The Hiawatha City Council met in regular session in the Hiawatha Council Chambers on October 2, 2019. Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present: Dick Olson, Aime Wichtendahl, Dennis Norton, and Rob Archibald. Steve Dodson was absent. Staff present: City Administrator Kim Downs, Fire Chief Mike Nesslage, Library Director Jeaneal Weeks, Community Development Director Pat Parsley, City Engineer John Bender, and Police Chief Dennis Marks. Guests: Daniel Hoffmann. Not all attendees signed in for the meeting.

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

Wichtendahl moved the approval of the following consent agenda items: Approval of bills; Regular Meetings September 4, 2019; Receive and File Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees: Water Board September 17, 2019, Parks and Recreation Commission September 3, 2019; RESOLUTION #19-185 approving sewer waiver on second water meter for 2927 Caspian Road; Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Schedule for FY 2020-2024; City Engineer's Report, Mayor's Report and City Administrator's Report, seconded by Archibald. Motion carried.

Report from Council Members/Mayor/City Administrator

City Engineer Bender commented the footings for the library have been poured they are forming the walls and are hoping to be out of the ground in the next couple of weeks.

City Administrator Downs said they had standing water because the sump pumps quit working and are continuing to work on the dewatering issue.

Council Member Wichtendahl mentioned the streetlight behind the library wasn't working.

Downs said they had to temporarily shut them off.

Bender answered they will get new streetlights and the wiring will be underground.

Mayor Bennett mentioned him and staff attended the Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference and it was the most he has learned from past conferences and that they are working on getting a mayor's committee up and running.

Downs wanted to congratulate Council Member Dodson on becoming a full-fledged council member and that there are only 26 individuals in the state that have taken the time to go through all the classes and workshops. Downs also reminded council of the Hiawatha Business Summit on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at Mercy.

PUBLIC HEARING – to consider the proposed plans, specifications, forms of contract, and estimate of cost on file and direct publication of the notice to bidders in connection with the Center Point Road Improvements Blairs Ferry Road to Clark Street

Mayor Bennett opened the public hearing to consider the proposed plans, specifications, forms of contract, and estimate of cost on file and direct publication of the notice to bidders in connection with the Center Point Road Improvements Blairs Ferry Road to Clark Street at 5:40 P.M.

Bender commented the received four good bids, couple of bids were very close to our estimate and Rathje was the low bid. Bender also said they have pre-ordered the mast arms but are not in yet and will also have an overlay and new striping.

No additional public or written comments were received at or prior to the public hearing. Public Hearing closed at 5:40 PM.

Norton presented RESOLUTION #19-186 awarding Center Point Road Improvements Blairs Ferry Road to Clark Street Project construction contract to Rathje Construction in the amount of $738,768.72, seconded by Archibald. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Norton, Archibald, Olson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Dodson. **RESOLUTION #19-186 adopted.**

Consider Resolution setting public hearing date (October 16, 2019 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider Application for Voluntary Annexation received from ITC Midwest, LLC for property located east of Edgewood Road, west of Interstate I-380 and south of County Home Road

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #19-187 setting public hearing date (October 16, 2019 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider Application for Voluntary Annexation received from ITC Midwest, LLC for property located east of Edgewood Road, west of Interstate I-380 and south of County Home Road, seconded by Archibald. Roll call vote: AYES: Archibald, Olson, Norton, Wichtendahl. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Dodson. **RESOLUTION #19-187 adopted.**

Tower Terrace Roadway Expansion Project

Hilary Hershner from Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization gave a presentation on the update of the original Tower Terrace Road Corridor Management Plan (TTRCMP). The plan includes the following steps to advance each project to implementation (construction):

- Providing limits for environmental analyses,
- Phasing the corridor into financially manageable sized construction projects,
- Developing conceptual plans and cost estimates for each project,
- Assigning priority for each project,
- Recommending cost sharing,
- Identifying funding sources, and
- Developing an implementation schedule

Tower Terrace Road Corridor Management Plan Update for Funding:

- Surface Transportation Block Grants (STBG)
    - The funding source allocated to member jurisdictions by the Corridor MPO through our annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
    - Swap funding a possibility
    - MPO funds requires minimum 20% match from local jurisdiction

- Other sources of funding
    - Federal:
        - Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP)
        - Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD Grants)
            - Formerly called TIGER grants
    - State:
        - Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE)
        - Tax Increment Finance (TIF)
        - Assessments, Connection Fees, Development Agreements
        - General Obligation Funds (GOB)

Council Member Olson asked if the cost is spread out over the jurisdictions and if Robins will be taking their share of the bridge.

Hershner answered the goal is to spread it out over the jurisdictions and that Robins does not have all the funding and did not adopt this plan at their last meeting.

Council Member Archibald asked if there had been a build grant.

City Engineer Bender said no there used to be a TIGER grant and does not believe there were any in Iowa.

Archibald asked if Cedar Rapids has acted on the plan yet.

Hershner said Marion has adopted it, Cedar Rapids will be acting on it and Robins has seen it.

Archibald presented RESOLUTION #19-188 accepting and placing on file the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization Tower Terrace Road Study Corridor Management Plan Update, seconded by Norton. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Archibald, Wichtendahl, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Dodson. **RESOLUTION #19-188 adopted.**

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #19-189 accepting and placing on file the City of Hiawatha Tower Terrace Road Traffic Study Interstate 380 Interchange to North Center Point Road, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Norton, Wichtendahl, Olson, Archibald. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Dodson. **RESOLUTION #19-189 adopted.**

Discussion/Possible Action regarding amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 17 Council §17.04 Meeting, adding Committee Meetings and §17.06 Compensation for Committee Meetings

Archibald commented he is not in favor of moving forward with this and would like to table it and look at what other councils are doing.

Wichtendahl said she wants to move forward on this with any established committee where two council members serve and feels that they should be compensated for sitting on a committee. Wichtendahl commented she lives paycheck to paycheck and relies on the money for part of her income.

Olson said he is not in favor of any kind of compensation increase, we get $50.00 for attended Council meetings and many times these meetings are half an hour or less. Olson continues that we are here for the betterment of the City of Hiawatha and would be opposed to any kind of increase.

Wichtendahl commented with finances being what they are she is not wealthy and relies on the $100.00 a month for the council meetings.

Archibald says he appreciates Wichtendahl's perspective but we are here to give to the community and would like time to research this to see what other communities are doing.

Downs said it wouldn't be in effect until the next budget and are not able to do anything in November and December before an election year.

Olson moved to table amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 17 Council §17.04 Meeting, adding Committee Meetings and §17.06 Compensation for Committee Meetings, seconded by Archibald. Motion carried. 3 AYES and 1 NAY recorded.

There being no further discussion, Wichtendahl moved to adjourn at 6:11 P.M., seconded by Archibald. Motion carried.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kari Graber, City Clerk