The Hiawatha City Council met in regular session in the Hiawatha Council Chambers on September 21, 2016. Mayor Bill Bennett 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: Community Development Director Patrick Parsley and Police Chief Dennis Marks. Guests: Carl Sefl, Larry Burger from Speer Financial, Tom Lesher and Daniel Hoffmann. Note: Not all guests in attendance signed in.

Olson moved the approval of the following consent agenda items: Approval of bills; Finance Director's Report for August 2016; City Clerk's Report for August 2016; Department Reports: Community Development, 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, 2016, seconded by Bruns. Motion carried.

Report from Council Members / Mayor / City Administrator

Council Member Bruns commented he attended the Iowa League Conference last week in Des Moines and the Mayor of Manchester was recognized for 40 years of service as an elected official.

City Administrator Downs mentioned the state auditors in the process of conducting the City's audit and Downs said the auditors complimented the staff for being very organized.

Downs also stated the employee safety appreciation picnic was held today from 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Downs thanked Council for allowing staff to close city hall so all employees could attend the picnic; the city's workers comp premium has gone down significantly with a mod rate of .74 and a new goal of .68.

PUBLIC HEARING – to consider adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and placing estimate of cost on file for the 2016 Boyson Road Trail Extension Project

Mayor Bennett opened the public hearing to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 65 Stop or Yield Required §65.01 Stop Intersections (2.) Stop Intersection by adding (EE.) North bound Ridgewood Drive shall stop at Blairs Ferry Crossing, (FF.) South bound Ridgewood Drive shall stop at Heritage Green Drive, and (GG.) Worthington Court shall stop at Heritage Green Drive and amending (3.) 4-Way Stops by adding (F.) S. Blairs Ferry Crossing and Heritage Green Drive at 5:37 P.M.

No written or public comments were received at or prior to the public hearing. Public Hearing closed at 5:38 P.M.

Wichtendahl moved the 1st Reading of ORDINANCE #870 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 65 Stop or Yield Required §65.01 Stop Intersections (2.) Stop Intersection by adding (EE.) North bound Ridgewood Drive shall stop at Blairs Ferry Crossing, (FF.) South bound Ridgewood Drive shall stop at Heritage Green Drive, and (GG.) Worthington Court shall stop at Heritage Green Drive and amending (3.) 4-Way Stops by adding (F.) S. Blairs Ferry Crossing and Heritage Green Drive, seconded by Bruns. Roll call vote: AYES: Rampulla, Norton, Olson, Wichtendahl, Bruns. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **Motion carried.**

Norton moved to waive the 2nd & 3rd readings of ORDINANCE #870, seconded by Olson. **Motion carried.**

Olson moved the adoption of ORDINANCE #870 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 65 Stop or Yield Required §65.01 Stop Intersections (2.) Stop Intersection by adding (EE.) North bound Ridgewood Drive shall stop at Blairs Ferry Crossing, (FF.) South bound Ridgewood Drive shall stop at Heritage Green Drive, and (GG.) Worthington Court shall stop at Heritage Green Drive and amending (3.) 4-Way Stops by adding (F.) S. Blairs Ferry Crossing and Heritage Green Drive, seconded by Bruns. Roll call vote: AYES: Bruns, Norton, Wichtendahl, Olson, Rampulla. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ORDINANCE #870 adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING – to consider adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and placing estimate of cost on file for the 2016 Boyson Road Trail Extension Project

Mayor Bennett opened the public hearing to consider adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and placing estimate of cost on file for the 2016 Boyson Road Trail Extension Project at 5:40 P.M.

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

Rampulla presented RESOLUTION #16-184 adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and placing estimate of cost on file in connection with the 2016 Boyson Road Trail Extension Project, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Olson, Bruns, Rampulla, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-184 adopted.**

Get Out the Vote Presidential Campaign Presentation – Carl Sefl

Carl Sefl spoke to council regarding the Get Out the Vote Presidential Campaign asking for non-partisan support to help inform and urge residents of Hiawatha to get out and vote during this Presidential election. Sefl mentioned during the 2012 Presidential election: 77% of Hiawatha residents were registered to vote, 61% voted at the polls and 39% used absentee ballots. Sefl requested support in encouraging residents of Hiawatha to vote during the 2016 election through council approval of the following initiatives:

- Publishing an article in the Hiawatha Today – October Issue
- Including an insert in the Hiawatha Newsletter to inform residents of their polling locations and include an absentee ballot request form– October Issue
- Providing absentee ballots at City Hall and delivery to the Linn County Election office
- Volunteers providing transportation to polling locations
- Volunteers staffing phones from 7:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.
- Placing "Vote" signs throughout the city
- Fire Department driving through community with "vote" signs on vehicles
- HEDCO support of the Get Out the Vote Campaign
- Council members and staff spread positive word of campaign

Tax Increment Financing Presentation – Larry Burger, Speer Financial

Larry Burger reviewed the City's Tax Increment Financing Report that consisted of General Obligation Debt of $21,755,000.00 total outstanding; FY 2017 Total TIF Rebate Obligations of $529,425.00; Total Rebate Obligations through 2025 of $6,601,025.00; Total TIF Revenue to certify December 1, 2016 for FY18 obligations of $2,075,280.00, $1,319,155.00 for debt payments and $753,125.00 for rebates; review of General Obligation Debt Capacity as follows:

• Assessed valuation (100%) GO Bond capacity FY 2016-2017	$572,676,737.00
• Statutory GO debt limit @ 5% of 100% value	28,633,837.00
• Bonds Outstanding	21,755,000.00
• TIF Rebate Agreements Outstanding (non-annual appropriation)	235,900.00
• TIF Rebate Agreements Outstanding (annual appropriation)	452,525.00
• Bonds paid (during fiscal year)	2,590,000.00
• TIF Rebates (paid)	529,425.00
• Bond Issue (TIF Rebates-annual appropriations)	0.00
• Remaining GO Debt Capacity (not obligated)	9,309,837.00
• % of capacity remaining	32.51%
• GO Contingency Reserves (% of GO Capacity 20%)	4,295,076.00
• Total GO Capacity-Less contingency reserve	5,014,761.00

*Percent of capacity remaining 17.51%

*Percent increase for property valuation projection is 1.0%

Payment for contract work in connection with the Agreement between the City of Hiawatha and Chicago, Central and Pacific Railroad Company for construction of city drainage improvements on and along Chicago, Central and Pacific Railroad Company property between mileposts 37.67 and 38.02, Cedar Rapids Subdivision

Bruns presented RESOLUTION #16-185 approving application for Pay Estimate #2 for construction of city drainage improvements on and along Chicago, Central and Pacific Railroad Company property between mileposts 37.67 and 38.02, Cedar Rapids Subdivision, and direct City Clerk to make the second payment installment to Chicago Central and Pacific Railroad Company of Chicago, IL, in the amount of $100,000, seconded by Olson. Roll call vote: AYES: Rampulla, Bruns, Wichtendahl, Olson, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-185 adopted.**

2015-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Project

Bruns presented RESOLUTION #16-186 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #2 for the 2015-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Project, and directing City Clerk to make payment to Ricklefs Excavating Ltd., of Anamosa, Iowa, in the amount of $190,945.14, seconded by Rampulla. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Wichtendahl, Bruns, Norton, Rampulla. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-186 adopted.**

2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project

Rampulla presented RESOLUTION #16-187 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #1 for the 2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project, and direct City Clerk to make payment to Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, Iowa, in the amount of $36,438.90, seconded by Bruns. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Bruns, Olson, Rampulla, Norton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION #16-187 adopted.**

Rampulla moved to adjourn at 6:19 P.M., seconded by Wichtendahl. Motion carried.

Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk