The Hiawatha City Council met in regular session in the Hiawatha Council Chambers on August 7, 2019. Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present: Rob Archibald, and Aime Wichtendahl. Dennis Norton and Dick Olson were absent. Staff present: City Administrator Kim Downs, Fire Chief Mike Nesslage, Finance Director Cindy Kudrna, Public Works Superintendent Rod Jasa, 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.

Dodson moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Archibald. Motion carried.

Wichtendahl moved the approval of the following consent agenda items: Approval of bills; Regular Meetings June 19, 2019 and July 3, 2019; Receive and File Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees: Water Board July 16, 2019; Planning & Zoning June 24, 2019; Library Board July 9, 2019; History Commission June 10, 2019; Accepting the appointment of Planning & Zoning Commission Member Kevin Neef term ending December 31, 2022; RESOLUTION #19-144 approving sewer waiver on second water meter for 1090 Sherman Road; RESOLUTION #19-145 approving sewer waiver on second water meter for 2911 Savannah Drive; RESOLUTION #19-146 approving sewer waiver on second water meter for 1059 Longfellow Drive; City Engineer's Report, Mayor's Report and City Administrator's Report, seconded by Dodson. Motion carried.

Report from Council Members/Mayor/City Administrator

Council Member Archibald commented Fun Fest was great. There was good music and events. He commended everyone who helped put the event together for doing a nice job.

Mayor Bennett agreed that there was good music and awesome volunteers.

City Administrator Downs added it took many people and without all the great volunteers we would not be able to put this event together.

Downs reminded council of upcoming ribbon cuttings. She noted the 40th anniversary of Sylvan Learning Center on Saturday where Council Member Aime Wichtendahl and City Clerk Kari Graber would be standing in for Mayor Bennett and herself and the ribbon cutting for Taco Johns coming up.

Mayor Proclamation - declaring the month of August, 2019 as Small Cities Month

Council Member Wichtendahl read the Small Cities Month Proclamation declaring the month of August, 2019 as Small Cities Month.

PUBLIC HEARING – to consider the speed limit on Todd Hills Road from Edgewood Road to west city limits

Mayor Bennett opened the public hearing to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 63 Speed Regulations §63.05 Special Speed Zones 3. Special 35 MPH Speed Zones to include Todd Hills Road from Edgewood Road to west city limits at 5:35 P.M.

No public or written comments were received at or prior to the public hearing. Public Hearing closed at 5:36 PM.

Wichtendahl moved the 1st Reading of ORDINANCE #930 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 63 Speed Regulations §63.05 Special Speed Zones 3. Special 35 MPH Speed Zones to include Todd Hills Road from Edgewood Road to west city limits, seconded by Archibald. Roll call vote: AYES: Dodson, Archibald, and Wichtendahl. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Norton and Olson. ***Motion carried.***

Consider Resolution setting public hearing date (August 21 at 5:30 PM) to amend the Hiawatha City Code of Ordinances Chapter 69 Parking Regulations 69.10 Limited Parking to include Limited Parking during school session along 9th Avenue, East side of the street, south side of the school driveway to 140 feet south to provide limited parking to registered day care car pool vehicles for school pick up and drop off.

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #19-147setting a public hearing date (August 21, 2019 @ 5:30 P.M.) to amend the Hiawatha City Code of Ordinances Chapter 69 Parking Regulations 69.10 Limited Parking to include Limited Parking during school session along 9th Avenue, East side of the street, south side of the school driveway to 140 feet south to provide limited parking to registered day care car pool vehicles for school pick up and drop off, seconded by Archibald.

Roll call vote: AYES: Dodson, Wichtendahl, Archibald. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson, Norton. ***RESOLUTION #19-147 adopted.***

Consider Resolution supporting the Hiawatha Fire Department in their efforts to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)

Archibald commented that the numbers raised are phenomenal and gave his thanks to the department for fundraising.

Dodson and Mayor Bennett commended the Fire Department for doing a great job.

Dodson presented RESOLUTION #19-148 supporting the Hiawatha Fire Department in their efforts to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Archibald, Dodson, Wichtendahl. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson, Norton. **RESOLUTION #19-148 adopted.**

Consider Resolution authorizing the fire department to proceed with the remount of the 2008 Ford Ambulance (M8) through Lifeline Emergency Vehicles

Archibald commended the Fire Department for going outside the box and considering all the options to save money.

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #19-149 authorizing the fire department to proceed with the remount of the 2008 Ford Ambulance (M8) through Lifeline Emergency Vehicles in an amount not to exceed $127,066, seconded by Archibald. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Dodson, Archibald. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson, Norton. **RESOLUTION #19-149 adopted.**

Consider Resolution approving contract amendment No. 1 with Shive Hattery Engineers for the North Center Point Road Resurfacing Project

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #19-150 approving contract amendment No. 1 with Shive Hattery Engineers for the North Center Point Road Resurfacing Project, seconded by Dodson. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Archibald, Dodson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Norton, Olson. **RESOLUTION #19-150 adopted.**

Robins Road Corridor Study

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #19-151 to accept and place on file the report and implementations of the study, seconded by Archibald. Roll call vote: AYES: Dodson, Archibald, Wichtendahl. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Norton, Olson. **RESOLUTION #19-151 adopted.**

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #19-152 to begin the process of amending the Design Guidelines to recognize the Robins Road Corridor Study, seconded by Archibald. Roll call vote: AYES: Archibald, Wichtendahl, Dodson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson, Norton. **RESOLUTION #19-152 adopted.**

Dodson presented RESOLUTION #19-153 to begin the process to amend the Comprehensive Plan 2036 and the associated future land usage map to recognize the Robins Road Corridor Study, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Archibald, Dodson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Norton, Olson. **RESOLUTION #19-153 adopted.**

Dodson presented RESOLUTION #19-154 authorizing staff enter into an agreement for the Overlay Adoption Proposal presented by Bolton and Menk at an estimated cost of $9,500 for implementation of the Robins Road Corridor Study, seconded by Archibald. Roll call vote: AYES: Archibald, Dodson, Wichtendahl. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson, Norton. **RESOLUTION #19-154 adopted.**

Dog Park Fencing

Council members commented that it was nice to see a considerably lower bid.

Wichtendahl presented RESOLUTION #19-155 authorizing the Parks & Recreation Department to purchase Dog Park fencing from D&N Fencing at a cost not to exceed $25,934.80, seconded by Dodson. Roll call vote: AYES: Dodson, Archibald, Wichtendahl. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson, Norton. **RESOLUTION #19-155 adopted.**

Discussion/Possible Action regarding 18th Avenue traffic conditions and options to reduce speed behaviors and stop sign compliance

Dodson noted that two days ago on Blairsferry and 18th a young lady didn't stop or slow down causing him to stop abruptly to avoid an accident. He commented this was not the first time.

Police Chief Marks noted the issue will only get magnified everything developing on the other side. He presented some statistics from the speed trailer they had set up including 4% of traffic is above 10 MPH over the speed limit without the speed trailer it is closer to 13 or 14%.

Archibald commented it is surprising who many people speed through there and also said flashing stop signs are a good band aid but felt that option #7 should be considered later.

Wichtendahl commented that option #5 with speed walls could be a good temporary option but she doubts the effectiveness of a flashing stop sign.

Marks said that the complaints were people just running the stop sign without even slowing down. Even with officers sitting there, they witnessed people go through at 35 MPH. He noted that the stop sign and the speed were two different issues.

Mayor Bennett asked if the speed tables would make the City liable for damages done to vehicles or anything?

City Engineer John Bender noted that those are extreme but there may be some liability.

Dodson asked Marks if most of the individuals speeding or missing the stop sign were non-residents or individuals who live outside the area. Marks indicated three weeks ago 15% or less were Hiawatha residents.

Dodson mentioned outside of putting up a speed camera there, we could put up a sign indicating there was a speed camera to see if that would reduce speeding.

Archibald reiterated his preference to install flashing signs and look at option 7 for the long term.

Wichtendahl indicated she could see the merits of a long term study but would prefer more than just flashing stop signs at this juncture.

Archibald commented we could continue to review the data collected at this intersection.

Downs stated for now we would like to install flashing stop signs and maybe have more contact with residents and do more of our own internal study, considering traffic tables or a small traffic circle. For now, if we can agree to move forward with flashing stop signs we can look at other options in the future.

Archibald moved to approve option #3, installing flashing stop signs in an effort to draw attention to the stop condition at Lyndhurst at an anticipated cost of $2,000-$3,000, with more research into option #5, installing speed tables at the Lyndhurst intersection and possible mid-block installations south of Emmons Street, or option #7, creating a different appearance of 18th Avenue with a more pedestrian feel, removal of parking, and construction of a boulevard look with a center median, for the long term, seconded by Wichtendahl. Motion carried.

Consider Resolution amending Resolution No. 19-124 the City of Hiawatha Employee Wage and Salary Schedule for FY 2019-2020 and the Merit Increase Policy and Procedure Plan to include the Compensation Committee designation and purpose.

Archibald commented that this was a good move and he appreciates all the effort put in because city employees are the most important asset to our city government.

Archibald presented RESOLUTION #19-156 amending Resolution No. 19-124 the City of Hiawatha Employee Wage and Salary Schedule for FY 2019-2020 and the Merit Increase Policy and Procedure Plan to include the Compensation

Committee designation and purpose, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Dodson, Archibald, Wichtendahl. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Olson, Norton. **RESOLUTION #19-156 adopted.**

Consider Resolution amending Resolution 00-22 A Policy for the Investment of Public Funds to create an Investment Committee to review processes, set goals, and provide recommendations of city investments
Council commended the effort put in to making this change and Archibald commented he was glad there were people who like numbers willing to be on the committee.

Dodson presented RESOLUTION #19-157 amending Resolution 00-22 A Policy for the Investment of Public Funds to create an Investment Committee to review processes, set goals, and provide recommendations of city investments, seconded by Wichtendahl. Roll call vote: AYES: Wichtendahl, Dodson, Archibald. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Norton, Olson. **RESOLUTION #19-157 adopted.**

There being no further discussion, Wichtendahl moved to adjourn at 5:55 P.M., seconded by Dodson. Motion carried.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amy Scheer, Deputy City Clerk