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City Clerk's Office
Hiawatha City Hall
101 Emmons Street
Hiawatha, Iowa 52233

Memo

To: City Council

From: Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk

Date: November 9, 2018

Re: Historical Commission

The History Commission has been struggling to find and keep members. Many current and past members are aging and it becomes harder to attend meetings, and we've even had a couple members pass away during their service.

The Commission is currently short three members and they continue to run into the issue of not having a quorum. They could also use the help to work on the history book in order to meet their 2020 completion date to align with Hiawatha's 70th anniversary.

The current language in the city code requires members to be residents of Hiawatha (see attached Chapter 26). Commission members would like to expand their pool of candidates and allow non-residents with an interest in the history of Hiawatha, the opportunity to serve on the commission.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I would be happy to answer any questions.

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RESOLUTION NO. 18-
City Council

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO AMEND HIAWATHA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 26 HISTORICAL COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA to direct staff to proceed with notification of a public hearing that will be held in the Hiawatha Council Chambers, 101 Emmons Street, before the Hiawatha City Council on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 5:30 P.M., to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 26 Historical Commission to allow non-residents to serve on the History Commission.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of November, 2018.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA, 1996, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 26 HISTORICAL COMMISSION §26.03 ORGANIZATION (3) COMMISSION MEMBERS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA:

SECTION 1. Chapter 63 Speed Regulations, Section 63.05 Special Speed Zones, (3) Special 35 MPH Speed Zones of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hiawatha, Iowa, 1996, is hereby amended as follows:

26.03 ORGANIZATION.

1. Commission. The Hiawatha Historical Commission, as established by this chapter, will meet at least three times a year. A simple majority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The act of a majority of a quorum is required for the Commission to take action. Meetings of the Commission shall be governed by the most recent publication of Robert's Rules of Order.

2. Officers. These officers shall be appointed bi-annually by the Commission members: A Chairman who shall preside at all Commission meetings; Vice Chairman, who shall act as Chairman when Chairman is absent, and a Secretary, who shall be responsible for maintaining written records of the Commission's proceedings which, once approved, will become part of the permanent records of the City. The office of Treasurer shall automatically be filled by the Finance Director of the City, unless the City Council appoints someone else.

3. Commission Members. No fewer than seven members ~~**who are residents of the City and**~~ who are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. Members will demonstrate a positive interest in local history, will serve without compensation, and may serve for more than one term.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of December, 2018.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk

I, Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk of the City of Hiawatha, Iowa, do hereby certify that the foregoing ORDINANCE was PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Hiawatha, Iowa, on the 5th day of December, 2018, and was published as Ordinance No. _____ on the _____ day of December, 2018.

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk