The Hiawatha City Council met in regular session in the Hiawatha Council Chambers on September 20, 2017. Mayor Pro-Tem Marty Bruns called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present: Dick Olson, Bob Rampulla, Marty Bruns, Dennis Norton and Aime Wichtendahl. Staff present: City Engineer John Bender, Community Development Director Pat Parsley, Streets Supervisor Rod Jasa, Finance Director Cindy Kudrna, Building Inspector Jim Fisher, City Administrator Kim Downs, Fire Chief Mike Nesslage and Police Chief Dennis Marks. Guests: Maggie Burger of Speer Financial, Susan Forinash of Hall and Hall Engineering, Timothy Brandt, and Daniel Hoffmann.

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

Wichtendahl moved the approval of the following consent agenda items: Approval of bills; Finance Director's Report for August 2017; City Clerk's Report for August 2017; Department Reports: Fire, Library, Parks and Recreation, Police and Public Works; Approval of renewal- Class C Beer Permit (BC) w/ Sunday Sales and Class B Carryout Native Wine for Big 10 Mart located at 1225 Boyson Road, effective October 1, 2017, seconded by Olson. Motion carried.

Citizens Input

Tom Patterson a counselor for Boyscouts of America said in order to fulfill the requirements of a merit badge, boyscouts are required to attend a meeting and spend a few minutes individually with council members.

Patterson asked if a couple of council members would be willing to meet with the scouts?

Council replied they would be happy to meet.

Report from Council Members/Mayor/City Administrator

Council Member Norton announced Unified Development Code Review Committee held three (3) sessions and the next session is October 12, 2017.

Norton also mentioned the Department of Natural Resources tree management plan focusing on Emerald Ash Boer to discuss five (5) or six (6) items on list. Meeting will last approximately two (2) hours.

City Administrator Downs asked council to check their availability on October 9, 2017 to hold a work session.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Presentation – Maggie Burger, Speer Financial

Maggie Burger reviewed the City's Tax Increment Financing Report that consisted of General Obligation Debt of $23,155,000.00 total outstanding; FY 2018 Total TIF Rebate Obligations of $703,825.00; Total Rebate Obligations through 2025 of $8,561,600.00; Total TIF Revenue to certify December 1, 2017 for FY19 obligations of $2,389,010.00, $1,184,985.00 for debt payments and $1,201,025.00 for rebates; review of General Obligation Debt Capacity as follows:

• Assessed valuation (100%) GO Bond capacity FY 2017-2018	$590,252,718.00
• Statutory GO debt limit @ 5% of 100% value	29,512,636.00
• Bonds Outstanding	23,155,000.00
• TIF Rebate Agreements Outstanding (non-annual appropriation)	159,000.00
• TIF Rebate Agreements Outstanding (annual appropriation)	650,825.00
• Bonds paid (during fiscal year)	2,870,000.00
• TIF Rebates (paid)	703,825.00
• Bond Issue (TIF Rebates-annual appropriations)	0.00
• Remaining GO Debt Capacity (not obligated)	9,121,636.00
• % of capacity remaining	30.91%
• GO Contingency Reserves (% of GO Capacity 15%)	4,426,895.00
• Total GO Capacity-Less contingency reserve	4,694,741.00

*Percent of capacity remaining 15.91%
*Percent increase for property valuation projection is 1.5%

PUBLIC HEARING – to consider voluntary annexation application submitted by John and Lois Novak
Mayor Pro-Tem Bruns opened the public hearing to consider voluntary annexation application submitted by John and Lois Novak at 5:48 P.M.

No written or public comments were received at or prior to the public hearing. Public Hearing closed at 5:49 P.M.

Olson presented RESOLUTION #17-173 approving the voluntary annexation application submitted by John K. and Lois A. Novak for property locally known as 3590 Todd Hills Road, Cedar Rapids, IA, seconded by Rampulla. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Olson, Norton, Rampulla, Bruns. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #17-173 adopted.**

PUBLIC HEARING – to consider voluntary annexation application submitted by Timothy Brandt
Mayor Pro-Tem Bruns opened the public hearing to consider voluntary annexation application submitted by Timothy Brandt at 5:50 P.M.

Timothy Brandt commented he is anxious to annex into Hiawatha.

There were no additional written or public comments received at or prior to the public hearing. Public Hearing closed at 5:51 P.M.

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #17-174 approving the voluntary annexation application submitted by Timothy C. Brandt for property locally known as 3509 County Home Road, Cedar Rapids, IA, seconded by Norton. Roll call vote: AYES: Rampulla, Olson, Bruns, Wichtendahl, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #17-174 adopted.**

Approving Final Plat for Rolling Prairie Estates Third Addition and authorizing execution of a Development Agreement by and between the City of Hiawatha and J. Murphy Homes, L.L.C.
Rampulla presented RESOLUTION #17-175 approving Final Plat for Rolling Prairie Estates Third Addition and authorizing execution of a Development Agreement by and between the City of Hiawatha and J. Murphy Homes, L.L.C., seconded by Norton. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Wichtendahl, Bruns, Norton, Rampulla. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #17-175 adopted.**

Peck's Landing - Approving the plan of improvements installation for Peck's Landing First Addition
Olson presented RESOLUTION #17-176 granting permission for Contractor to proceed with installation of improvements in Peck's Landing First Addition including sanitary sewer, water main and three (3) LED urbanscape street lights to the City of Hiawatha, Linn County, Iowa, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Bruns, Norton, Olson, Wichtendahl, Rampulla. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #17-176 adopted.**

Peck's Landing - Approving the plan of improvements installation for Peck's Landing Edgewood Road Extension
Rampulla presented RESOLUTION #17-177 granting permission for Contractor to proceed with installation of improvements in Peck's Landing Edgewood Road Extension including 755 LF of sanitary sewer, 450 LF of water main, 460 feet of Edgewood Road Extension with storm sewer and draintile, and 450 feet of 10 foot multi-use trail in the City of Hiawatha, Linn County, Iowa, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Rampulla, Wichtendahl, Norton, Olson, Bruns. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #17-177 adopted.**

2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project – Change Order #4
Olson presented RESOLUTION #17-178 approving Change Order #4 for the 2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project with Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, IA, with an increase in contract amount of $11,593.73, resulting in a revised total project contract amount of $2,838,269.99, seconded by Rampulla. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Olson, Norton, Rampulla, Bruns. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #17-178 adopted.**

2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project – Pay Estimate #10

Norton presented RESOLUTION #17-179 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #10 for the 2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project, and directing City Clerk to make payment to Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, Iowa, in the amount of $161,992.32, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Norton, Rampulla, Bruns, Wichtendahl. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #17-179 adopted.**

City Engineer Bender discussed with Council the importance of studying the current lane configuration on North Center Point Road from Blair's Ferry Road to Boyson Road at a work session in April and then again in June. The current painted pavement markings on Center Point Road is a 3-lane configuration from Tower Terrace Road to Boyson Road, and a 4-lane configuration from Boyson Road to Blair's Ferry Road. When the new Emmons Intersection is completed, it will be developed as a 3-lane section almost to the railroad tracks.

Staff felt this is a confusing situation as vehicles travel North Center Point Road and had a study prepared that looked at the traffic volumes and roadway widths and the possibility of restriping the roadway in a consistent manner. Another name for this type of study is a "road diet." The Iowa DOT also prepared a report that concluded that Center Point Road would be a good candidate for a lane reconfiguration project. The IDOT lists many reasons why a project of this nature would increase efficiency and utilization of a roadway by the traveling public.

In April council directed staff to conduct a study with design and cost estimate. In June council reviewed that study and approved the negotiated change order with our prime contractor for the intersection project to repaint the section of North Center Point Road to a 3-lane section with bike lanes from Boyson Road to the new Emmons Street intersection. This work will be completed in the next week or so.

Since that time, the city posted articles in the city newsletter and website with intent to change the lane configuration of North Center Point Road. This information created interest in the change with concerns. This lead to a meeting this week with a local business in the area that was not in favor of this kind of change. The main objection was the added bike lane on the roadway when there is a trail 10' already installed. The business owner expressed his concern with pulling out of his property, he already has to look for bicyclist and pedestrians on the trail, and now he will have to look for bicyclist on the road way bike lane. Business owner feels this could be a liability for him and his employees.

Because of the time restraint to get the work done, the city did not hold any public meetings or open houses to gain more input from the citizens. The city did provide the reconfigure plan to the Iowa DOT, the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO) staff, and the officers of the Linn County Trails Association. All organizations responded with positive comments.

As the city moves forward questions could arise as to the reasons the city has proceeded with this change. Below is a list of possible pros and cons City Engineer prepared for consideration of a 3-lane section with a bike lane:

Pros:

- Provides a consistent roadway configuration along North Center Point Road
- Traffic volumes and roadway width will support this change
- Improves performance and efficiency of the roadway
- Provides for other uses of the roadway
- Improves pedestrian safety
- Provides direct connection for bike traffic to Boyson Road Trail
- Reduces risk of crashes
- More desirable environment for work and shopping
- More flexible for existing driveways and new developments access points
- Inexpensive to provide change as includes only painting

Cons:

- Roadway was constructed as 4-lane design over last few years

- Cost and time to provide a 4-lane roadway
- Most likely will slow traffic speeds somewhat
- Already have bike trail on east side to railroad tracks
- More conflicts with bikes and traffic
- Did not hold public input meeting
- Some public will not support the change
- Have not surveyed the local businesses for possible impacts
- Lane configuration change will be confusing similar issues in other cities

Staff has two purposes for bringing this subject to Council: (1) to ensure council's understanding of the road diet; the 3-lane section with a bike lane as you may receive or hear concerns of the road diet as people begin to utilize the roadway as its completed. (2) to discuss in more detail the bike lane. This would be a change for Hiawatha's roadway. Many have experienced Cedar Rapids reconfiguration for the bicyclist on their roadways which has left some with a negative impression.

Staff would ask council to confirm intentions to move forward with the road diet that includes a bike lane. If Council has any concerns staff needs to know this now prior to paint markings being laid.

Approving a Service Agreement with East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) for the preparation of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application

Olson presented RESOLUTION #17-180 approving a Service Agreement with East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) for the preparation of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application, seconded by Norton. Roll call vote: AYES: Rampulla, Olson, Wichtendahl, Bruns, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #17-180 adopted.**

Professional Compensation Study

Rampulla presented RESOLUTION #17-181 approving the completion of a professional compensation study with Newport Group of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at a total project cost of $12,725.00 - $13,250.00, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Wichtendahl, Bruns, Norton, Rampulla. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #17-181 adopted.**

There being no further discussion, Rampulla moved to adjourn at 6:05 P.M., seconded by Wichtendahl. Motion carried.

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Martin T. Bruns, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk