

Hiawatha Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting
March 8, 2016

President Lynda Hembera called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m. in the Hiawatha Council Chambers. Present: Deb Thies, Dan Wilkes, Dawn Ewoldt Absent: Brandon Lynch
Employees: Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director, Ambyr Young, Administrative Coordinator, Rick Wolfe, Park and Recreation Maintenance and Kim Downs, City Administrator. Guests: Dan Hoffman

Motion by Deb Thies, second by Dawn Ewoldt to approve the March 9th, 2016 agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Wilkes, second by Deb Thies to approve the minutes of February 9th, 2015. Motion carried.

Parks Tractor Quotes: The streets department and parks department have shared a tractor for many years. With the increase in mowing and the timeliness to get everything done, the two departments have decided to add a new tractor to complete daily tasks. With the streets department continuing to keep theirs, we now have \$39,000.00 available in the equipment reserve to purchase a tractor for the parks department this spring.

Rick Wolfe and Ted Olson received three quotes. The three quotes include one John Deere tractor, one NewHolland and one Kubota tractor. All are similar size, 5 year warranty and similar features. The NewHolland Tractor from Monticello came in the lowest, far below our reserve at \$29,750.00 in comparison to the other quotes at \$37,462.45 for Kubota and \$35,847.07 for John Deere.

Motion by Deb Thies, second by Dan Wilkes to request to council to purchase the NewHolland Tractor at \$29,750.00 from Kromminga Motors, Inc in Monticello. Motion carried.

HiCREW Kiwanis concession and face painting request: The club would like to extend their permission to sell concessions at the Bike Rodeo and Concert on May 27th, 2016 from 6-9pm in conjunction to their already approved dates for August. They would also like to request permission to have a face painter at the May and August Concerts.

Motion by Deb Thies, second by Dawn Ewoldt to allow HiCREW Kiwanis to sell concessions at the Bike Rodeo and allow the face painter at May and August concerts. Motion carried.

Reports:

- **Mercy Babysitting Clinic:** 18 girls and boys ages 11 and older gathered in the Hiawatha Community Center on February 26th to learn the basics in first aid, CPR, fire and police emergencies, and more. Overall, it was a great class and we hope to have Mercy back next year to continue educating preteens on how to care for the younger generation.
- **New Website:** The staff has had a preview of the new site and it looks great! They are a little behind schedule due to a lot of information that needs to be transitioned over. We are very antsy with many residents calling in to see when registration will

open. We are hoping in the next week that they will be able to launch and get registration going. This will be a very user friendly website for residents to reserve facilities and register for program activities. Right now we are taking paper registrations for any residents that don't want to wait.

- **Kids Movie Night:** March 11th we'll be showing The Good Dinosaur in the Community Center. This will be the last Kids Movie Night until September 9th! As always, free popcorn and juice for families in attendance.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** The annual Hiawatha Easter Egg Hunt is a fun, family event filled with surprises! Eggs will be spread in the grass at Guthridge Park. Children will also get to visit the Hiawatha Easter Bunny! Event takes place on March 26th at 9am sharp and is held rain or shine!
- **Live Healthy Iowa 5K:** The City of Hiawatha has partnered with Live Healthy Iowa to host a 5k and Kids 1K on April 9th. The 5K starts at 8am in Guthridge Park and goes around Hiawatha. The Kids 1K is to follow at 9am and goes around the trail at Guthridge. Hi-Crew Kiwanis will be helping out with the Kids Race. KHAK's Brain & Courtlin will be in attendance to pump up the crowd and hand out prizes. Volunteers should check in at 6:45am on the day of the race as registration starts at 7am.
- **Updated Dates:** Our clean up dates have changed a bit.
 - Yard Waste & Brush Pick Up – April 25th
 - Earth Day – April 30th
 - Garage Sales – May 7th
 - Amnesty – May 9th
- **Sylvan Robotics Class:** 2nd through 6th graders are encouraged to try a robotics class offered by Sylvan Learning Center. The next session is March 14th through 24th 6-7pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for \$199 or Spring Break Camp is offered from 9-11am on March 14th through 17th. More information can be found at 319-393-0000
- **Photo Backup:** Learn how to safely back up, store and organize your family's photos. Also learn what it takes to safely keep your photos from being damaged, lost and much more. Class is on March 31st at 6pm and is taught by Justin from Photo Pro.
- **Vino Van Gogh:** March 10th is cancelled.
- **Ride to Wrigley:** Hiawatha and Marion Parks and Recreation Departments have combined to offer a trip to see baseball's best rivalry...Cubs vs. Cardinals at historic Wrigley Field. Pick a side and wear your team gear! Your \$70 fee covers your bus ride, ticket, and parking at the game. You will be responsible for food, drink, souvenirs, etc. This will take place on Wednesday, June 22nd. A bus will pick up and drop off at Hiawatha City Hall and Lowe Park in Marion around 7am and returns to town around 10pm. SOLD OUT!

After the reports, President Hembera asked if there was anything that would like to be added. Dan Wilkes want to thank the responsible parties for the movements on Fun Fest. He mentioned that we should find a community need to get behind and fund. Kelly Willadsen added that there were twenty people at the March 7th meeting and it is still possible to get involved and get on a committee. Kim Downs took a second to thank Lynda and Brandon for getting involved.

Motion by Deb Thies, second by Dawn Ewoldt, to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Lynda Hembera, Chairperson

ATTEST: Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director
