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Tower Terrace Interchange and IDOT

On October 11, 2016 our metro communities; Hiawatha, Robins, Marion, Cedar Rapids and Linn County presented to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Commissioners in Dubuque the need for a third interchange along I-380 at Tower Terrace Road Bridge. Many of you have either read or heard us talk about our efforts to construct a Tower Terrace Interchange as another route to I-380 and relieving the Boyson Road traffic. This interchange is a priority to our communities due to safety concerns: cars lining up on the interstate creating confusion and the potential for accidents. Our daily numbers of 19,300 cars traveling through the Boyson Road Interchange are nearing the Interchange Justification Report of 2040 projections of 24,000.



As local officials we requested the IDOT Commission add the \$20 million interchange project to their state plan in fiscal years 2020 and 2021. Our local groups have pledged \$5 million - \$4 million as a grant from the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization and \$1 million from local communities - toward the proposed diamond interchange. As city engineer John Bender said, "No one is sitting on their hands in this metro area, we're all working together to get this constructed and it all comes back to the interchange at Tower Terrace. We're all planning on that interchange being built."

City administrator Kim Downs provided the IDOT several letters of support for the project representing each of the communities, economic development groups and several local businesses. The local IDOT staff have received and placed the documents on file while they agree with our perspective on the need for the Tower Terrace Interchange. Jim Schnoebelen of the IDOT and IDOT staff agreed with the benefits and value of the project and stated the project will be considered, along with other projects during the development of the FY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program. The Iowa Department of Transportation Commission, of course, will make the final decision on funding. In a follow up with Mr. Schnoebelen, he shared the IDOT staff will be preparing estimates and scenarios in December/January. They will begin briefing the Commission in February. He mentioned the programming will be set and presented in May with official IDOT commission approval in June. He thought by March we will know where we are sitting. As a reminder, this year the IDOT has the largest ever construction program by far, to go to letting in April so that may keep things a bit more up in the air than usual.

Interstate 380 Improvements Open House Held October 12, 2016

The Iowa Department of Transportation held a public information meeting October 12, 2016 in Hiawatha City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed widening improvements to I-380 from Iowa 100 to County Home Road, **including a new proposed interchange at Tower Terrace Road and reconstruction of the Boyson Road Interchange.** The purpose of this study is to accommodate increased travel demands in the I-380 corridor.

The study area of I-380 is approximately five miles in length which is currently a 4-lane dedicated highway within the city limits of Cedar Rapids and Hiawatha. The IDOT has worked with local agencies on a feasibility study to evaluate potential solutions for corridor improvements that are expected to:

- Accommodate future growth of traffic
- Improve traffic operations at ramps on I-380
- Address geometric deficiencies
- Support planned economic development and land uses



Over 100 interested residents attended the meeting and were able to share their ideas concerning the proposed improvements. There is still the opportunity to submit comments at the following website: <http://bit.ly/Iowadot921901>. Other opportunities for input will be provided throughout the project development process.

North Center Point Road/Emmons Street/Robins Road Intersection Improvement Phase I and Phase II

The first phase of the North Center Point/Emmons Street/Robins Road Intersection project is now complete and all streets have been reopened to traffic. The new extension of “A” Avenue north of Clark Street is also complete and open to traffic which provides another access to Oak Street. The overhead electrical lines are in the process of being lowered to new underground utility conduits. This work is under contract with Alliant Energy along with other utility companies and should be completed in a few weeks.

The second phase contract awarded to Rathje Construction Inc. is under construction from Fisher Street to approximately 300 feet south. This work will be completed late fall which is a part of the first phase of the total project that will move the existing North Center Point Road/Emmons Street/ Robins Road Intersection approximately 100 feet northwest. Drivers should plan for changing traffic conditions which will include lane closures and lane changes. Two-way traffic will always be maintained on North Center Point Road. All lanes will be opened to traffic for the winter construction shut down.

Project completion date is November 2017.



Water and Sewer Extension Project Complete to Newly Annexed Area

The construction of sewer and water main extension to the newly annexed area along Edgewood Road between Fitzroy Road and County Home Road is now complete. Over 5,000 feet of 12” water main, 2,700 feet of 8” sanitary sewer and 4,000 feet of 8” pressure line has been constructed. This will now open approximately 300 acres to future development.

Boyson Road Trail Extension Project Under Construction



The construction project for the extension of the Boyson Road Multi-Use Trail from 12th Avenue to 15th Avenue has now started. The proposed extension is the next project in the continued effort to develop a trail system along the south side of Boyson Road from Edgewood Road to the Cedar Valley Nature Trail east of North Center Point Road.

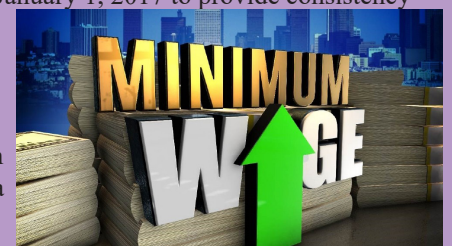
This project should be completed by mid November.

Linn County Minimum Wage Ordinance

In September, Linn County Supervisors enacted a minimum wage ordinance establishing a minimum hourly wage applicable to certain employees and employers in the Linn County geographical boundaries. Linn County Minimum Wage Ordinance #4-9-2016 Wage Requirements established the hourly wage to be at least \$8.25 as of January 1, 2017; at least \$9.25 as of January 1, 2018 and at least \$10.25 as of January 1, 2019.

On October 5, the Hiawatha City Council passed Resolution #16-195 receiving and filing Linn County Minimum Wage Ordinance #4-9-2016 supporting Linn County’s efforts to provide a working wage in all of Linn County. The City Council succumbed to Linn County’s minimum wage ordinance with an increased hourly rate of \$8.25 to be effective January 1, 2017 to provide consistency throughout the Linn County boundaries and will review each additional annual wage increase thereafter on its own merit.

The Hiawatha City Council also urged our Iowa General Assembly to consider passing a minimum wage bill - increasing a fair and consistent Iowa’s minimum wage as a whole; in turn providing consistency throughout all of Iowa and encouraging a culture of work and a level playing field for the rising generation.



“Kitchen Table Forum - Oscar’s Restaurant” - 768 North Center Point Road



Oscar’s Restaurant is hosting the first ever “Kitchen Table Forum.” The “Kitchen Table Forum” has been used successfully in other cities bringing communities together for vital conversations and civil, civic dialogue. You care about that? Join us on November 19, 2016 from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM at Oscar’s Restaurant located at 768 North Center Point Road. Police Chief Dennis Marks and City Administrator Kim Downs will be available for open discussion promoting citizen engagement.



Hiawatha Council Action

November 2016

October 5, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-188 correcting Scrivener's Error in public hearing date & adopting plans, specifications, form of contract & estimate of cost for the 2016 Boyson Road Trail Extension Project.

RESOLUTION #16-189 approving & making award of contract to Midwest Concrete Inc. of Peosta, IA in the amount of \$103,187 for the construction of the 2016 Boyson Road Trail Extension Project.

RESOLUTION #16-190 authorizing the Parks & 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 avail-

able funding previously budgeted in the CIP.

RESOLUTION #16-191 approving the purchase of 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 FY16 Equipment Reserve Fund.

RESOLUTION #16-192 approving a 28E Agreement with Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division for Tobacco, Alternative Nicotine & Vapor Product Enforcement & authorizing City Staff to sign the agreement.

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.

RESOLUTION #16-194 approving the 2016 Citizen Survey & authorizing distribution to Hiawatha residents.

Motion receiving & placing on file Linn County Minimum Wage Ordinance #4-9-2016.

RESOLUTION #16-195 supporting Linn County's Minimum Wage Ordinance #4-9-2016 dated 9/12/16 to provide consistency throughout the Linn County boundaries & urge Iowa General Assembly to take a step forward adopting a minimum wage to encourage a culture of work & a level playing field for the rising generation.

October 19, 2016

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RESOLUTION #16-197 pledging \$10,000 from TIF Funds for FY17-18, to EDC for services provided to businesses or business concepts.

RESOLUTION #16-198 approving a 28E Agreement for mutual assistance for Linn County Fire/Rescue Services.

RESOLUTION #16-199 authorizing the Fire Department purchase of 100 protective hoods & 100 pairs of

gloves at a total cost not to exceed \$14,430 with Municipal Emergency Services of Fremont, NE utilizing available funding in LOSST Funds.

RESOLUTION #16-200 authorizing the purchase of (1) 2017 Ford Escape new Unit 600, for the Community Development Department at a total cost not to exceed \$9,176 from Junge of Center Point, IA utilizing available funding through the FY16 Equipment Reserve Fund. Resolution #16-200 passed with 3 AYES & 1 NAY.

RESOLUTION #16-201 approving the Final Plat of Heritage Green 12th Addition & authorizing execution of a Development Agreement by & between the City of Hiawatha & Northwood Development, LC.

November 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 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 14 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 14 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 15 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 16 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 23 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 24 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 25 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 28 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM

December Calendar

- 07 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 12 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 12 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 13 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 13 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
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Hiawatha Volunteer Firefighters

This month we recognize Jeff Daley as volunteer member of the month. Jeff joined the fire department in September 2006, as an EMS only member. As an EMS (Emergency Medical Services) only member, Jeff performs all the duties as an Advanced EMT, working on the ambulance. In addition, he also supports the firefighters at the scene of a fire or other emergencies. Jeff completed his EMT class about the time he joined. In 2015, he completed his Advanced EMT, which allows him to do certain skills beyond that of an EMT, but not quite at the Paramedic level. Since Jeff joined the fire department, he has responded to over 3,000 calls for service, the most for any volunteer member currently on record.

Jeff has also been active as the committee chair and co-chair for the fire department's annual "Fill the Boot" campaign for MDA since 2012. Since 2012, the fire department has raised \$56,640 during Fill The Boot. The department collected \$15,920 during the 2016 drive alone! That makes Hiawatha the highest collecting volunteer department in the region and consistently ranked in the top three departments, including career departments.

When Jeff isn't busy volunteering for the ambulance service, he operates his own commercial insurance agency, Daley Insurance. He lives just outside of Hiawatha with his wife, Cathy and their two children, Olivia (16) and Ryan (14).

If you'd like more information about the fire department, volunteering as an EMS only member or becoming an EMT, contact the fire department at 319-393-4180.



Another Good Neighbor Policy

We are now entering the snow and ice season for northeast Iowa. This is a reminder our City believes in maintaining a safe environment for our citizens and visitors through a good neighbor policy of sidewalk maintenance.

City Ordinance Chapter 136 deals with the construction and maintenance of all sidewalks in Hiawatha. This section of the code describes who is responsible for maintaining sidewalks, the standards for maintenance and the process for assuring the sidewalks are maintained.

A property owner is responsible for maintaining the sidewalk adjacent to their property (Sect. 136.04). This responsibility includes the removal of snow and ice and the maintenance of the sidewalk itself. Code Section 136.02 defines the "Defective Sidewalk" issues which must be corrected:

- Vertical separations equal to three-fourths (3/4) inch or more
- Horizontal separations equal to one-half (1/2) inch or more
- Holes four (4) inches in diameter and missing full depth parts of sidewalk
- Excessive spalling and cracking
- Excessive dips and bumps in the sidewalk

Currently the Community Development Department receives the complaints concerning unsafe sidewalks. Our department verifies the complaint and sends notice to property owners regarding unsafe sidewalks requesting them to be corrected.

For defective sidewalks the City works with the owner to develop appropriate time frames for corrections. The City will assist property owners repairing unsafe sidewalks through our permitting and inspection processes. However, if the owner fails to fix the unsafe sidewalk the City has authority to repair the sidewalk and to assess the owner for the costs associated with the correction.

Preventive maintenance eliminates the need for additional city involvement through our complaint process. More importantly, it keeps our city safe. We encourage all property owners to maintain safe sidewalks as part of being a good neighbor in Hiawatha.



Snow Ordinance Reminder

Our snow ordinance will be in effect when the National Weather Service (NWS) predicts a snowfall in which three (3) or more inches of snow are expected. While the Snow Emergency is in effect, **there is no parking on any city street**. Vehicles found parked in violation of this ordinance will receive a \$25 parking ticket and/or be impounded. During overnight snow removal operations, vehicles found in violation on City streets will be towed. The Snow Emergency declaration will be sent to all the local media including but not limited to: KGAN (Channel 2), KCRG (Channel 9) and KWVL (Channel 7). The declaration will also be posted on the City website, www.hiawatha-iowa.com. Your cooperation is appreciated.

REMEMBER - Don't park in the street if:


- The 24 hour (or less) prediction by the NWS is for three (3) or more inches of snow.
- Three (3) or more inches of snow has fallen and/or your street has not been cleared.

When in doubt about parking, just move your vehicle off the street.

Also, the City will **NOT** generally conduct snowfall clearing operations on all streets for a snowfall of less than two (2) inches. This policy remains unchanged from prior years. Please remember: sidewalks must be shoveled within 24 hours of the cessation of snowfall, clear snow from around fire hydrants that are near your property, check with your neighbors regarding snow removal and direct sump pumps and downspouts away from hard surfaces so that water doesn't build up and freeze, creating slippery conditions on driveways, sidewalks or streets.

For current road conditions: call 511 or log onto the Iowa DOT winter road conditions web page: <http://weather-view.iowa.dot.gov/>.

Sign up on the Hiawatha website (www.hiawatha-iowa.com) to receive notifications for snow emergencies!



The Hiawatha History Committee Presents

"Did You Know" the history behind Hiawatha street names?

E. Clark Street

E. Clark Street was named by George Bowler and Carl Long. George Bowler served several terms as a Hiawatha Mayor and City Council member beginning in the late 1950's and Carl Long served as a Hiawatha City Council member during the 1950's.

E. Clark St

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E. Willman Street was named after John Willman who owned a construction company in Hiawatha.

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 16, 2016. The event draws over 1,000 kids who participate in several activities such as children's games, face painting and hayrack rides. Skogman Realty's Pumpkin Family Fest was held on October 23, 2016 at their Hiawatha office. Pumpkin painting, train rides and a haunted house were a few of the fun activities.

One of the Officers from the Police Department handed out pencils and temporary tattoos and provided an opportunity for kids to sit in an actual police car at both events, while answering many questions. Child fingerprinting was offered during Pumpkin Fest. These events are both rewarding that we are excited to be a part of each year.



Fall Festival Recap

The Parks and Recreation Department had another great turnout for their second Hiawatha Fall Festival event on October 23. The farmers market vendors were able to sell their produce as kids could trick or treat through all the vendors. Kids had the opportunity to decorate miniature pumpkins, take family photos and participate in the Kiwanis Halloween Costume Contest. Prestige Dance Studio performed on stage along with the New Horizons Band.

Thank you to all that came out and enjoyed a wonderful day with great weather and hospitality. We thank our sponsors; Awaken Family Chiropractic, Portraits EFX and HiCrew Kiwanis for helping us continue a great event for the community.



"Roots and Beer" Tree Planting Event

We had a successful "Roots and Beer" tree planting event at Clark Park on October 13 adding an additional 40 trees through the Iowa DNR Trees for Kids Grant. Thank you to our sponsor Master Tool and to all our volunteers from the Iowa DNR, Aerotek, Farmers State Bank, Troop 766 Boy Scouts, Tree Keepers, Farm Credit Services, City Staff and Hiawatha Community. We appreciate all your help in continuing to beautify our park!

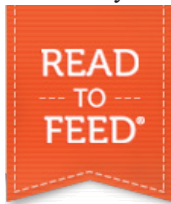


Hiawatha Library Partnering with HACAP for the "Read to Feed" Program

The Hiawatha Public Library is partnering with HACAP to provide a different kind of reading program, one that benefits the entire community. From October 31 to November 30 participants of "Read to Feed" may earn rewards as they meet weekly reading goals and donate nonperishable food items. Readers of all ages can pick up their logs at the library beginning October 31.

As a part of "Read to Feed" all of the Metro Library Network libraries will be participating in "Food for Fines." Patrons may donate non-perishable food items as payment toward fines. One canned good is equal to \$1.00 of library fines. Please note that this fine forgiveness will only apply to fines for overdue and not lost materials.

Donations made at the Hiawatha Public Library will benefit the HACAP Food Reservoir.



Thank you Cedar Rapids Toyota!

For the past five years, the Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with Cedar Rapids Toyota to lease a Toyota Tacoma for \$1.00 (April - October). For this we put the Cedar Rapids Toyota magnet on the truck to market their business. The expenses we incurred



were basic maintenance and gas expenses out of the Parks and Recreation Department budget. We would like to thank Cedar Rapids Toyota for their continued support and allowing us to lease a truck for our seasonal parks staff to use! Thank you!

New audio visual equipment for Community Center

The Hiawatha Community Center Audio Visual equipment will be updated by Conference Technologies of Hiawatha during the month of December. The Parks and Recreation Department is excited to see this upgrade as it will be more accessible and user friendly to renters for special occasions. The upgrade will include new digital panels and HDMI hook up capabilities.

Interested?

Are you interested in the history of Hiawatha?

The Hiawatha History Committee is looking for new members. Contact the City Clerk at 319-393-1515 if you are interested in serving on the Hiawatha History Committee.

Yard Cleanup Dates

- November 21 - Leaves Only Pick Up

No branches larger than 12" in diameter and no pick up of tree demolition. Contact a tree removal service for disposal. Items must be to the curb by 7:00 AM.

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Balanced Fitness and Health

A Hiawatha-based wellness center is helping individuals and businesses stay healthy. Melissa Sheehy, who founded Balanced Fitness and Health in 2015, is an occupational therapist on a two-fold mission: to help individuals in chronic pain regain their lives and help businesses provide a healthier working environment for their employees.

"I personally struggled to recover from a serious car accident, so I know what people who have pain are going through," Sheehy says.

Our holistic, educational approach is ideal for those wanting pain relief, permanent weight loss and strength to live life to the fullest.

"Companies are more proactive in implementing wellness programs," says Sheehy. "But they may be missing opportunities to protect their employees from injury, which can control healthcare costs and decrease lost work time."

She says businesses can implement stretching and ergonomic programs, which can reduce injuries. These programs have a positive effect on employee morale and the bottom line.

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