, 2018.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk