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Hiawatha Insights

Hiawatha Asks for a Continued Partnership with the IDOT

On April 9, 2013 Mayor Theis asked the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) to continue their partnership with the I-380/Tower Terrace Interchange.

The IDOT has provided financial assistance in the reconstruction of three (3) sections of streets in the amount of 2.3M.

- 2010 North Center Point RISE Grant.
- 2011 Stamy Road Expansion RISE Grant.
- 2012 North Center Point RISE Grant.

Together we have improved and enhanced economic development by welcoming new businesses and expansions in these areas with an increased taxable value of 14.8M and maintained/created 400 jobs within our community.

Now, with the new IJR for the I-380/Tower Terrace Road Interchange appearing to be favorable with caveats, we wanted to remind the IDOT of its importance to all our metro communities.

The interchange is proposed to be a standard diamond design that is used in most all the cities in Iowa. The City is very happy with this option and we think it will serve our community for years to come! The IJR estimated cost is \$16-20M.

The benefits are many:

- It supports our regional transportation needs of several communities: Hiawatha, Robins, Cedar Rapids, Marion and Linn County.
- Supports economic development.
- Helps with current and future traffic demand on Boyson Road and County Home Road interchanges with I-380.
- Reduces traveled miles, lessens congestion, and improves safety.

Our partnership would look something like this - Hiawatha will continue to:

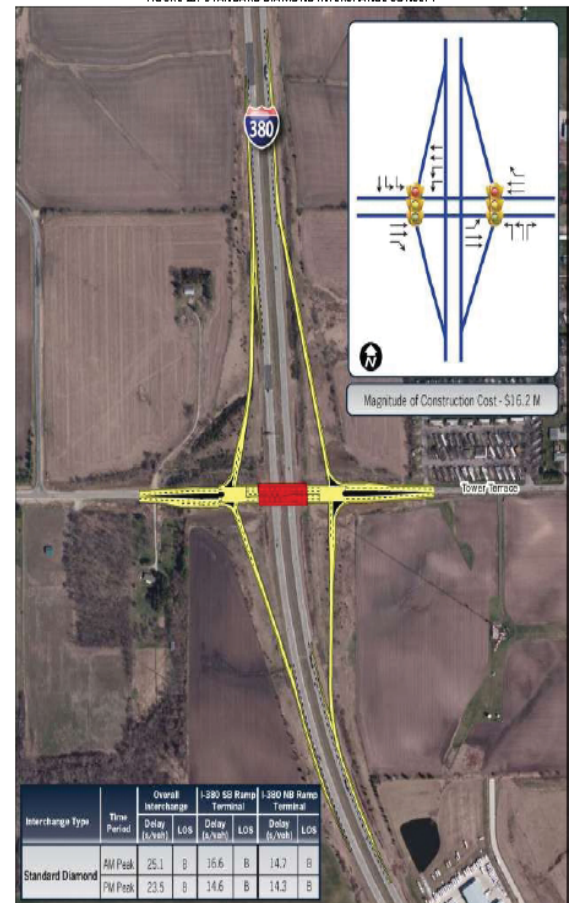
- Increase public awareness and develop Metro area partnerships.
- Seek and secure finances with our local jurisdictions, and the MPO.
- Earn the earmarking of our congressional leaders for funding.

The City is asking the IDOT to provide feedback and guidance on project financing and development, and partner not only with the City but with metro jurisdictions as well.



Mayor Theis stated "The road will aid area economic development."

FIGURE 1B: STANDARD DIAMOND INTERCHANGE CONCEPT



Live Healthy 5K Fun Run/Walk Recap

Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department co-hosted the 10th Annual Live Healthy Linn 5K with its partner Linn County Public Health on April 6, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. As Hiawatha's first year of involvement, the new location for this year's race was held at Guthridge Park. This event highlighted National Public Health Week and wrapped up the conclusion of the Live Healthy Iowa (LHI) 10-Week Wellness Challenge. The race brought in over 270 participants of all ages. Awards were presented to the top female and male runners and walkers for multiple age brackets. A trophy was also given to the person who came closest to their guessed time as indicated on their registration form. The top finisher finished within 16:47!

This event's sponsors included: Farmers State Bank; Running Wild; Hiawatha Bank and Trust; Hi-CREW Kiwanis; J&S Fitness; We Run; Hy-Vee; Paneras; Quaker Oats; General Mills; Z102.9. Door prizes were provided by Wal-Mart, NewBo City Market, Running Wild, Cedar Rapids Kernals and the Cedar Rapids Titans. A kid's fitness obstacle course was also provided by the Kiwanis Club and J&S Total Fitness in Hiawatha. This event was successful as it was extremely rewarding to many of those that participated and improves overall quality of life in many ways. We look forward to this race next year.



Easter Egg Hunt 2013 Recap

The Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department, partnered with Roasters Coffee House, held the Annual 2013 Easter Egg Hunt.

This event took place on Saturday March 30th at 9:00 a.m. in Guthridge Park. The Easter Bunny was in attendance to greet the approximately 500 children and parents with hugs and stickers.

A special thanks to Deb Theis and the Hiawatha Parks Commission, the Hiawatha American Legion Post 735 and all the volunteers that came bright and early in the morning to make this event a success!



Parks are Open!

Whether it's a party, a family reunion, or simply an outing to the park on a sunny summer afternoon, we are ready!

Hiawatha picnic tables are down, restrooms are open, volleyball and tennis nets are up, and you are invited to come share in the excitement of spring. You can now reserve a pavilion or the community center online by going to our website at www.hiawatha-iowa.com.

Look forward to the splash pads opening as the weather gets warmer.

- Guthridge Park on 10th Avenue; two pavilions available.
- Tucker Park on B Avenue; two pavilions available.
- Fay M. Clark Memorial Park on N. 18th Avenue; one pavilion available.



Movies on the Square 2013

Where: Boyson Square in Hiawatha (on Boyson Road behind the New York Life building)

When: Friday May 17th

Time: at dusk (around 8:30 p.m.)

Bring your lawn chairs and join us for The Zoo Keeper, New York Life's Child ID program, bouncy house for the kids and food vendors.

HACAP will be present and we invite you to help support them by bringing an optional non-perishable food item to support a very helpful organization in our community.

This FREE event is sponsored by: Hiawatha Parks and Recreation, Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation, New York Life Insurance, i107-1 FM, Hiawatha Bank & Trust, Honkamp Krueger, Ahmann Design, Compass Commercial Services and Fusion Architects.



Farmers Market 2013 Season

Sundays 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the 10th Avenue parking lot of Guthridge Park.

Season runs from April 28th to October 27th.

Shopping at a farmers' market is not quite the same as shopping at a supermarket. You'll enjoy the experience more and get a lot more out of it. You'll find the summer's best fresh fruits and vegetables, just-picked flowers, fresh from the oven breads and pastries, jams, honey and one-of-a-kind arts and crafts by local artisans.

For more information contact Angie Cole, Parks Director at 393-1515.



Storm Water Advisory Committee

With continued concerns about flooding and storm water development, a new advisory committee was formed to advise our community and advocate for changes in ordinances and implementation of best storm water management practices including to protect water quality and as important an objective to reduce the quantity of uncontrolled run off.

Currently our members consist of City Staff: Community Development Director, two (2) Building Officials and the Engineering Coordinator. These individuals possess great knowledge and skills but to be successful, the City is in need of citizens input.

The Committees priorities include:

- A plan to restore the flood plain and control run-off.
- Develop the best storm water management practices putting them where you can.
- An improved communication/education and ordinance proposal to make a difference.

If this topic peaks your interest, we need you on our committee. For more details, contact Community Development Director, Mark Powers at 393-1515 Ext 229.

The Storm Water Advisory Committee meets twice a year in Conference Room B of Hiawatha City Hall.

2013 Mosquito Control Program

The control of mosquitos is a major concern. Without control programs, the mosquito population would flourish and cause potential health and comfort issues.

From a health standpoint, mosquitos are known carriers of encephalitis, yellow fever, malaria and dengue virus. Mosquito-borne diseases cause more than one million deaths each year around the world. This results in the need for adult mosquito control.

The City will receive a combination of treatments from the Integrated Pest Management (i.e. larvaciding, barrier, adultciding) treatments based on NPDES permit through the program season. Depending on the weather and species of mosquitos that they encounter, the treatments will be selected from the control methods to provide the City with the best results available. This is the City's 8th year of providing this service.

Spraying will tentitively occur between Monday evenings and Saturday mornings depending on the weather. Mosquito Control of Iowa will begin sprays in May as long as the temperatures and wind speeds are at acceptable levels.

Due to concerns about pesticide exposure, Mosquito Control of Iowa will maintain a list of those residents who wish to be notified of when spraying will occur.

For more information or to have your name added to the list of those to be called before spraying, contact Mosquito Control of Iowa at (712) 848-3295, email mosquito@iowatelecom.net or visit their website at www.mosquitocontrolofiowa.com. Mosquito Spraying MSDS sheet information can be found at www.mosquitocontrolofiowa.com.



Community Development Department - Pet Waste Pollutes!

It might not seem like a stormwater problem, but animal waste is one of the many seemingly small sources of pollution that can add up to big problems for water quality and even human health.

Animal waste contains two main types of pollutants that harm local waters: nutrients and pathogens. When this waste ends up in water bodies, it decomposes, releasing nutrients that cause excessive growth of algae and weeds. This makes the water murky, green, smelly, and even unusable for swimming, boating, or fishing. The pathogens, disease-causing bacteria and viruses, can also make local waters unswimmable and unfishable, and have caused severe illness in humans.

As you can see, animal waste doesn't simply decompose. So the easiest way to avoid these problems is to clean up after your pet each and every time, and dispose of the waste properly.



Hiawatha Citizens FYI

A company by the name of American Water Resources (AWR) will be contacting Hiawatha residents regarding water service responsibility. AWR is an independent company, not in any way associated with the Hiawatha Water Department. In the next month or so AWR will be mailing out information about their Water Line Protection Program.

Again, if you should get this mailing from American Water Resources, this program is in no way associated with the Hiawatha Water Department. AWR should provide you with contact information if you have any questions.

Hiawatha Businesses FYI

The City of Hiawatha is excited to announce the launch of a new program with CGI Communications to produce a series of streaming online videos highlighting all our community has to offer to residents, visitors, and businesses.

A representative of CGI Communication may be contacting you with an opportunity to take advantage of their innovative digital media tools and services. We have heard very positive comments about this company and the work they do. Your participation is truly your decision and does not affect the product they provide to the City.

Council Action

April 3, 2013

Ordinance 742 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 135 Street Use and Maintenance §135.09 Excavations (5) Bond Requirement adding Penal Bond and Maintenance Bond requirements.
Ordinance 743 - Amend Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 136 Sidewalk Regulations §136.07 Permit/Bond Requirement adding Penal Bond/Maintenance Bond requirements.

Resolution 13-092 - Direct sale of \$1,060,000 Taxable General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2013C.
Resolution 13-093 - Direct sale of \$3,880,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2013A.
Resolution 13-094 - Direct sale of \$4,545,000 General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes, Series 2013B.
Resolution 13-095 - Authorize Mayor to sign an agreement with Cedar Rapids Toyota for the purchase of a 2012 Toyota Tacoma in the amount of \$1.00 for the Parks Department to use from April through October.
Resolution 13-096 - Authorize Parks Department to proceed with solicitation of proposals for a 2013 F250 Pickup.
Resolution 13-097 - Approve Preliminary Plat for Boyson Loop First Addition.
Resolution 13-098 - Award contract for Mosquito Control 2013 to Mosquito Control of Rolfe, Iowa.
Resolution 13-099 - Designate standard rates for City Operated Equipment adding new equipment.
Resolution 13-100 - Approve Temporary Construction Easement for property located at 402 North Center Point Road to the City of Hiawatha, John King in connection with the RISE Improvement Reconstruction of North Center Point Road from CC&P Railroad to Fisher Street and North of Boyson Road Project.
Resolution 13-101 - Authorize City Attorney to Proceed with negotiations with property owner for property discussed in closed session.

April 17, 2013

Resolution 13-102 - Approve sewer waiver on second water meter for 2916 Diamond Head Road.
Resolution 13-103 - Approve final Plat for Sherman Square Seventh Addition and authorize execution of a Development Agreement by and between the City of Hiawatha and Sherman Properties, LLC.
Resolution 13-104 - Appoint Paying Agent, Note Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent and Note Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement and Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement on \$3,880,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2013A.
Resolution 13-105 - Approve and authorize a form of Loan Agreement and authorize and provide for the issuance of Capital Loan Notes and levying a tax to pay the Notes.
Resolution 13-106 - Appoint Paying Agent, Note Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent and Note Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement and Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement on \$4,545,000 General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes, Series 2013B.
Resolution 13-107 - Approve and authorize a form of Loan of Agreement and authorize and provide for the issuance of Capital Loan Notes and levying a tax to pay the Notes.
Resolution 13-108 - Appoint Paying Agent, Note Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approve the Paying Agent and Note Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement and Authorize the Execution of the agreement on \$1,060,000 Taxable General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2013C.
Resolution 13-109 - Approve and authorize a form of Loan Agreement and authorize and provide for the issuance of Capital Loan Notes and levying a tax to pay the Notes.
Resolution 13-110 - Authorize ImOn Communications LLC Right of Way permission to bury fiber optics cable for Hometown Restyling located at 1205 North Center Point Road.
Resolution 13-112 - Authorize Police Department to move forward with hiring process to fill one vacant position and add one new position.
Resolution 13-113 - Authorize the Police Department purchase of 14 Body Worn Video (BWV) recording devices.
Resolution 13-114 - Authorize City Staff to enter into an agreement with Mid-States Technical (MST) to provide City project services for the Construction Observer position.
Resolution 13-115 - Amend 2010 Employee Policy Manual (and amend the 2010 Part-Time/Temporary/Seasonal Employee Policy Manual accordingly). Section III adding Driver's License Check and Flagging Program, Section VII Electronic Communication & Information Systems Policy 1.5B Prohibited Communication adding policy and procedures for body worn video and other audio/visual recording devices, and Section VIII Benefit Policies, FMLA adding additional language to comply with new Federal regulations.

Annual Budget Report

At the March 6, 2013 regular meeting, the City of Hiawatha City Council adopted the new budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2014 that will begin July 1, 2013. Department managers and council members began budget discussions last fall by setting priorities and goals for the coming year.

The City of Hiawatha's elected officials have weighed the needs and benefits of projects and services against their associated costs. Some of the projects included in the Fiscal Year 2014 budget include water, sewer, and storm sewer improvements, updates in the park and recreation department, library, fire and ambulance service, and the police department.

The tax rate will change from last year's rate of \$15.15 to \$15.18 per \$1,000 of assessed taxable valuation for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014. The City's tax levy is a very important part of the residential property-tax equation. A property-owners tax bill is determined when Linn County Assessor values a property and the state sets a "rollback", or what percentage of the value of property is subject to tax. The property value is then multiplied by the levies of the other jurisdictions with taxing authorities, such as the State of Iowa, Linn County, local school districts and Community Colleges.



MAY 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Visit our website: www.hiawatha-iowa.com			1	2	3	4 City Wide Garage Sale
5 Farmers Market 11-2pm Guthridge Park	6 Amnesty Pickup Begins	7	8 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	9 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	10	11
12 Farmers Market 11-2pm Guthridge Park	13 History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 6pm	14 Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	15 Council 7pm	16	17 Drive In Movies Boyson Square 1625 Boyson Rd	18
19 Farmers Market 11-2pm Guthridge Park	20	21 Water 5:30 pm	22 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	23 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	24 Bike Rodeo & Concert in the Park Large Midgets	25
26 Farmers Market 11-2pm Guthridge Park	27 Holiday City Hall Closed P&Z 6 pm	28	29	30	31	



JUNE 2013



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Lions Club of Hiawatha Presents Hog Wild Days June 20-23, 2013

June 20 - 23, 2013

June 21, Friday 6:00 pm: MR. & MISS HOG WILD DAYS CONTEST. All boys and girls ages 6 to 12 yrs old are welcome to apply. Write a 50 word essay on {Who did you help this year}, a family member, friend or total stranger, with your name, age, and phone by June 14, 2013 and mail to Lions Club, PO Box 262 Hiawatha, Iowa 52233. Also this year, we are having the HIAWATHA'S MOST FAVORITE GRANDMOTHER CONTEST. Write a 50 word essay on why your grandmother is the best, include her name and phone number with your name and phone number by June 14, 2013 and mail to the above address. Prizes will be awarded to all and the winners will ride in the 10:30 am Hog Wild Day Parade on Saturday, June 22, 2013.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

June 21, 2013 Well Lit, playing classic rock and more.

June 22, 2013 NASHVILLE recording artist Casey Muessignann and band will perform.

June 22, 2013 Saturday 11:00 am - 1:00 pm AFTER PARADE PARTY. Everyone is invited, young or young at heart. FREE popcorn, frozen treats, face painting, tattoos, balloons, and music in the park.

June 22, 2013 Saturday 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm IOWA KIDSIGHT. Lions Club FREE vision screening for children ages 6 months to 4 years. See website for details. www.hogwilddays.com

June 23, 2013 Sunday 2:30pm PING PONG DROP. FREE for all children 12 years and younger. Every child wins a prize.



Fireworks donations can be sent to LIONS CLUB PO BOX 262 HIAWATHA IOWA 52233. www.hogwilddays.com

Project Updates

The City of Hiawatha began the reconstruction of the Boyson Road and Robins Road intersection on Monday, April 15, 2013. The intersection will be closed in four stages with the following anticipated schedule:

Stage 1: Close and reconstruct Boyson Road east of Robins Road from 4/15/2013 - 5/23/2013.

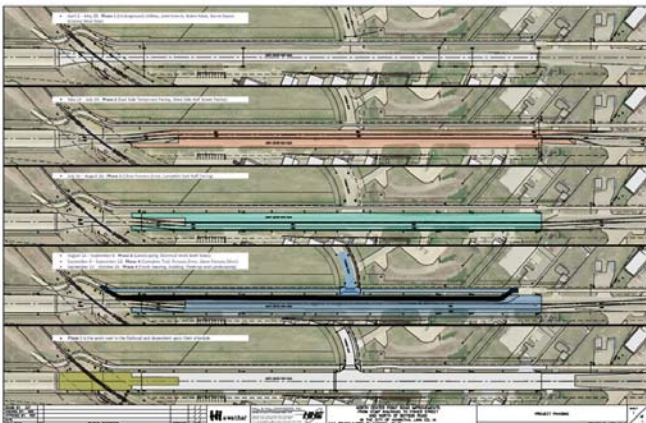
Stage 2: Reopen Stage 1 to local traffic. Close and reconstruct the intersection beginning 5/27/2013 to 6/27/2013.

Stage 3: Reopen Stages 1 and 2 to all traffic. Close and reconstruct Boyson Road west of Robins Road beginning 7/1/2013 to 8/2/2013.

Stage 4: All roads open to traffic. Install traffic signals, sidewalk and seeding beginning 8/6/2013 to 8/29/2013.



Please remember that updates will be placed on the website, www.hiawatha-iowa.com.



The City of Hiawatha began construction on the North Center Point Road Reconstruction project on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. The phases are as follows:

Phase 1: Underground Utilities, Joint Trench, Water Main, Storm Sewer, Grading West Side beginning 04/02/2013 - 05/25/2013.

Phase 2: East Side Temporary Paving, West Side Half Street Paving beginning 5/24/2013 - 7/15/2013.

Phase 3: Close Parsons Drive, complete East Half Paving beginning 7/16/2013 - 8/16/2013.

Phase 4: Landscaping, Electrical Work Both Sides beginning 8/14/2013 - 9/6/2013.

Phase 4: Complete Trail, Parsons Drive, Open Parsons Drive beginning 9/9/2013 - 9/13/2013.

Phase 4: Finish Seeding, Sodding, Plantings and Landscaping beginning 9/13/2013 - 10/25/2013.

Phase 5 is the work next to the Railroad and dependent upon the Railroad's schedule for the crossing improvements.