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2015 General City Election Results

The November 3, 2015 General City Election votes are in! We now present your Mayor and City Council members starting new terms in 2016:

<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Mayor # of Votes</u>	<u>City Council</u>	<u>City Council # of Votes</u>
Bill Bennett Jr.	527 (53.67%)	Dennis Norton	472 (20.40%)
		Dick Olson	514 (22.21%)
		Aime Wichtendahl	538 (23.25%)

The newly elected officials will take their oaths of office during the regular council meeting on December 16, 2015 at 5:30 PM. Each will serve four year terms beginning January 1, 2016. City Council is made up of five members. Bob Rampulla and Marty Bruns are currently serving terms until December 31, 2017. Linn County elections office will complete their canvassing the week of November 9.

Hiawatha Staff and Elected Officials Celebrate City Week

In honor of City Week, celebrated during the week of October 12-16, 2015, Hiawatha City Staff, City Council and the Mayor held an open house/volunteer awards recognition ceremony in the Community Center on October 15 starting at 6:00 PM.

City week is sponsored by the Iowa League of Cities, a not-for-profit organization advocating for issues affecting cities in Iowa and providing a wide variety of services for city government. The Iowa League of Cities encourages local municipalities to showcase and celebrate their cities and the many services they provide by holding their own events and activities.



Hiawatha chose to celebrate City Week by taking the opportunity to recognize all of our volunteers for their hard work and commitment in serving on our boards, commissions, helping out in our

Parks and Recreation Department, Fire Department, Police Department and Public Library and providing assistance during city events and activities. Hiawatha residents and members of the business community were also invited to attend the event as a chance to interact with City Council and City Staff to address concerns, inquire about projects or find out what the City Departments are working on.

Staff from the following City departments attended the event: Water, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Police, Community Development, Engineering, Library, Fire and Policy and Administration. The following elected officials attended the event: City Council Members Bob Rampulla and Denny Norton and Mayor Tom Theis.

The Fire Department and Public Library set up display tables with information on their public measures included on the November 3, 2015 Regular City Election Ballot for citizen vote. Fire: second fire/ambulance station with an emergency storm shelter to be located in northern Hiawatha. Library: expanding the number of Library Board members from five to seven and allowing two Library Board members to reside outside the City of Hiawatha under the condition they are a Linn County resident and over 18 years old.

There were 164 making up the list of volunteers for the City of Hiawatha and approximately 48 people attended the awards ceremony including volunteers, their family members and guests. Mayor Theis updated attendees on recent and future City projects and expressed appreciation to the volunteers for dedicating their time and talents to the City of Hiawatha. City staff from each department thanked their volunteers and presented certificates. The Mayor and City Council members offered congratulations after the volunteers accepted the recognition certificates.

Special thanks to Wal-Mart and Hy-Vee for sponsoring the City Week event by donating a majority of the appetizers.



Fall Festival Recap

The Parks and Recreation Department had a great turnout for their first Hiawatha Fall Festival on October 25! The farmers market vendors were able to sell their last produce for the season as kids could trick or treat through all the vendors. Kids had the opportunity to bob for apples, paint pumpkins, enroll in the coloring contest and take family photos! Thank you to all that came out and enjoyed a wonderful day. Thanks to our sponsor Awaken Family Chiropractic, Allen's Apple Orchard, Strawberry Acres and Bloomsbury Farm, we wouldn't have been able to hold this event without your support!



Parks Receiving Grant from DNR

The City of Hiawatha has been selected as a participant in the 2015-2016 Sustainable Urban Forestry Training and Assistance grant. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Forestry Bureau Staff will be working together to train Hiawatha staff and community members over the next two years to create a sustainable urban forest program for the Hiawatha community. We look forward to the training and assistance to make our community grow and blossom.

Clark Park Sealing Parking Lot and Trail

Clark Park trail and parking lot were sealed the first week in October by Kluesner Construction. This was the first time Clark Park was sealed since the park first opened in 2008. They did a fantastic job and the parking lot and trail look great!



Park Restrooms Closed

The Park Pavilion Restrooms will be closing the first week in November. This year we will have two porta potties placed in Clark and Guthridge Park for walkers or runners to use during the Winter months.



Playing for Keeps took place on October 24 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM in the Hiawatha Community Center. The Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Association put on a live and silent auction to help raise funds for Hiawatha's children's programs and park updates. They had wine and beer tasting provided by Cedar Ridge Winery and 7G Distributing with delicious hors devours from Hy-Vee. Thank you to all that helped support a great cause so our children can have fun in the Hiawatha Community! The group raised \$2,000.



Iowa League Conference Presenters

Steve Jordison, Director of Iowa Parks and Recreation Association asked Kelly Willadsen and Ambyr Young to speak at the Iowa League of Cities Conference in Downtown Cedar Rapids on September 24. Kelly spoke about the pros and cons of hosting RAGBRAI and Ambyr spoke of New and Innovative Parks and Recreation Programs in front of around 40 council members, mayors and city officials from around the area. They were pleased to see many people jotting down notes and asking questions as they spoke about Hiawatha topics. They had a great time and look forward to the next time they're asked to speak again.



Hiawatha Council Action

October 7, 2015

Motion approving the appointment of 8 Volunteer Firefighters: Christopher Gelski, Daniel Walter, Anthony Grobstich Jr., Nicholas Thompson, Christopher Linssen, Devin Malloy, Nicholas Wallraff & Cody Oberfoell.
 RESOLUTION #15-205 setting a public hearing date (10/21/15 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, & estimate of cost on file & direct publication of the notice to bidders (this public hearing date is being reset to provide proper notice of hearing & bid letting) in connection with the 2015 Sewer & Water Extension Project.
 RESOLUTION #15-206 fixing date for a public hearing (10/21/15 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider the proposal to enter into a Development Agreement with BLTS, LLC & providing for publication of notice.
 RESOLUTION #15-207 accepting improvements installation for Dell Ridge First Addition.
 RESOLUTION #15-208 approving the renaming of Miller Road & Loggerhead Road to Edgewood Road.
 RESOLUTION #15-209 establishing Just Compensation Value prior to the start of negotiations for the property located at 99 East

Clark Street in connection with the 2015 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvement Project.
 RESOLUTION #15-210 approving & authorizing execution of an Agreement between the City of Hiawatha & Terracon Consultants, Inc. for the removal of underground storage tanks on the Lantern Square property located at 85 North Center Point Road, with cost of project work estimated between \$6,700 - \$7,700.
 RESOLUTION #15-211 amending the (Balancing) Change Order #5 for the FY13 RISE Improvement Reconstruction of North Center Point Road from CC&P Railroad to Fisher Street & North of Boyson Road Project with an increase in contract amount of \$26,752.30, resulting in a revised total project contract amount of \$2,083,982.38.
 RESOLUTION #15-212 approving application for the corrected (Final) Pay Estimate #11 & directing City Clerk to make payment to Ricklefs Excavating, Ltd. of Anamosa, Iowa, in the amount of \$124,460.38 immediately.
 RESOLUTION #15-213 approving application for Pay Estimate #1 for construction of city drainage improvements on & along Chicago,

Central & Pacific Railroad Company property between mileposts 37.67 & 38.02, Cedar Rapids Subdivision, & direct City Clerk to make the first payment installment to Chicago Central and Pacific Railroad Company of Chicago, IL, in the amount of \$100,000.
 RESOLUTION #15-214 approving a 28E Agreement with Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division to provide & fund tobacco alternative nicotine & vapor product enforcement activities & authorizing appropriate City Staff to sign the agreement.
 RESOLUTION #15-215 authorizing City Staff to proceed with the design of a new Hiawatha website at a total cost of \$27,137.50, including the replacement of Cogran with Metro Studios of Hiawatha, Iowa, utilizing available funding in the FY15 City Hall Technology Fund in the amount of \$10,500, with the remainder of \$16,637.50 available in FY (2015-2024) LOST funding.
 RESOLUTION #15-216 approving the renewal of Employee Health & Dental from 12/1/15 – 11/30/16, & Flex Spending Benefits for 1/1/16 – 12/31/16.

October 21, 2015

Motion setting CIP Work Session Schedule for FY 15-19.
 RESOLUTION #15-217 adopting plans, specifications, form of contract & estimate of cost for the 2015 Sewer & Water Extension Project.
 RESOLUTION #15-218 re-setting a public hearing date (11/4/15 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider the proposal to enter into a Development Agreement with BLTS, LLC & providing for publication of notice (Item was originally approved for public hearing on 10/21/15).
 RESOLUTION #15-219 amending the Farmers Market Vendor Lease Agreement to change the fee schedule.
 RESOLUTION #15-220 authorizing improvement installation for Dell Ridge Second Addition.
 RESOLUTION #15-221 approving an “At Your Own Risk” Building Permit to begin construction on an addition to an existing commercial building for CCB Packaging located at 1905 North Center Point Road.
 RESOLUTION #15-222 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #1 for the FY15 Industrial Avenue from Boyson Road to North End Pavement Reconstruction / Storm Sewer Improvements RISE Grant Project, & direct City Clerk to make payment to Horsfield Construction, Inc. of Epworth, Iowa, in the amount of \$114,991.66.
Motion entering into a Closed Session as per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (c) to discuss strategy

with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation at 5:37 PM.
Motion going out of closed session & entering into regular session at 6:15 PM.
Motion entering into a closed session as per Iowa Code 21.5(j) to discuss the possible purchase of particular real estate at 6:17 PM.
Motion to go out of closed session & entering into regular session at 6:24 PM.

November 2015

November Calendar

- 04 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 09 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
- 09 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 10 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 10 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 11 Council meeting airs 7:00 PM Channel 18
- 17 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 18 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
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- 26 **Holiday - City Hall Closed**
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- 30 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM

December Calendar

- 02 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 08 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 08 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 09 Council meeting airs 7:00 PM Channel 18
- 14 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 14 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 15 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 16 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
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History of the Hiawatha American Legion

After some “feeler” meetings in late 1997 to see if there was enough interest, the Hiawatha American Legion received its Temporary Charter January 14, 1998 with 15 new members. It received the permanent Charter June 3, 1998. Three Legion members who were responsible for getting it started were: Don McArtor, Dist. Vice Commander of the Fairfax Legion; Dick Krechmeyer, Dist. Chaplin of the Marion Legion and Bob Berridge, past Dist. Commander also of the Marion Post. The first organized meeting was held December 17, 1997. At that meeting Bob Jones was elected Chairman, Dick Harken Secretary/Treasurer and Joe Helle Membership Chairman. Some then went door to door here in Hiawatha and helped “recruit” new members.

June 18, 1998 after receiving its Permanent Charter was the first Official meeting. At that meeting, the following officers were elected: Bob Jones, Commander; Joe Helle, Vice Commander; Rick Farquhar, Finance Officer; Dick Harken, Adjutant; Larry McGuire, Chaplin and Barney Uchytal, Historian. By the end of 1998, the Post had 34 members. Today the total is 125.

The meetings took place in the old Community Center. To get us going financially, a few of the membership went to the businesses here in town and asked for money. We sold flag sets to the community as a fund raiser, took over the Bingo tent at Hog Wild Days in 2002 and started our Avenue of Flags project in 2003. With the income, we were able to start sponsoring the 5th grade essay contest at Hiawatha, Nixon and Gibson and also sponsored Santa now at the Post.

The Post has donated a flag and flagpole to the library, flagpoles to City Hall and black granite plaques in honor of the Armed Services located on the wall leading up to the front entrance of City Hall were donated by the Rock Shop and Legion. We have sponsored teams in the Hiawatha Kids League, sent Kennedy boys to Boys State and the Conley Schweinfus Citizenship Award. We also put flags out in the three cemeteries on Memorial Day and make donations to Veterans programs and others as needed. This year the Womens Auxiliary was able to send a girl to girls state. Our Post hosted National Commander Ron Conley Sr. in November 2003 at the new City Hall and in August 2006 the American Legion World Series was held in Cedar Rapids and the Post sponsored a team from Sumter, South Carolina. We also proudly have a Medal of Honor recipient, Sal Guinta in our membership.

In July of 2010, the Hiawatha American Legion purchased the property at 207 Robins Road for its new home. With the purchase of the hall we now offer Bingo each Wednesday night. Doors open at 5:00 PM and games start at 6:30 PM. We continue to have very good support for the Avenue of Flags from the community and hope that you will continue to do so. If you have any needs, concerns or questions, please call the Post at 319-393-2377.



Front Row (left to right): Bob Jones, Barney Uchytal, Joe Helle. Back Row (left to right): Conley Schweinfus, Larry McGuire, Dick Harken, Rick Farquhar.

Article Presented by the Hiawatha History Committee

J.P. Gasway Celebrates 80th Anniversary



President Scott Gasway and his experienced team at J.P. Gasway celebrated their 80th Anniversary on October 15. The celebration was held at their facility located at 1460 Sherman Road in Hiawatha.

Since the time of its founding in 1935, J.P. Gasway has been proudly supplying Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois with an impressive variety of fine printing and imaging papers, packing materials, janitorial products, office supplies and customized services such as vendor managed inventory solutions. Areas of expertise include: Computer/Information Processing Supplies, Green Housekeeping/Environmental Products, Industrial/Retail Packaging Supplies, Office Supplies/Business Papers, Printing Paper/Reproduction Supplies, Sanitation/Custodial/Health Care Supplies and Quality Customer Service.

Congratulations J.P. Gasway! The City of Hiawatha wishes you many more years of business excellence.

Emmons Railroad Cross Repair Complete

The Emmons Railroad crossing repair and drainage project is now complete. The purpose of the project was to improve drainage and install new pavement approaches after the railroad improved the railroad crossing the previous year. Partnering with the CN Railroad and the IDOT, the work included ditch stabilization, new storm sewer pipe and structures and new pavement and sidewalk replacement. This will help prevent damage to the roadway and railroad tracks during heavy rains. The total cost of the project was approximately \$400,000.00.

In the future after installing new gates and signal lights, the crossing will become a “no whistle” quiet zone. A trail will also be installed on the north side of the street.



Hiawatha Police Department Drug Drop Box

The Hiawatha Police Department is accepting expired, unused or unwanted medicines 24 hours a day in our drug drop box. The drop box is located inside the front door of the police department. Please enter on the interstate side of the city hall building to access the police department. The drop box provides a safe disposal method for both prescription and over-the-counter medicines. We do ask that needles, sharps and syringes not be deposited in this container. Drug drop boxes prevent medications from getting into our water supply, youth from accessing and abusing prescription drugs and also prevent accidental and intentional poisonings in the home. We have joined all Linn County Law Enforcement Agencies in making safe disposal a priority within our community.



September 26 marked the National Drug Take-Back Day of which the Hiawatha Police Department participated in. The event encourages all communities to take an active and preventative role in disposing of medications. We have collected and turned in 60 pounds of medication at our police department. Iowa law enforcement agencies collected 8,643 pounds and nationally 742,771 pounds of unwanted medications were properly disposed of during this event.

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Hiawatha Police Invited to Fall Festivals

The Hiawatha Police Department was invited to the annual fall celebrations of two local businesses. Peck's Fall Fun Day took place on October 18. The event draws over 1,000 kids who participate in several activities such as face painting, children's games and hayrack rides. Skogman Realty's Pumpkin Fest was held on October 24 at their Hiawatha office. Pumpkin painting, train rides and a bouncy house are a few of the day's activities geared toward the attendees. A member of the police department answered many questions, handed out temporary tattoos, pencils and provided an opportunity for kids to sit in an actual police car at both events. Additionally, child fingerprinting was offered during Pumpkin Fest. These both are rewarding events that we are excited to be a part of each year.



Smoke Detector Day

Hiawatha Firefighters had a successful smoke detector event October 16. A total of 16 firefighters split up between four crews and spent the morning installing smoke detectors and replacing smoke batteries. Firefighters go out every fall to visit the homes of people who need assistance changing their smoke detectors. During the visits, firefighters check smoke detectors, replace batteries or detectors as needed. This year, firefighters visited 58 homes, replaced 27 smoke detectors and replaced the batteries or the detectors as needed.

Last year, shortly after firefighters visited the home of Jan Kvach, she experienced a severe kitchen fire that displaced her from her home for several months. She credits the working smoke detectors with helping her escape. When the crew visited Jan this year, she asked that we remind everyone to have a plan; know how to get out of your house and where to go. Most importantly, she emphasized, don't try to fight the fire or delay; get out and call the fire department. We appreciate Jan's support of our safety efforts. As a reminder, smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries should be replaced once a year. Smoke detectors over 10 years old should also be replaced. You should always have an escape plan that you've discussed with your family. If you have a fire, get out and call 9-1-1. Firefighters will help with smoke detectors all year round; if you need non-emergency assistance with your detectors, contact the fire department at 393-4180.



Annual Chili Supper Recap



The Hiawatha Firefighters held a very successful Chili Supper on Halloween day. The firefighters spent the day before preparing 25 roasters of chili and allowing it

to simmer all night. Members, spouses and friends spent Friday evening making dozen of fresh desserts to share. Dozens of donors provided door prizes, cash donations and supplies. Saturday morning, firefighters started cleaning the station, setting up tables and getting ready for the rush of people. This year, over 900 people came through to support the fire department. This included dozens of kids dressed up in Halloween costumes. The Hiawatha Firefighters offer their thanks to the community for their support.



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