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The Women League of Voters hosted our Hiawatha 2017 candidates night

The League of Women Voters has a long history with hosting candidate debates. Their role is to bring the citizens and the candidates together prior to the election for two council positions.

Candidate debates are one of the only opportunities voters have to listen to candidates offering more than just a brief sound bite. Debates provide an opportunity to hear what candidates are saying and to form their own opinions of the candidates - based on their own observations. They also provide an opportunity to become engaged in the political process by using critical and analytical abilities in examining the candidates.

There were approximately 50 citizens in the audience. Some bringing their friends, colleagues, family and acquaintances together to watch a debate between four qualified candidates - Tom Theis, Bob Rampulla, Steve Dodson and Rob Archibald.

The topics included the reasons for beautification, town center redevelopment, library expansion needs, long range planning, economic development both commercial and residential. All candidates agreed beautification was important and if done right its a good thing. Archibald said it best, "You never get a second chance to make a first impression."

Town Center development was an important topic each of the candidates were passionate about with Dodson stating, "We need to have a city center. This will spear people and uses like restaurants and entertainment. A focus on this area to creating a magnet." Both Rampulla and Theis spoke of the Town Center Plan dated in 2010. The plan is a guide with city hall being 25% of the redeveloped area. Rampulla talked about the city's efforts to develop the Oakbrook area; initiating developer interest for mix uses such as retail, commercial services and multi-family housing.

How would the candidate ensure growth at all levels? Dodson and Rampulla both spoke of the value of tax increment financing (TIF). When done correctly TIF is a positive economic development tool. Theis believes the city's efforts in getting the third interchange constructed at Tower Terrace will be Hiawatha's next growth opportunity and Archibald said providing the best services and continue to have the best customer service along with creating a quality housing stock and responsible TIF will ensure growth.

When it came to questions about Hiawatha's current tax levy and making changes. Candidates Theis and Archibald both said they wouldn't make promises without knowing all the facts before making a decision. Taxes are important to continue to provide the services our citizens are use to. Archibald would want to look at the budget to see if there are over expenditures. All four believed in the library expansion project was needed in some shape of form.

All of the candidates dream of a bustling community that is viable; creating economic development opportunities leaving no room for Hiawatha to stagnate with either of these candidates.



City of Hiawatha Receives Award for Comprehensive Plan

The Iowa Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) named the City of Hiawatha and MSA Professional Services the recipient of the 2017 Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan for helping the City of Hiawatha, Iowa, update its community vision of future growth.

The award, named after one of the nation’s most renowned urban planners, is presented annually to a plan that advances planning, the work of building and enriching communities.

A combined effort of city planners, engineers and community involvement, the Hiawatha plan emphasized 10 priority areas on which the City should focus its future efforts, including transportation, public infrastructure and utilities, community facilities and quality of life. Per MSA’s recommendations, traditional neighborhood design now incorporates a mix of housing types, well connected streets, and public spaces.

Throughout the planning process, MSA updated demographics and community stats, revised goals, created an implementation strategy, readdressed future land use and growth areas, and assisted Hiawatha to define their community character and create a town center to thrive as the heart of their growing community.

This project began March 2016 and was energetically adopted by the City Council December 2016. Shown in photo: Community Development Director Pat Parsley and City Engineer John Bender shown holding award.



Petersen Pet Hospital Ground Breaking Ceremony



On October 11, Petersen Pet Hospital held a ground breaking ceremony on site of their new location at 1031 Kacena Road. Construction is currently in progress and the pet hospital is scheduled to open in Summer of 2018. Cedar Rapids Metro Alliance and representatives from each of the companies working on the project were present: Graham Construction, Solum & Lang Architects and F&M Bank. Even a four legged friend came out to celebrate! Hiawatha City Council member Marty Bruns congratulated Petersen Pet Hospital for their beautiful new building and welcomed them to Hiawatha.

Petersen Pet Hospital first opened for business in June of 2003. Dr. Petersen was a sole practitioner for six years prior to hiring Dr. Saunders in 2009, Dr. McGinty in 2013 and Dr. Eike in 2017. The hospital offers a wide variety of veterinary services to pets including wellness and vaccination programs, medical services for diagnosis and treatment of health conditions, surgery including spay and neuter, dental cleanings and treatments to prevent dental diseases, behavioral counseling, microchip identification, boarding and much more. The Petersen Pet Hospital promise is to provide exceptional customer service and patient care to the pets of the local community.

Emmons Street/Robins Road/North Center Point Road Intersection Project Ribbon Cutting

Tuesday, October 31, 2017 a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to open the last phase of the Emmons Street/Robins Road/ North Center Point Road Intersection project. Mayor Bennett and members of City Council, City staff and other guests were ready to welcome the opening of the long anticipated roadway project. This intersection improvement is the result of over two years of planning, design and construction and the last piece of the larger project to improve over two miles of Center Point Road in Hiawatha. The City desires to create a “there” place in our community; that walkable, bikeable, fun place to go hang out with friends, co-workers and family. Now that the intersection is completed it provides a safer intersection for both vehicles and pedestrians. You can also begin to see our vision for creating that downtown village center atmosphere with a colored intersection, the wider cross walks, pedestrian bollard lighting along with the streetscaping of decorative lighting and plantings.



October 4, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-182 setting a public hearing date (10/18/17 @ 5:30 P.M.) 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.	LLC (First Addition) & providing for publication of notice.	Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, with an increase in contract amount of \$3,000, resulting in a revised total project contract amount of \$71,753.02.
RESOLUTION #17-183 setting a public hearing date (10/18/17 @ 5:30 P.M.) on the proposal to enter into a Development Agreement with Peck's Landing.	RESOLUTION #17-184 approving Final Plat for Peck's Landing First Addition subject to the approval of the Development Agreement.	RESOLUTION #17-187 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #1 for the 2017 Boyson Road Capacity Improvements Project at North Center Point Road & I-380, & directing City Clerk to make payment to Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, in the amount of \$64,586.63.
	RESOLUTION #17-185 approving FY17 Annual Financial Report.	
	RESOLUTION #17-186 approving Change Order #2 for the 2017 Boyson Road Capacity Improvements Project at North Center Point Road & I-380 with	

October 18, 2017

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.	RESOLUTION #17-190 pledging \$15,000 from Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Funds for FY 18-19 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 & businesses looking to move their operations to Hiawatha.	Ordinances §1.10 Standard Penalty by removing term of imprisonment from misdemeanor violation under Iowa Code Section 903.1.
RESOLUTION #17-191 pledging \$9,368 from the General Fund for FY 18-19, to NTS for services provided to the City of Hiawatha residents offering convenient, quality, affordable transportation to employment & education responsibilities.	RESOLUTION #17-192 pledging \$12,000 from Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Funds for FY 18-19 to EDC for services provided to businesses or business concepts with capital raises, mergers, marketing, personnel, sales plans, intellectual property, corporate structure, product design, & advertising.	RESOLUTION #17-193 pledging \$10,000 from Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Funds for FY 18-19 to Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance for services provided in attracting businesses to the metro area & assisting existing companies with expansion projects, job placement & recruitment, & promoting Iowa's Creative Corridor.	RESOLUTION #17-194 setting a public hearing date (11/1/17 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 41 Public Health & Safety §41.12 Illegal Use of Fireworks by establishing a time period to use & explode consumer fireworks.
ORDINANCE #884 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 1 Code of			RESOLUTION #17-195 setting a public hearing date (11/1/17 @ 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.
			RESOLUTION #17-196 setting a public hearing date (11/1/17 @ 5:30 P.M.) on the proposal to enter into a Development Agreement with Peck's Landing, LLC (First Addition) & providing for publication of notice.
			RESOLUTION #17-197 approving Final Plat for Dell Ridge Third Addition.
			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, & directing City Clerk to make payment to Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, in the amount of \$197,712.11.
			RESOLUTION #17-199 demonstrating city council support for the Paris Climate Agreement.

November Calendar

- 01 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 04 Fire Department Chili Supper 11:00 AM-7:00 PM
- 06 Leaves Only Pick Up
- 08 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 09 UDC Review Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- 13 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 13 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 14 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 14 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 15 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 20 Leaves Only Pick Up 7:00 AM
- 21 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 22 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 23 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 24 Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 27 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM

December Calendar

- 06 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 11 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 11 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 13 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
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Yard Cleanup Dates

- November 20 - Leaves Only Pick Up
Please have leaves in lawn/yard bags.



Iron Removal Treatment Plant Tour

On October 12, 2017 a class of Engineers from Kirkwood Community College toured the iron removal treatment plant located at 2030 Boyson Road. The students were given an overview of the water system, number of wells, miles of pipe and information about the Water Department. Students viewed the water treatment lab observing the use of testing equipment and the process to test for chlorine residual, phosphate and iron concentration. We also had a discussion about the IDNR and their role in the water treatment process.

Students were introduced to SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) and how this software tool helps in the process and treatment of the water at each of the well sites. The students were given information on well construction, different options for well pumps and how they work, well depths and aquifers. We also talked about the treatment process Hiawatha uses from when water is pumped from the well into the system.



Students were taken on a tour of the area where iron removal filters and high service pumps are located. Students observed the filters, seeing how the filter media is used to remove iron from the water. The tour concluded by examining the water tower, discussing how towers function, and the purposes of choosing an elevated storage tank verses a ground storage tank.

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We're Ready for the Next Steps - 2018 Housing Fund Grant Rehabilitation Program

Housing Rehabilitation surveys are complete ECICOG has the determined the area is south of West Clark Street to Blairsferry Road and then from 4th Avenue to our east city boundary lines to C Avenue meets the low to moderate income (LMI) levels.

Now that we know this area meets the LMI criteria we are ready to see how many owner-occupied homeowners are interested in the possibility of obtaining housing rehabilitation assistance. For the city to move forward with such an application we need you!

The owner occupied housing rehabilitation is a grant awarded to a city through a competitive application process that assists low to moderate income (LMI) homeowners with repairs on their property to meet minimum housing standards and address lead hazard concerns. The grant would provide an owner-occupied homeowner five-year forgivable loan in the amount of \$24,999 in general repairs and an additional \$7,500 for lead reduction work if necessary. Housing rehabilitation programs are designed to assist homeowners with repairs such as siding, roofing, windows, plumbing & electrical work, and other items as eligible.

TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST:

- Reside in and own the home for which you are seeking rehabilitation funds for 1 year
- Live within the Target Area (map shown on the right)
- Fall at or below the 2017 federal household income guidelines (table shown below)



2016 Federal Household Income Guidelines for Linn County

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Household Income*	44,750	51,150	57,550	63,900	69,050	74,150	79,250	84,350

If you are interested and live in the 2018 Housing Rehabilitation designated area please contact Pat Parsley at pparsley@hiawatha-iowa.com, 319-393-1515 ext. 229 or Kim Downs at kdowns@hiawatha-iowa.com, 319-393-1515 ext. 523.



Business Success Stories

At HEDCO, we love sharing business success stories. When your business succeeds, we feel our entire community benefits. We're pleased to feature good news about the following Hiawatha companies:



The Dancer's EDGE - Hiawatha Business Success Story



Ahmann Companies - Hiawatha Business Success Story

Check out our local business success stories to see why Hiawatha is a great place to live, work and play.

Visit www.hedco.org to discover more!

Hiawatha Firefighters Raise \$16,000 During 2017 Fill the Boot Campaign

Hiawatha Firefighters made a special presentation to MDA at the October 4th City Council meeting. Members of the Hiawatha Fire Department presented a check for \$16,000 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association during the City Council Meeting. On their own time, Hiawatha Volunteer Firefighters hit the street during their annual Fill the Boot campaign in September to help save and improve the lives of people fighting muscle disease in the Hiawatha area.

Funds raised through the 2017 Hiawatha Fill the Boot build on decades of research progress, helping push science to its limits in the search for treatments and cures. Since 2011 Hiawatha Firefighters have raised more than \$84,000 for MDA. This year's Hiawatha Fill the Boot total made them the top fundraising volunteer fire department in the state of Iowa.

Dollars raised also help support MDA's life-enhancing programs such as state-of-the-art support groups and clinics, including the MDA Clinic at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City. They also make MDA summer camp possible to kids with muscle disease can enjoy "the best week of the year" at Camp Courageous in Monticello. This year's camp hosted 75 campers, ages 6-17.

The Hiawatha Fire Department extends its sincere appreciation to the members of the community, including the many businesses that supported Boot Block 2017.



Hiawatha Fire Department Presented with a Life Safety Award



The Hiawatha Fire Department was recently presented with a Life Safety Award by the National Association of State Fire Marshals Fire Research and Education Foundation in partnership with Grinnell Mutual. The Life Safety Award has recognized local fire prevention efforts that have contributed to reducing the number of lives lost in residential fires. We are one of 160 departments from across the United States that received the award for 2016. In most cases, it was presented to departments that reduced fire deaths by 10%. In our case, we were recognized for our active and effective fire prevention programs as well and a clear commitment to

reducing the number of house fires in the community. Annually, we touch hundreds of people through our fire safety activities, including school events, smoke detector activities, newsletter articles, television interviews, tours, fire extinguisher training and other events.

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Santa's Workshop
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Letters to Santa



Add a little magic to the season and receive a letter from Santa, mailed directly to your child. Santa will write a letter to your child in an easy to read format. The letter will be mailed directly from Santa's workshop so your child will be overjoyed to see his/her name on the envelope with Santa's name and address in the corner. Santa would love to write to your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews no matter where they live! So, let the elves know if you would like to receive a letter this year! Letters are \$3 per child. Register at Hiawatha City Hall or online at <https://hiawatha-iowa.com/departments/parks-recreation/programs/>

Santa Claus at the American Legion

Santa will be at American Legion Post 735 at 207 Robins Rd in Hiawatha on Saturday, December 9 from 10:00 AM until noon.

There will be drawings for toys and gift bags for all the kids. Santa hopes to see all of you there.



The Hiawatha History Committee Presents

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

Sherman Road

Sherman Road is named after Dr. Tom Sherman Chiropractor.

Sherman Road

Stamy Road

Stamy Road

Stamy Road is named after Elmer and Edith Stamy who owned a farm in the Robins area for over 60 years.

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