The Hiawatha City Council met in regular session in the Hiawatha Council Chambers on October 19, 2016. Mayor Bill 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, Fire Chief Mike Nesslage, Police Chief Dennis Marks, Deputy Chief Training Matt Powers and Hiawatha Fire Department members Troy Reynolds, Ryan Neuhaus, Caleb Fairlie, Pacer Langguth and Nate Packman. Guests: Kay Fisk of NTS and Curt Nelson of EDC. Note: Not all guests in attendance signed in.

Norton moved the approval of the following consent agenda items: Approval of bills; Finance Director's Report for September 2016; City Clerk's Report for September 2016; Department Reports: Community Development, Fire, Library, Parks and Recreation, Police and Public Works, seconded by Bruns. Motion carried.

Report from Council Members / Mayor / City Administrator

City Administrator Downs commented after the Department of Transportation (DOT) presentation letters of support were sent to local DOT representatives and the local DOT were supportive and in agreement with funding.

NTS Presentation - Kay Fisk

Kay Fisk of Neighborhood Transportation Service, Inc. (NTS) thanked council for their support over the last year. Fisk presented an update on NTS with the following highlights:

- This is the tenth year Kay has spoken to City Council
- NTS merged with Horizons FY15-16
- NTS was asked by Cedar Rapids Community School District to help kids in homeless shelters
- Summer program – groups deliver meals and take kids where meals are served
- 60,000 lunches were served during the summer months
- NTS does work with the Young Parents Network and HACAP
- NTS has a waiting list for the 2:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. service
- NTS is trying to reach out the other businesses in the community
- NTS provided 4,437 rides from Hiawatha and 5,633 rides to Hiawatha in FY 2015-2016 for a total of 11,100 rides
- NTS served 24 Hiawatha businesses in FY 2015-2016 with nine of those being new users

Kay Fisk asked Council members to consider a 5% increase in pledge or $8,922.00 for FY 2017-2018.

Rampulla presented RESOLUTION #16-196 pledging $8,922.00 from the General Fund for FY17-18, to NTS for services provided to City of Hiawatha residents offering affordable transportation to employment and education responsibilities, seconded by Bruns. Roll call vote: AYES: Norton, Rampulla, Wichtendahl, Bruns. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson. **RESOLUTION #16-196 adopted.**

EDC Presentation - Curt Nelson

Curt Nelson of Entrepreneurial Development Center (EDC) distributed the 2016 Mid-Year Stakeholder Report to City Council and thanked them for their support for the last year. Nelson said the Stakeholder Report outlines EDC activity for the first half of the year.

Nelson said the 2015 Innovation Expo had 714 attendees and 98 companies exhibiting. Nelson announced the 2016 Expo will be held in Cedar Rapids.

Curt Nelson asked Council members to consider maintaining the same pledge as in previous years or $10,000.00 for FY 2017-2018.

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #16-197 pledging $10,000.00 from Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Funds for FY17-18, to EDC for services provided to businesses or business concepts, seconded by Bruns. Roll call vote: AYES: Bruns, Norton, Wichtendahl, Rampulla. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson. **RESOLUTION #6-197 adopted.**

Approving the 28E Agreement for Mutual Assistance for Linn County Fire/Rescue Services
Rampulla presented RESOLUTION #16-198 approving a 28E Agreement for mutual assistance for Linn County Fire/Rescue and Emergency Medical Services, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Rampulla, Norton, Bruns. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson. **RESOLUTION #16-198 adopted.**

Approving the Fire Department purchase of gloves and hoods
Rampulla presented RESOLUTION #16-199 authorizing the Fire Department purchase of 100 protective hoods and 100 pairs of gloves at a total cost not to exceed $14,430.00, with Municipal Emergency Services of Fremont, Nebraska, utilizing available funding in Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) Funds, seconded by Norton. Roll call vote: AYES: Rampulla, Wichtendahl, Norton, Bruns. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson. **RESOLUTION #16-199 adopted.**

Community Development purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford Escape, replacement Unit 600
Mayor Bennet commented the Toyota has two times the value of the new vehicle Community Development Department is proposing. Mayor Bennett stated he called Junge and was told the current Unit 600 vehicle never had the transmission serviced or fluids checked.

Council Member Rampulla mentioned the vehicle was used as a police vehicle, was driven harder and is 10 years old.

Council Member Wichtendahl commented the City needs to maximize the vehicles they have and not move forward with purchasing new vehicles if it does not make sense.

Rampulla stated Community Development received a guarantee on the new vehicle and there is money in the budget, need to be proactive not reactive when it comes to replacing vehicles and equipment.

City Administrator Downs explained the City has been putting money in the Equipment Reserve Fund for vehicle replacement. Downs stated staff has concerns about transmission and electrical issues with the Toyota, Unit 600, commenting that the vehicle will not start at times.

Bennett commented there has not been a lot of work done on the vehicle; need to have it serviced to keep for a little longer. Bennett stated 51,000 miles is too soon to be making a trade in and there is a lot more life left in the vehicle.

Community Development Director Parsley explained the sealed transmission has reached the point of an overhaul and electrical issues have never been resolved; the vehicle is 10 years old and staff needs a reliable vehicle for their fleet.

Bennett stated he talked with Gary Junge who said if the transmission was serviced and took additional time to complete, Junge would honor the quote.

Parsley felt staff should accept the quote and move forward, because it is a good offer on the trade in and a great opportunity to get a reliable vehicle following the vehicle replacement schedule.

Council Member Bruns mentioned the sealed transmission could not be serviced without an overhaul.

Police Chief Dennis Marks stated the vehicle was a lot different driving when used in the Police Department, the vehicle had electrical issues, service to the vehicle included changing alternator and batteries and there were issues with the radio.

Bruns presented RESOLUTION #16-200 authorizing the purchase of a 2017 Ford Escape new Unit 600, for the Community Development Department at a total cost not to exceed $9,176.00 from Junge of Center Point, utilizing available funding through the FY16 Equipment Reserve Fund, seconded by Norton. Roll call vote: AYES: Bruns, Rampulla, Norton. NAYS: Wichtendahl. ABSENT: Olson. **RESOLUTION #16-200 adopted.**

Heritage Green 12th Addition

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #16-201 approving the Final Plat of Heritage Green 12th Addition and authorizing execution of a Development Agreement by and between the City of Hiawatha and Northwood Development, LC, seconded by Bruns. Roll call vote: AYES: Rampulla, Wichtendahl, Bruns, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson. **RESOLUTION #16-201 adopted.**

Rampulla moved to adjourn at 6:24 P.M., seconded by Wichtendahl. Motion carried.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk