The Hiawatha City Council met in regular session in the Hiawatha Council Chambers on October 5, 2016. Mayor Bill Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present: Dick Olson, Bob Rampulla, Marty Bruns, Aime Wichtendahl and Dennis Norton. Staff present: Community Development Director Patrick Parsley, City Engineer John Bender, Public Works Superintendent Rod Jasa, Parks and Recreation Director Kelly Willadsen, Fire Chief Mike Nesslage and Police Captain Ben Kamm. Guests: Daniel Hoffmann, Patty Wright of Dave Wright Nissan and Hiawatha Fire Department Members Brad Ransford, Pacer Langguth, Chris Gelski, Ryan Neuhaus, Nick Jellison, Nate Packman and Caleb Fairlie.

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

Bruns moved the approval of the following consent agenda items: Approval of bills, minutes of meetings: Regular Meetings September 7, 2016 and September 21, 2016 and Work Session August 24, 2016, Receive and File Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees: Library Board September 13, 2016, Parks and Recreation Commission September 13, 2016, and Water Board September 20, 2016, City Engineer's Report, Mayor's Report and City Administrator's Report, seconded by Norton. Motion carried.

Report from Council Members / Mayor / City Administrator

Council Member Wichtendahl announced she attended a listening post with the disability community and Linn County Supervisors Brent Oleson and Ben Rogers. Wichtendahl said during the listening post folks expressed some handicap accessibility issues with the community center; no handicap accessible door button and accessibility issues with some of the amenities inside the community center.

City Administrator Downs reminded council staff looked into this issue back in 2008, after a patron brought the matter to a council meeting. Downs said at the time, council decided not to do anything with the interior wooden doors because it was not required by law.

Council directed staff to look into the matter further and bring it back to council at a future meeting.

Downs announced on October 11, the metro communities are presenting on the need for the Tower Terrace Road Interchange Project before the Department of Transportation (DOT) at 10:00 a.m. at the Julien Hotel in Dubuque. Downs mentioned there is a Hiawatha Economic Development (HEDCO) Business Summit at Climate Engineers on the same day.

City Engineer Bender added the DOT is holding a Public Information Meeting on capacity improvements for I-380, a new interchange at Tower Terrace Rd, and reconstruction of the interchange at Boyson Road in the multi-purpose room at city hall on October 12, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Fire Prevention Week Proclamation October 9-15, 2016 and October 29, 2016 as Smoke Detector Day - Fire Chief Presentation including "MDA/Fire Fighter Fill-the-Boot" recap and presentation of check

Mayor Bennett declared October 9, 2016 – October 15, 2016 as Fire Prevention Week and October 29, 2016 as Smoke Detector Day in the City of Hiawatha.

Fire Chief Nesslage said in recognition of Smoke Detector Day, the Fire Department helps people who need assistance in changing smoke detector batteries and replacement of smoke detectors over 10 years old. Nesslage said a local insurance agency has agreed to sponsor the smoke detector battery replacement program this year as the Fire Department generally goes through approximately 200 batteries.

Fire Chief Mike Nesslage introduced Jillian Sharp who helps raise money for the Muscular Distrophy Association (MDA) and Quinn who is an MDA ambassador and speaker. Sharp announced Fill the Boot began over 60 years ago and today there are 3,000 Fill the Boot events throughout the year.

Sharp presented Fire Chief Nesslage with a plaque in recognition of their "Fill the Boot" campaign efforts in collecting $15,920. Sharp stated Hiawatha was top volunteer Fire Department fundraiser in the state and second only to Cedar Rapids Fire Department.

PUBLIC HEARING – to consider adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and placing estimate of cost on file for the 2016 Boyson Road Trail Extension Project (holding second public hearing to comply with publication notice)

Council previously held a public hearing to consider adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and placing estimate of cost on file for the 2016 Boyson Road Trail Extension Project on September 21, 2016. The public hearing notice published in the Cedar Rapids Gazette listed October 5, 2016 as the public hearing date for this item. At this time, council is holding an additional public hearing to comply with the publication notice.

Mayor Bennett opened the public hearing to consider adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and placing estimate of cost on file for the 2016 Boyson Road Trail Extension Project (holding second public hearing to comply with publication notice) at 5:47 P.M.

No written or public comments were received at or prior to the public hearing. Public Hearing closed at 5:47 P.M.

Bruns presented RESOLUTION #16-188 correcting a Scrivener's Error in public hearing date and adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2016 Boyson Road Trail Extension Project, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Wichtendahl, Bruns, Rampulla, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-188 adopted.**

2016 Boyson Road Trail Extension Project - Review Bids / awarding contract

City Engineer Bender explained project bids came in higher than budgeted but this was expected late in the year when the contractors are busy. Bender added part of this project will include moving sprinklers and this will add additional cost. Bender said total cost for the project including removal of the sprinklers will be approximately $25,000 over the budgeted amount in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and bonded dollars.

City Administrator Downs stated two options for covering the cost of additional project funding are using Local Option Sales and Service Tax Dollars (LOSST) or bonding with an intent to reimburse. Council members directed staff to use LOSST dollars.

Council Member Bruns questioned whether it might be better to bid the project next spring. Bender said council has the option to reject the bids due to the total cost exceeding the cost estimate; however, the cost could go up next spring.

Council Member Olson felt it was a good idea to move forward with the project now; other council members agreed.

Norton presented RESOLUTION #16-189 approving and making award of contract to Midwest Concrete Inc. of Peosta, Iowa in the amount of $103,187, for the construction of the 2016 Boyson Road Trail Extension Project, seconded by Rampulla. Roll call vote: AYES: Rampulla, Norton, Olson, Wichtendahl, Bruns. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-189 adopted.**

Parks and Recreation Department upgrade of audio visual equipment in the Community Center - Review Quotations / award contract

Rampulla presented RESOLUTION #16-190 authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department to move forward with the purchase of updated audio visual equipment for the Community Center in the amount of $23,383.86, with Conference Technologies of Hiawatha, utilizing available funding previously budgeted in the CIP, seconded by Olson. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Bruns, Olson, Norton, Rampulla. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-190 adopted.**

Public Works Department purchase of one (1) fork lift truck, replacement Unit 595 - Review Quotations / award contract

Bruns presented RESOLUTION #16-191 approving the purchase of one (1) 2012 Clark Fork Truck new Unit 595, for the Public Works Department at a total cost not to exceed $10,450.00, from Torrance of Hiawatha, utilizing available funding through the FY 2016 Equipment Reserve Fund, seconded by Olson. Roll call vote: AYES: Norton, Olson, Rampulla, Bruns, Wichtendahl. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-191 adopted.**

28E Agreement with Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division for Tobacco, Alternative Nicotine and Vapor Product Enforcement and authorizing City Staff to sign the agreement

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #16-192 approving a 28E Agreement with Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division for Tobacco, Alternative Nicotine and Vapor Product Enforcement from October 5, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and authorizing City Staff to sign the agreement, seconded by Bruns. Roll call vote: AYES: Bruns, Wichtendahl, Olson, Norton, Rampulla. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-192 adopted.**

Alliant Energy removal of a street light on the property located at 85 North Center Point

Olson presented RESOLUTION #16-193 authorizing Alliant Energy to remove a street light on the on the property located at 85 North Center Point Road due to it no longer being required with the construction of the 2015-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Project, seconded by Rampulla. Roll call vote: AYES: Norton, Wichtendahl, Rampulla, Bruns, Olson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-193 adopted.**

Approving 2016 Citizen Survey and authorizing distribution to residents

Council Member Wichtendahl said she is not opposed to the Citizen Survey but 91 questions is a lot; preference is under 50 questions.

City Administrator Downs explained the last time the city sent out a large survey was 2008; there was a smaller one with 10 questions sent out in 2012 but the smaller survey received less response. Downs said the proposed Citizen Survey is very similar in size to the one sent out in 2008.

Council Member Olson stated whoever put the survey together did a great job; it is very thorough. Olson suggested staff should take the survey and see how long it takes to fill out; if it takes longer than 10 minutes to complete then pear it down.

Council Member Bruns said it did not take him more than seven to eight minutes to read through the survey. Council Member Norton said it took him about 10 minutes.

Bruns presented RESOLUTION #16-194 approving the 2016 Citizen Survey and authorizing distribution to Hiawatha residents, seconded by Norton. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Bruns, Rampulla, Norton. NAYS: Wichtendahl. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-194 adopted.**

Receiving and placing on file Linn County Minimum Wage Ordinance #4-9-2016

Wichtendahl moved receiving and placing on file Linn County Minimum Wage Ordinance #4-9-2016, seconded by Olson. **Motion carried.**

Showing Hiawatha support of Linn County Minimum Wage Ordinance #4-9-2016 and urging the Iowa General Assembly to adopt a state wide minimum wage increase

Patty Wright of Dave Wright Nissan read a letter on behalf of her husband Dave Wright and herself, explaining how the minimum wage increase plan would affect a very special group of people who receive government funding. Dave Wright Nissan employs Goodwill employees and has seen success stories from allowing special needs individuals to be productive and feel like they are contributing to society. Wright explained if the minimum wage increase plan goes into effect, individuals with special needs who work for organizations such as Goodwill, will suffer and be removed from the workforce, because they cannot make over $8.50 per hour and be able to keep their government benefits.

Council Member Wichtendahl thanked Wright for coming out to speak to council and stated the federal government should be ashamed for cutting the program for Goodwill employees. Wichtendahl said there is no way to please everyone so it comes to a decision of doing what is best for the greatest amount of people; there is a strong argument to increase the minimum wage.

Council Member Rampulla stated there is no enforcement on the minimum wage increase so it appears employers can continue to do what they have to do to run their businesses until someone tells them to stop.

Council Member Olson said City Administrator Downs, City Clerk Kornegor and Olson visited with Wright about this issue and in an email with Linn County Supervisor Ben Rogers, Rogers made it sound like Goodwill employees will not be affected by the minimum wage increase plan. Olson continued to state most of council believes a minimum wage increase is the right thing to do and if all the local cities and counties do something, the state will do something.

Council Member Bruns announced for the record he does not agree with Olson's statement.

City Administrator Downs explained she prepared the resolution after listening to council and it gives the opportunity to review each year. Downs added Goodwill employees will be able to function as they are today.

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #16-195 supporting Linn County's Minimum Wage Ordinance #4-9-2016 dated September 12, 2016, to provide consistency throughout the Linn County boundaries and urge the Iowa General Assembly to take a step forward adopting a minimum wage to encourage a culture of work and a level playing field for the rising generation, seconded by Olson. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Norton, Wichtendahl, Rampulla. NAYS: Bruns. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-195 adopted.**

There being no further discussion, Rampulla moved to adjourn at 6:14 P.M., seconded by Wichtendahl. Motion carried.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk