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Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation Sponsors the Fifth Annual State of the City

Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO) Chair Jon Dusek welcomed approximately 175 attendees to the fifth annual State of the City on July 21 hosted by HEDCO held at the Kirkwood Regional Center on Boyson Road. Dusek spoke of HEDCO's branding/marketing initiative in a joint effort with the city to promote Hiawatha and increase economic growth. Dusek said HEDCO has been building their contact list in order to share business news and current events by email. Dusek asked the crowd to help them in their efforts by texting their email addresses into the HEDCO's database before introducing Mayor Bennett.



Mayor Bennett recognized and congratulated the Corridor Business Journal's list of Hiawatha Companies who received awards in 2016 for being considered one of the Fastest Growing Companies: Ahmann Design, Ahmann Properties, Compass Commercial Services, Fusion Architects, Premier Staffing and Ready Wireless along with the Coolest Places to Work: Ready Wireless, Aerotek and Fuel.

Mayor Bennett highlighted his view points of the past seven months which included the new and improved Hiawatha website and added benefits to the public by offering online registration for parks programs and activities as well as the ability to apply and more recently pay for building permits, submit site plans for construction and register and pay licensing fees for rental properties and detention basins.

Mayor Bennett described the continued commitment of the city and its staff to make life easier for citizens through quality of life enhancements such as park and library programs, convenience of having easy access to staff under one roof and continued commitment to the safety of citizens through a strong police and fire/ambulance service. Bennett complimented city staff as being second to none and having an excellent safety record. Bennett further noted the city upholds an excellent bond rating of A1 and continues efforts to hold the city's levy rate; with the goal of maintaining the rate or lowering the rate when possible.

Mayor Bennett said Hiawatha continues to experience economic growth in commercial and residential valuations and staff is currently working on updating the Comprehensive Plan to account for future growth and development.

Mayor Bennett spoke about current and future projects including the Center Point Road/Emmons Street/Robins Road Intersection Project, a multi-phase project with scheduled completion in November 2017. Bennett said infrastructure work is currently underway and the project will not only realign the intersection for improved safety, but provide a walkable downtown district with future retail shops and eating establishments for the public to enjoy. The development will be driven by a private/public partnership between the city and the developers.

Mayor Bennett touched on the Tower Terrace Road Interchange Project saying the metro communities and Linn County have met jointly to discuss the need for the I-380 interchange and how they can work together to keep this project moving forward. Bennett explained the group has been communicating with the local and Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the IDOT has intention to commit funds for the Tower Terrace Road Interchange Project within their five-year plan beginning Fiscal Year 2021.



Tower Terrace Road Interchange was the final topic during Anderson's presentation when Anderson announced the IDOT is currently performing another Interchange Justification Report (IJR) with an estimated completion date in 2018. Anderson confirmed the IDOT has funding committed to construct interim improvements on Boyson Road to widen and extend the I-380 off ramp during Fiscal Year 2018; funding is also being reviewed with potential allocation to construct the Tower Terrace Road Interchange beginning Fiscal Year 2022.

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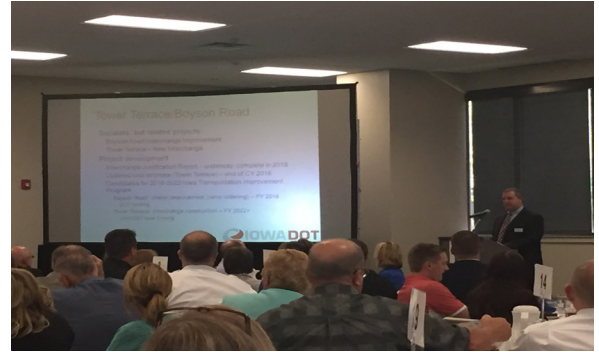
To help alleviate some of the traffic issues occurring at the Boyson Road and North Center Point Road Intersection, Mayor Bennett said the city is taking a proactive approach to move forward with interim upgrades to the Boyson Road/North Center Point Road Intersection Improvement Project providing interim upgrades this fall. Bennett explained this project includes traffic light upgrades and lane widening as a temporary fix until the Tower Terrace Road Interchange is completed.

Mayor Bennett invited attendees to come out to help Hiawatha celebrate the first annual “Fun Fest” on August 26 and 27 before introducing Stuart Anderson, Director of the Planning, Programming and Modal Division from the IDOT.

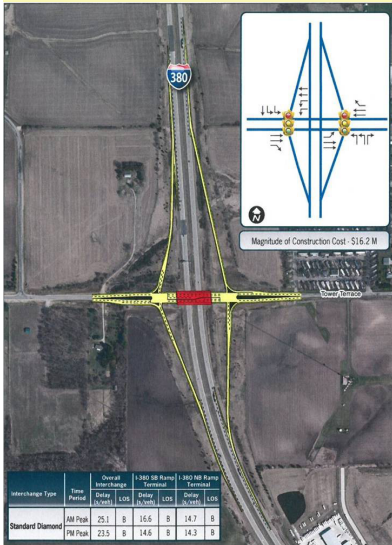
Stuart Anderson detailed the IDOT’s estimated funding sources for 2017, comprised of \$671 million in fuel tax, \$550 million in annual vehicle registration fees, \$340 million in new vehicle registrations and \$75 million in other funds; making up a total of \$1.636 billion in funding.

Anderson described state road funding distribution for the use of approximately \$1.46 billion in Road Use Tax dollars in 2017 with the IDOT receiving 47.5%, counties receiving 32.5% and cities receiving 20% of Road Use Tax dollars.

Anderson gave an overview of the IDOT’s Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act signed into law on December 4, 2015. Anderson said the FAST Act is a five year plan from 2016-2020 with a total of \$305 billion allocated for highway and highway safety projects.



Study of New Tower Terrace Interchange Continues



In April, the metro communities and Linn County met with Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Director Paul Trombino. Senator Liz Mathis also joined the meeting and assisted with welcoming Director Trombino to Hiawatha. The primary topic was the importance of the proposed Tower Terrace Interchange.

The Mayor’s of Hiawatha, Marion, Robins and Cedar Rapids and the City Administrators of Hiawatha and Marion along with Linn County Supervisor Brent Oleson met with Director Trombino and local District Engineer Jim Schnoebelen. The goal was to develop the agenda for moving forward with planning for construction of a new interchange.

Another meeting of the metro communities was held in June. The goal is to keep communications open with all agencies and accelerate the schedule for improvements, if possible, as traffic congestion on Boyson Road continues to increase. The meetings have been very productive in developing a plan for funding options to move the construction up on the IDOT five year plan. The current proposal is to develop a plan that will fund the interchange construction in year 2021.

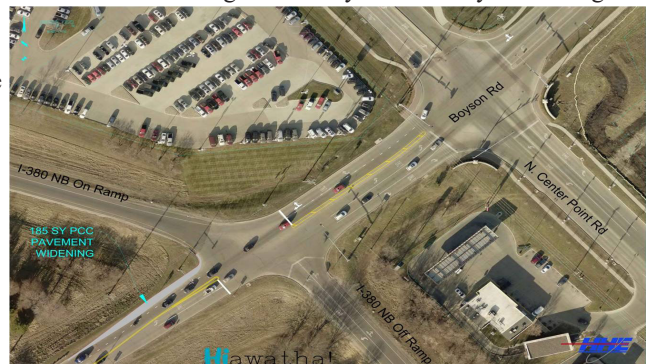
The Interchange Justification Report (IJR) is underway with new traffic counts taken on Tower Terrace Road, North Center Point Road and Boyson Road in June. An open house is scheduled October 12, 2016 at Hiawatha City Hall to identify options and costs for the project.

Interim Improvements to the Boyson Road Interchange Proposed

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 of the Boyson Road Interchange. New signal equipment is proposed at the Boyson Road and North Center Point Road Intersection and both traffic signals located 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 during these peak times.

Another significant operational concern is the westbound movement of traffic across the I-380 Bridge. Currently there is only one through lane westbound. This is especially problematic in the short section between the I-380 and northbound ramp. An improvement concept has been developed to increase the vehicle storage area for this movement by modifying the right turn only lane into a shared through-right turn lane and widening the pavement west to support two through lanes of traffic. This will allow more vehicles to stack in two lanes to, travel through the intersection quicker during the green light.

Plans are in development and will be submitted to the Iowa DOT for approval in August. It is anticipated this work can be completed in October 2016. For additional information, contact the City Engineer at cityengineer@hiawatha-iowa.com.



Hiawatha Council Action

August 2016

July 6, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-145 approving sewer waiver on second water meter for 2910 Diamondhead Road. ORDINANCE #868 for the disposal of right-of-way on Langston Drive described as Parcel A, Plat of Survey No. 2075.

RESOLUTION #16-146 approving & accepting the offer from Brainiac Inc., to purchase a portion of Langston Drive right-of-way, described as Parcel A, Plat of Survey No. 2075 for \$10,000.

RESOLUTION #16-147 approving & authorizing execution of a First Amendment to the Agreement for Private Development by & between the City of Hiawatha & GoDaddy.com, LLC.

RESOLUTION #16-148 approving a 28E Agreement between the City of Hiawatha, City of Marion, City of Robins, & City of Cedar Rapids for the construction of Segments 7 & 11 of the Indian Creek/Dry Run Creek Sanitary Sewer System Capacity Improvements Project.

RESOLUTION #16-149 approving & making award of contract to Rathje Construction Co. of Marion, Iowa in the amount of \$2,813,734.76 for the construction of the 2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project.

RESOLUTION #16-150 approving a Permanent Electric Line Easement for property located at 85 Robins Road in connection with the 2015-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Project.

RESOLUTION #16-151 approving a Permanent Electric Line Easement for property located at 405 W Clark Street in connection with the 2015-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Project.

RESOLUTION #16-152 approving Work Order #6 to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Hiawatha & Hall & Hall Engineers, Inc. to perform project administration, base mapping, plan of improvements, project manual & Engineer's Estimate of Cost for the Boyson Road/North Center Point Road Intersection Improvement Project at a total cost of work not to exceed \$19,650.

RESOLUTION #16-153 authorizing City Staff to solicit Requests for Proposals for design services for the Boyson Road Trail Extension Project from 12th Avenue to 15th Avenue.

RESOLUTION #16-154 approving the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice & Grievance Procedures.

July 20, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-155 setting a public hearing date (8/3/16 @ 5:30 P.M.) on the proposal to enter into a 5 year Development Agreement with Towers Edge, LLC & providing for publication of notice.

RESOLUTION #16-156 accepting a Quit Claim Deed & related documents for the sale of right-of-way on Langston Drive described as Parcel A, Plat of Survey No. 2075 in connection with the new commercial development located at 1195 Boyson Road.

RESOLUTION #16-157 accepting the quotation from Pate Asphalt Systems, of Marion, Iowa to perform the contract work for the 2016 B Avenue from Tucker Street North to Tucker Park Asphalt Overlay Project at a total cost of \$42,530.00, utilizing available funding in Road Use Funds.

RESOLUTION #16-158 accepting the public improvement contract work in connection with the FY 2015 Industrial Avenue from Boyson Road to North End Pavement Reconstruction / Storm Sewer Improvements RISE Grant Project.

RESOLUTION #16-159 approving (Balancing) Change Order #3 for the FY 2015 Industrial Avenue from Boyson Road to North End Pavement Reconstruction / Storm Sewer Improvements RISE Grant Project with an decrease in contract amount of \$3,664.72, resulting in a revised total project contract amount of \$622,401.25.

RESOLUTION #16-160 accepting the FY 2015 Industrial Avenue from Boyson Road to North End Pavement Reconstruction / Storm Sewer Improvements RISE Grant Project, constructed by Horsfield Construction, Inc., approving application for (Final) Pay Estimate #5 & directing City Clerk to make payment to Horsfield Construction, Inc., of Epworth, Iowa, in the amount of \$13,885.67 immediately.

Motion approving the appointment of 2 Volunteer Firefighters/EMTs: Samantha Mackin & Preston Hoffa.

July Calendar

- 03 Farmers Market 11:00-2:00 PM Guthridge Park
- 04 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 06 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
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- 11 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 11 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
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Guthridge Park
Friday, August 26th
 6 p.m.—11 p.m.
 &
Saturday, August 27th
 8 a.m.—10 p.m.

Friday	6—9 Past Masters Band & Kiwanis Concessions 6—9 Glow Disc Golf Tournament (Clark Park) 9—11 Movie Under the Moon
Saturday	8 5K Fireman's Run 8—10 HiCREW Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 11—8 Food Vendors 11—12 Hiawatha Parade 12—8 Activities for Kids & Adults Smash a Car Fundraiser for Honor Flight Veterans 12 Touch a Truck 12-3 CR Social Club Kickball Tournament 12:30—6:30 Park and Rec Friends Foundation Bags Tournament 12:30—5:00 HACAP Bingo 12:30—6:30 Library Character Clifford, Kids Crafts, Story Time, Book Drive 1—2:30 Macaroni Kid children's activities 1-3pm Face Painting 1—4 Junior Fire Fighter Obstacle Course 1-6 Hiawatha Kids League Inflatable's 1—8 Lowes Kids Build Activity 3-5






Entertainment- Music, Comedy, and the Art of Juggling

12:30-1:30 Cedar Rapids Spirits
 1:30-3:30 Not Quite Brothers
 3:30-4 Culvers Ice Cream Eating Contest
 4-5 Mad Chad The Chainsaw Juggler
 5-5:30 Hiawatha K9 Demonstration with Reso
 6-9 Felix & Fingers Dueling Pianos


Fireworks at Dusk!!!
 Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and coolers and enjoy an evening of fun!

Ride to Wrigley Recap

Thank you to Hiawatha Bank and Window World for sponsoring our first Ride to Wrigley charter trip with Marion Parks and Recreation. Cardinals beat the Cubs 7-2 but overall the trip was a win in our book! Thank you to all that participated, we look forward to making it even better next year! Keep a look out for the next trip this fall!



Blastball and Soccer



Thank you to all our volunteer coaches this summer for making our programs a success, without your help and guidance to our children these programs would not be possible! Thank you to our sponsors First Federal Bank and World Class Industries. We look forward to next year's programs! This year we had 108 players and coaches that participated in Blastball and 155 players and coaches in Soccer.


Weekday Farmers Market

Join us for the last Weekday Farmers Market of the year on Wednesday, August 24 in the Hiawatha City Hall parking lot from 4:00-6:00 PM! Our vendors have lots to choose from! Our Sunday Market at Guthridge Park continues through October!

Fun Fest - Hiawatha Firemans 5K

The Hiawatha Firefighters Association will be holding a fun run 5K to promote health and wellness across the local firefighting community as well as the community. The fun run will travel the route that has been used for the former Hog Wild Days 5K and is a flat fun course to run. The run will be held as part of Fun Fest activities on August 27 at 8 AM. Registration is available online <https://hiawathafiremans5k.racedirector.com/>. Benefits from the fun run will go to the Hiawatha Firefighters Association.

Later that day, during Fun Fest, the Fire Department Explorers will set up a Junior Firefighter Obstacle Course. The course is great for all ages of kids. During the course the kids will get the chance to pull hose, spray water, drag a manikin and navigate a series of obstacles. The course is a scaled down version of the physical aptitude test that fire departments require for new applicants. The course will be set up Saturday afternoon, August 27 from 1:00 - 5:00 PM on the basketball course.



Community Development Upgrades Equipment


The City of Hiawatha recently purchased new “review” monitors for the plan review staff and iPads for inspection staff.

The new monitors allow us to review building and site plans without having print copies. With this upgrade, applicants can now submit applications and all supporting plans electronically for review and approval of their building plans. After approval all payments can be completed electronically. Our entire process from application to certificate of completion can now all be done on-line.

Our inspection process has become more efficient with the use of iPads through our on-line program for scheduling and recording inspections. The inspectors were equipped with iPads last year making the approved electronic plans available at the site. Inspectors can now record inspection results immediately. All reports are available to the applicant as soon as they are posted on-line.


The conversion to electronic format has been part of our plan for streamlining and modernizing our permit process. The ultimate goal is to achieve an efficient, customer friendly, paperless process.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY



School is beginning soon, all drivers are urged to “drive safe” and student pedestrians are urged to “be smart” and make safety a priority. Here are some general safety tips:

- Obey all traffic signals, signs and markings whether walking, bicycling or driving.
- 25 mph speed limit in Residential and School Zones. Drive with added caution where children are present.
- Do not park or stop to unload children in no parking zones or on the roadway.
- Children should enter and exit vehicles on the passenger side of the car.
- Remind children to look in all directions before crossing the street.
- Cross the street only in a marked crosswalk or at a corner, not mid-block.



Corridor Business Journal Recognizes Hiawatha Businesses As Fastest Growing Companies in the Corridor!



The Corridor Business Journal on May 17 held their annual recognition of the Fastest Growing Companies in the Corridor during a breakfast celebration. It was a

honor for Mayor Bennett and City Administrator Kim Downs to watch six Hiawatha based companies walk across the stage to accept their hard earned awards. The City of Hiawatha is excited to recognize and extend congratulations to Ahmann Designs, Ahmann Properties, Compass Commercial Services LLC, Fusion Architects, Premier Staffing Inc. and Ready Wireless LLC. These companies were six of 25 of the fastest growing companies making significant contributions to the strength of our local economy and deserve to be recognized as dynamic companies within our community.

Nominated companies were ranked according to revenue growth over a two year period, both dollar and percentage increases were taken into consideration.

The City of Hiawatha would also like to extend a shout out to three of the coolest places to work located in Hiawatha: Aerotek, FUEL and HH Ventures/Ready Wireless LLC. The Coolest Places to Work award identifies and honors companies creating the most engaging and rewarding work environments.



Finance Recap for Fiscal Year End 2016

June 30, 2016 marked the end of Fiscal Year of 2016 for the City of Hiawatha. Overall, the city expended 78.07% of our approved budget amount, totaling \$5,359,104 less than estimated. The revenues received were 92.12% of estimated or \$1,619,496 under the budgeted amount. All department managers did another great job of holding their expenses to the budgeted amount or below this past year.

The general fund which consists of Police, Fire, Ambulance, Community Development, Library, Park and Recreation, Policy and Administration, City Hall, Engineering and Buildings/Grounds/Maintenance departments, expended \$233,510 less than anticipated for the year, totaling 94.48% of the approved budget.

A total of \$933,893 in Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) dollars received in Fiscal Year 2016. With the additional revenue, the city completed or started infrastructure improvement projects including pavement reconstruction on Industrial Avenue, intersection improvements at Emmons Street/Robins Road/Center Point Road/North Center Point Road, water and sewer main extension in the newly annexed area and new traffic signals at Blairs Ferry Road and Edgewood Road formerly known as Miller Road, for a total of \$1,736,509 of LOSST funds invested in our city in Fiscal Year 2016.



Hiawatha Comprehensive Plan

The City of Hiawatha is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan. We have held one public meeting and three team meetings. We have developed a proposed vision statement for the City of Hiawatha:

We are the Creative Corridor's most welcoming community to live, work and experience. Residents and visitors love our small town feel, walkable neighborhoods and the unique restaurants and shops in our vibrant Village Center.

The project team has also reviewed the land use map including possible expansion areas near Hiawatha and the vision and goals for our community. You can see this information and track the project status at www.hiawathaplan.com.

Plan on attending the next public Comprehensive Plan meeting currently scheduled for **Wednesday, August 31 at 6:30 PM** in the multi-purpose room on the lower level of City Hall. The draft Comprehensive plan will be available for comment during this meeting.

Hiawatha Volunteer Firefighters

Our volunteer member of the month is Stephen Craven. Stephen is one of the most senior members of the fire department, in addition to being one of the most experienced. Prior to joining the Hiawatha Fire Department in 1997, he was a member of the Indianola Fire Department for several years. Since that time he has responded to more than 2,500 incidents and has served as a firefighter, lieutenant and EMT. Most significantly, Stephen was nominated because of the time and effort he puts into instructing younger members in driving and operating fire equipment. The large trucks are cumbersome to drive, especially when many of the members have never driven anything that large. They are required to put in several hours behind the wheel in training mode, before being allowed to drive the apparatus to calls. Stephen puts in many hours coaching new drivers.



Stephen lives in Hiawatha with his wife Teri and his daughter Cyndi. When he's not working at Wabtec, working on his home or volunteering for the fire department, his hobbies include railroading, photography, taking care of his antique fire truck and traveling with his family and mixing sound for musical groups at the CSPS Hall.

Mobile Printing Now Available

The Hiawatha Public Library is excited to introduce Mobile Printing! Patrons can now send print jobs to the library from a tablet, smartphone, laptop or desktop.

The library is thrilled to be able to offer this much-requested option, which will enable patrons more flexibility in how they use the library's printing service. Not only will patrons be able to send print jobs to the library from their mobile devices while in the library, they can also do so while away from the library. Print jobs will remain at the library ready to print for 24 hours after sending them.

For more info and instructions as to how to use Mobile Printing please visit www.hiawathalibrary.com.

Street Trivia Presented by the Hiawatha History Committee

Longest street in Hiawatha:

- North Center Point Road at 2.05 miles long (the stretch of road within the city limits)

Shortest street in Hiawatha:

- Jerry's Lane at 0.06 miles

Where in the world is Jerry's Lane you ask? It is located off of North Center Point Road next to Corridor Automotive. See map below.



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Want to Receive Notification on City Events, Construction and Weather Related Information?

It's easy, just sign up on the Hiawatha website.

Be the first to know about snow emergencies, leaf pick-up, deadlines, events, announcements and more! Subscribe to city text alerts.

Visit the Hiawatha website at www.hiawatha-iowa.com. Scroll down to the very bottom of the home page where it says, "Stay Current." Click on the "Get Alerts" button where you will register your name and email address to subscribe to Hiawatha's notification system.

Stay Current

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Community Development Department maintains ISO Ratings

Every six years the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) evaluates local building departments. The evaluation rates personnel qualifications, codes adopted by the jurisdiction and the thoroughness of the administration of the inspection and plan review processes. A numerical value is assigned to each of these items for commercial and for residential construction. The final rating is then used by insurance companies in rating structure insurance coverage and by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for determining funding in natural disaster events. The rating scale is from #1 to #10:

- #1-3 Satisfactory
- #4-6 Satisfactory with few deficiencies
- #7-9 Significant deficiencies
- #10 No building department inspections or reviews

The City of Hiawatha received a #4 rating in both commercial and residential construction. This is a very good rating for a small jurisdiction. Given the personnel certification requirements for each discipline, it is not practical for a city our size to retain staff to meet all of the ISO specifications. However, Hiawatha has adopted the most recent model building codes and our administration/records processes are satisfactory.

The City does not meet all State regulations for certifications and uses combination inspectors to meet inspection and plan review needs. Our scores are very comparable to the scores of Marion and Cedar Rapids and are favorably viewed for insurance ratings and FEMA ranking.

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