The Hiawatha City Council met in regular session in the Hiawatha Council Chambers on October 18, 2017. Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present: Bob Rampulla, Marty Bruns, Dennis Norton and Aime Wichtendahl. Dick Olson was absent. Staff present: City Engineer John Bender, Community Development Director Pat Parsley, Finance Director Cindy Kudrna, City Administrator Kim Downs, Fire Chief Mike Nesslage and Police Chief Dennis Marks. Guests: Daniel Hoffmann, Rob Archibald, Ken Cooper of Banacom Signs, Pat and Cara Callanan of Hawkeye Communications, Steve Scott from Scott Survey, David Kasper, Doug Neumann of Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance, Emily Upah of Alliant Energy, Kay Fisk of Neighborhood Transportation Service, and Curt Nelson of Entrepreneurial Development Center Inc.

Rampulla moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Wichtendahl. Motion carried.

Norton moved the approval of the following consent agenda items: Approval of bills; Finance Director's Report for September 2017; City Clerk's Report for September 2017; Department Reports: Community Development, Fire, Library, Parks and Recreation, Police and Public Works; RESOLUTION #17-188 approving sewer waiver on second water meter for 3037 Dell Ridge Court, RESOLUTION #17-189 approving sewer waiver on second water meter for 3041 Dell Ridge Court, seconded by Bruns. Motion carried.

Citizens Input

Pat Callanan of Hawkeye Communications, 97 N Center Point Road spoke to city council about his concerns with the addition of another bike trail on N Center Point Road. Callanan said the existing trail goes down N Center Point Road and adding a second bike lane that is six foot wide with a three foot buffer is a real concern. Callanan added traffic congestion will be obvious under the road diet plan; it is a safety issue for people pulling out of the Hawkeye Communications parking lot because the people will now have to look for traffic on the bike trail and the bike path from the nature trail. Callanan expressed his opinion that the design is a recipe for disaster and a step backwards from the plan to improve the area.

Callanan said he heard there would be another bike trail on Robins Road; seems a little overkill. Callanan felt the reconstruction design is a lot of expense and a lot of confusion for bikers and drivers. Callanan asked council to think about what the city can do to make things better.

Ken Cooper of Banacom Signs, 111 N Center Point Road spoke to city council with his concerns on the bottleneck on N Center Point Road. Cooper said he had to do a lot of maneuvering around to get to the meeting tonight.

Report from Council Members/Mayor/City Administrator

City Administrator Downs congratulated Community Development Director Parsley, MSA Professional Services and the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee for receiving the Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan from the American Planning Association.

Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO) – Kyle Kunz

Kyle Kunz of Honkamp Krueger and Chair of Hiawatha Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO) presented an annual report and requested a funding pledge for FY 2018-2019. Kunz said HEDCO created a marketing plan and have been working with Kirk Hayden of Metro Studios, also a HEDCO board member to promote and market the city and local businesses. Kunz explained part of the marketing initiatives include business visits, revamping the HEDCO website and using social media to push out content.

Kunz shared from 2016 to 2017 traffic to the HEDCO website increased 280% and pages viewed increased 146%. Kunz said HEDCO has been posting a lot of videos including Business Success Stories and drone footage of development and Tower Terrace Road. Kunz added the Dancer's Edge video had 5,000 views. Kunz said HEDCO is receiving inquiries from the website reaching as far as West Des Moines and Waukee. It is important for HEDCO to be at the top of the list in Google search; awareness generated from the content is helping build interest.

Bruns presented RESOLUTION #17-190 pledging $15,000 from Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Funds for FY 2018-2019 to support HEDCO in carrying out their initiatives of cultivating economic growth in the City of Hiawatha by serving as an advocate for existing businesses and businesses looking to move their operations to Hiawatha, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Rampulla, Norton, Wichtendahl, Bruns. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson. **RESOLUTION #17-190 adopted.**

Community Annual Partnership Assessment Report Presentation – Emily Upah of Alliant Energy

Emily Upah of Alliant Energy presented the Community Annual Partnership Assessment Report. Upah said she is the key account manager for Hiawatha and she can help facilitate any assistance for the city. Upah said Alliant completes a community annual partnership assessment each year to evaluate the projects over the last year. Upah said in 2016, Alliant made just under $77,000 in electrical infrastructure investments in Hiawatha and paid $83,000 in taxes to Hiawatha. Other projects with Hiawatha include $5,000 to the Back to School Backpack project with the Parks and Recreation Department, $2,500 to the Hiawatha Public Library, and $500 to Hiawatha Fun Fest. Upah added Alliant issued 175 rebates totaling $195,000.

Upah stated there is ability to participate in a Branching Out project as a grant opportunity to communities to purchase and plant trees; spring plantings close November 1. Upah added there are funds available for difibulators and personal protective equipment for emergency personnel. Upah said Alliant wants to partner with the city whenever the opportunity arises.

NTS Presentation - Kay Fisk

Kay Fisk of Neighborhood Transportation Service (NTS) presented the annual report and requested a funding pledge for FY 2018-2019. Fisk reported the partnership with Horizons is working well. Fisk said NTS purchases inexpensive vans from the Department of Transportation for use in providing people rides to and from their appointments. Fisk said NTS uses federal funds and they have to be used for a corporate purpose.

Fisk mentioned a partnership with Cedar Rapids School District to take homeless children to school; last year 187 homeless people were transported to a shelter. Fisk said NTS works with other non-profits and participates in a summer meal program.

Fisk stated the money that NTS uses to get people to work puts $7 million back into the community. Fisk mentioned there are four or five people in Hiawatha that are currently on a waiting list to use NTS services. Fisk said she continues to work with the Iowa Legislature and travels to Washington DC a couple of times a year to get more funding for transportation.

Fisk clarified the funding received from the City of Hiawatha goes directly to NTS.

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #17-191 pledging $9,368 from the General Fund for FY 2018-2019, to NTS for services provided to the City of Hiawatha residents offering convenient, quality, affordable transportation to employment and education responsibilities, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Rampulla, Norton, Wichtendahl, Bruns. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson. **RESOLUTION #17-191 adopted.**

EDC Presentation - Curt Nelson

Curt Nelson of Entrepreneurial Development Center (EDC) presented the annual report and requested a funding pledge for FY 2018-2019. Nelson said EDC has been in operation for 14 years and in that time the company has helped 933 entrepreneurs, generated $1.5 billion in revenue and a $4 million increase in wages.

Nelson listed some Hiawatha companies who have utilized EDC's services: Ready Wireless, Mobile Demand, Level 10 and Channel Fusion. Nelson said EDC has a new acquisition deal in the works for Hiawatha but he cannot disclose at this time.

Bruns presented RESOLUTION #17-192 pledging $12,000 from Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Funds for FY 2018-2019 to EDC for services provided to businesses or business concepts with capital raises, mergers, marketing, personnel, sales plans, intellectual property, corporate structure, product design, and advertising, seconded by Rampulla. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Norton, Rampulla, Bruns. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson. **RESOLUTION #17-192 adopted.**

Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance Presentation – Doug Neumann

Doug Neumann of Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance presented the annual report and requested a funding pledge for FY 2018-2019.

Nuemann said Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance had an organizational change including shifting the business development and organizational attraction responsibilities under the same group to devote more resources to these objectives. Neumann stated corridor development is an arm of Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance; there are 26 Hiawatha businesses on the Syncronist list. Neumann said City Administrator Downs was able to get Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance in to visit some businesses they were not able to access before.

Neumann announced another initiative Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance staff has been working on is make sure marketing properties are on the LOIS system; been working with Hiawatha to complete this task. Neumann mentioned ribbon cuttings and the Business Summits as other partnerships with Hiawatha.

Rampulla presented RESOLUTION #17-193 pledging $10,000 from Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Funds for FY 2018-2019 to Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance for services provided in attracting businesses to the metro area and assisting existing companies with expansion projects, job placement and recruitment, and promoting Iowa's Creative Corridor, seconded by Norton. Roll call vote: AYES: Bruns, Rampulla, Wichtendahl, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson. **RESOLUTION #17-193 adopted.**

PUBLIC HEARING – to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 1 Code of Ordinances §1.10 Standard Penalty by removing term of imprisonment from misdemeanor violation under Iowa Code Section 903.1

Mayor Bennett opened the public hearing to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 1 Code of Ordinances §1.10 Standard Penalty by removing term of imprisonment from misdemeanor violation under Iowa Code Section 903.1 at 6:26 P.M.

No written or public comments were received at or prior to the public hearing. Public Hearing closed at 6:26 P.M.

Wichtendahl moved the 1st Reading of ORDINANCE #884 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 1 Code of Ordinances §1.10 Standard Penalty by removing term of imprisonment from misdemeanor violation under Iowa Code Section 903.1, seconded by Bruns. Roll call vote: AYES: Norton, Wichtendahl, Bruns, Rampulla. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson. ***Motion carried.***

Norton moved to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of ORDINANCE #884, seconded by Bruns. ***Motion carried.***

Rampulla moved the adoption of ORDINANCE #884* amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 1 Code of Ordinances §1.10 Standard Penalty by removing term of imprisonment from misdemeanor violation under Iowa Code Section 903.1, *seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Rampulla, Norton, Wichtendahl, Bruns. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson. ORDINANCE #884 adopted.

Setting a public hearing date (November 1, 2017 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 41 Public Health and Safety §41.12 Illegal Use of Fireworks by establishing a time period to use and explode consumer fireworks

Bruns presented RESOLUTION #17-194 setting a public hearing date (November 1, 2017 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 41 Public Health and Safety §41.12 Illegal Use of Fireworks by establishing a time period to use and explode consumer fireworks, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Bruns, Rampulla, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson. **RESOLUTION #17-194 adopted.**

Setting a public hearing date (November 1, 2017 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 160 Fire Code §160.35 Seizure of Fireworks by adding a reference other City code chapters that provide regulations on fireworks

Norton presented RESOLUTION #17-195 setting a public hearing date (November 1, 2017 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 160 Fire Code §160.35 Seizure of Fireworks by adding a reference other City code chapters that provide regulations on fireworks, seconded by Rampulla. Roll call vote: AYES: Rampulla, Bruns, Norton, Wichtendahl. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson. **RESOLUTION #17-195 adopted.**

Setting a public hearing date (November 1, 2017 @ 5:30 P.M.) on the proposal to enter into a Development Agreement with Peck's Landing, LLC (First Addition) and providing for publication of notice
Bruns presented RESOLUTION #17-196 setting a public hearing date (November 1, 2017 @ 5:30 P.M.) on the proposal to enter into a Development Agreement with Peck's Landing, LLC (First Addition) and providing for publication of notice, seconded by Rampulla. Roll call vote: AYES: Bruns, Wichtendahl, Norton, Rampulla. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson. **RESOLUTION #17-196 adopted.**

Approving Final Plat for Dell Ridge Third Addition
Rampulla presented RESOLUTION #17-197 approving Final Plat for Dell Ridge Third Addition, seconded by Bruns. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Rampulla, Norton, Bruns. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson. **RESOLUTION #17-197 adopted.**

2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project - Pay Estimate #11 for payment of contract work completed to Rathje Construction Co.
Bruns presented RESOLUTION #17-198 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #11 for the 2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project, and directing City Clerk to make payment to Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, in the amount of $197,712.11, seconded by Rampulla. Roll call vote: AYES: Rampulla, Norton, Wichtendahl, Bruns. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson. **RESOLUTION #17-198 adopted.**

Demonstrating support for the Paris Climate Agreement
Council member Bruns stated he has heart burn about this resolution; do not see the value add to Hiawatha.

Council member Wichtendahl stated in her opinion with these kinds of issues, you should always do what you can do. Wichtendahl said there is a lack of leadership at the state level and in Washington so the issue falls back on the local level. Wichtendahl noted the 2036 Comprehensive Plan recently adopted by the city includes conscious design elements; do what we can do at the local level. Bruns stated the things the city is doing have nothing to do with the Paris Agreement.

Wichtendahl stated in her opinion abandoning the Paris Agreement shows a lack of consideration for the future.

Council member Rampulla added things will be changed back in a few years anyways.

Norton presented RESOLUTION #17-199 demonstrating City Council support for the Paris Climate Agreement, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Rampulla, Wichtendahl, Norton. NAYS: Bruns. ABSENT: Olson. **RESOLUTION #17-199 adopted.**

There being no further discussion, Rampulla moved to adjourn at 6:34 P.M., seconded by Wichtendahl. Motion carried.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk