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2017 General City Election

The November 7, 2017 General City Election votes are tabulated! Not only do we have two new City Council members coming on board but we are also very excited to announce citizen support in moving forward with the building expansion and improvement project at the Hiawatha Public Library.

City Council members beginning new terms in 2018:

Candidate Name# Votes ReceivedRob Archibald687 or 37.52%Steve Dodson547 or 29.87%

Total Votes Registered: 1,831

The newly elected officials will take their oaths of office during the regular City Council meeting on December 20, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. Each will serve four year terms beginning January 1, 2018. Rob Archibald and Steve Dodson will join Denny Norton, Dick Olson and Aime Wichtendahl to make up the five member structure of City Council.

Hiawatha Public Library Referendum Passes

The Hiawatha Public Library Board of Trustees would like to send out a resounding THANK YOU to the citizens of Hiawatha for voting yes to the expansion of your public library. The final tally was 776 "Yes" votes to 247 "No" votes. Board members, volunteers, and library staff from the community have worked many hours to make the expansion a reality. We have a few more dollars to raise and grants to pursue. In addition, we will continue to work through the specifications of the project prior to going out for bid. Our goal is to award a contract and to break ground in the spring of 2018.

The funding for this project comes from three sources. Because Hiawatha citizens approved the referendum, the city is now able to bond for up to \$1.2 million in the spring. \$1 million will come from earmarked LOSST (Local Option Sales and Service Tax) funds, and \$2 million will come from the library capital campaign "Make Room for Imagination." We are very grateful for the donations received from foundations, businesses, and individuals thus far. We have currently raised more than \$910,000 towards our \$2 million goal. Because Hiawatha residents voted for passage of the referendum by a 76% margin, we are confident that we will meet our goal as we continue to fundraise.

Please stop by the Hiawatha Public Library and look at the plans and talk to the library staff. You will find they are very thankful for your support and are looking forward to the future when the Hiawatha Public Library will be able to better meet the needs of a growing and vibrant community.

GOOD MORNING CEDAR RAPIDS!

2017 BRAVO Award Winners

BRAVO Awards are presented to unique, home-grown businesses in the Cedar Rapids metro area. Channel Fusion earned the Good Morning Cedar Rapids 2017 BRAVO Award.

Channel Fusion, a Hiawatha based business located at 1365 North Center Point Road specializing in providing custom channel marketing technology solutions and high touch channel support concierge services that help corporations and their distribution network optimize trade promotion funds and leverage branded marketing assets to drive local demand.

Channel Fusion's innovative work and suggestions take their clients well beyond a company's operational and individual marketing standards. They significantly impact the accomplishments of important and critical business goals and deliverables set by their clients.

Channel Fusion's extraordinary performance far exceeds expected or required performance because of their teams positive work environment and willingness to WOW their clients.

Congratulations to Pankaj Monga and his team!



SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 24-25, 2018

IN GUTHRIDGE PARK!

FEATURING A NEW ZIPLINE ATTRACTION!





November 1, 2017

ORDINANCE #885 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 41 Public Health & Safety §41.12 Illegal Use of Fireworks by establishing a time period to use & explode consumer fireworks. ORDINANCE #886 amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 160 Fire Code §160.35 Seizure of Fireworks by adding a reference other City code chapters that provide regulations on fireworks. RESOLUTION #17-200 approving & authorizing execution of a 6 year Development Agreement by & between the City of Hiawatha & Peck's Landing, LLC (First Addition). RESOLUTION #17-201 approving Final Plat for Peck's Landing First Addition & authorizing execution of a Development Agreement by & between the City of Hiawatha & Peck's Landing, LLC. RESOLU-TION #17-202 approving Final Plat for Tower Commerce Center Sixteenth Addition & authorizing execution of a Development Agreement by & between the City of Hiawatha & Tower Commerce Center, Inc. RESO-LUTION #17-203 approving the conceptual site plan including

proposed building design, parking, landscaping, green space, building elevations & setbacks for a new commercial building on the property located at 150 W Willman Street to the Hiawatha Design Guidelines, as submitted by Fusion Architects, Inc., passed with 4 AYES & 1 NAY. RESO-LUTION #17-204 approving (Balancing) Change Order #3 for the 2017 Boyson Road Capacity Improvements Project at North Center Point Road & I-380 with Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, IA, with a decrease in contract amount of (\$3,692.40), resulting in a revised total project contract amount of \$68,060.62. RESOLUTION #17-205 accepting the public improvement contract work in connection with the 2017-2018 Boyson Road Capacity Improvements Project at North Center Point Road & I-380, & directing the City Engineer to sign the Certification of Completion. RESOLUTION #17-206 accepting the 2017 Boyson Road Capacity Improvements Project at North Center Point Road & I-380, constructed by Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, IA, & approving applica-

tion for (Final) Pay Estimate #2 & directing City Clerk to make payment to Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, IA, in the amount of \$0.00 immediately. 5 percent retainage in the amount of \$3,399.30 will be released after 30 days has elapsed from the date of acceptance if no claims against the project are filed. RESOLUTION #17-207 authorizing the placement of temporary four way stop signs at the intersection of Willman Street & Center Point Road until completion of design & installation of a permanent structure. RESOLU-TION #17-208 authorizing City Administrator & City Attorney to proceed with negotiations with property owner for purchase of property discussed in closed session. RESOLUTION #17-209 authorizing City Administrator to enter into a purchase agreement for property discussed in closed session. RESOLUTION #17-210 authorizing City Administrator to enter into negotiations & discussions for possible sale of particular real estate discussed in closed session.

December Calendar

- 06 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 11 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 11 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 13 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 18 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 19 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 20 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 25 Holiday City Hall Closed
- 26 Holiday City Hall Closed
- 27 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)

January Calendar

- 01 Holiday City Hall Closed
- 02 Holiday City Hall Closed
- 03 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 08 History Committee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 08 Board of Adjustment Meeting 6:00 PM
- 09 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 09 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 10 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)
- 16 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 17 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 22 P&Z Meeting 5:30 PM
- 24 Council meeting airs 6:00 - 7:30 PM Ch 4 (IMON) 7:00 PM Ch 18 (Mediacom)

November 15, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-211 approving sewer waiver on second water meter for 3036 Dell Ridge Court. Rampulla moved approval of a Special Event Application to hold a 5K Run/Walk in Hiawatha on 5/12/18, as a fundraiser for Mary's Meals submitted by Chelsea Schultz. RESOLU-TION #17-212 approving the transfer of title for property located at 710 Kainz Drive, Lot 23 Auditor's Plat No. 372 from the City of Hiawatha to Linn County. RESOLUTION #17-213 setting a public hearing date (12/20/17 @ 5:30 P.M.) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 137 Vacation & Disposal of Streets by amending §137.04 Findings Required (1.) Public Use adding (F.) Property located at 710 Kainz Drive described as Lot 23, Auditor's Plat No. 372, & amending §137.05 Disposal of Streets or Alleys (1.) Disposal of Vacated Public Ground by adding (G.) Lot 23, Auditor's Plat No. 372 with an address known as 710 Kainz Drive including publication of Notice of Bids for sale of property. RESOLUTION #17-214 approving & authorizing execution of a Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the purchase of 12.5 acres of land on the north side of Tucker Park & extending north along the Cimarron Drive Townhomes & Condominiums, owned by Hodge Construction Co., with a purchase price of \$1.00 & contingent on completing a Phase I Environmental Study to test for contaminated soils or other liabilities requiring removal from the site, with time of closing on or before 12/31/17. RESOLU-TION #17-215 waiving the right to review the

Final Plat of Thoreson First Addition to Linn County within the two mile radius of Hiawatha City Limits. RESOLUTION #17-216 approving the installation of 1 LED street light & pole on Tower Terrace Road at the north driveway of the property located at 1710 Hawkeye Drive by Alliant Energy with no cost to the City for installation & approving a monthly fee. RESOLUTION #17-217 approving Change Order #5 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, with an increase in contract amount of \$3,410, resulting in a revised total project contract amount of \$2,841,679.90. RESOLUTION #17-218 approving application for Partial Pay Estimate #12 for the 2016-2017 Emmons Street/North Center Point Road/Robins Road Intersection Improvements Phase 2 Roadway Package Project, & directing City Clerk to make payment to Rathje Construction Co., of Marion, in the amount of \$271,912.62. RESOLUTION #17-219 approving the certification of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) indebtedness to the Linn County Auditor's Office for Fiscal Year 2019 Collections. RESOLUTION #17-220 approving & placing on file the Annual FY 16-17 Urban Renewal Report. RESOLUTION #17-221 establishing the Holiday Schedule for the City Offices for FY 18-19. RESOLUTION #17-222 approving the City Council Meeting Schedule for 2018.



UDC Review Update Report

As you are aware from previous articles, the City of Hiawatha has been in the process of reviewing the Unified Development Code (UDC). The review was undertaken due to city growth and the implementation of the new CPR zoning districts, a Design Guideline overlay district and development of our 2036 Comprehensive Plan. Adjusting to these changes has made it evident our UDC could be more effective in planning and regulating the continued growth in our community.

Due to the extensive rewrite of the "application" of our Comprehensive Plan, the process included the appointment of a review committee consisting of the P&Z Commission members, a council person, community members and city staff. We would like to extend our appreciation to the public members of this committee who so willingly gave of their time.

UDC Review Committee Public Members	
Mark Powers	Dennis Norton
Mark Ross	Jon Dusek
Steve Dodson	Mike Freeman
Benton Frey	

The UDC Review Committee began meeting in July of 2017 and met five times to review proposed changes. All monthly meetings were open to the public. The Committee completed their final review on November 9, 2017 and recommended approval of the proposed UDC changes to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Planning and Zoning Commission considered the recommendations on November 27, 2017 and City Council will be setting a public hearing for December 20, 2017.

The major features in the revised UDC include:

- A new land use matrix which delineates 13 Use Categories and 40 Sub-Categories instead of over 350 specifically named uses.
- The elimination of two minor chapters with development standards incorporated elsewhere in the code.
- The development of several new definitions to match industry, zoning concepts and UDC regulations within the text.
- Clarification of the purpose of each zoning district and consistently formatted regulatory language within each
- section.
- Implementation of regulations for "temporary accessory structures" to regulate the use of tents and membrane structures for seasonal uses.
- Clarification of the screening and fence regulations in residential zones.
- Simplified and coordinated parking regulations. The new "Parking Table" is formatted to match the Land Use Matrix with slight reductions in minimum parking requirements.

The detailed list of the changes is available on the City of Hiawatha website in the Planning and Zoning Commission packets on the "Boards and Commissions" page of the website.

The Hiawatha History Committee

The Hiawatha history book project is well underway and the History Committee needs your help to find more photos showing the history of our city. If you have any photos in your family albums related to Hiawatha that you would like to share for the book, please contact the City Clerk at kkornegor@hiawatha-iowa.com or 393-1515.



Chapter 41 Public Health and Safety Ordinance Amending Use of Fireworks

On November 1, 2017 City Council amended Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 41 Public Health and Safety §41.12 Illegal Use of Fireworks by reducing the established time period to use and explode consumer fireworks.

41.12 Illegal Use of Fireworks Update 11/01/2017

- 1. A person, firm, partnership, or corporation who sells consumer fireworks to a person who is less than eighteen years of age commits a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars. A person who is less than eighteen years of age who purchases consumer fireworks commits a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars.
- 2. A person age eighteen or older may use or explode consumer fireworks during the following designated times:
 - * July 4th from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 - * December 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on January 1
- 3. A person who uses or explodes consumer fireworks or novelties while the use of such devices is prohibited or limited by an ordinance adopted by the city in which the fireworks are used commits a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars.
- 4. A person who uses or explodes consumer fireworks or novelties while the use of such devices is suspended by an order of the state fire marshal commits a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars.

Firefighters Purchase Thermal Cameras

Members of the Hiawatha Firefighters Association recently voted to purchase two thermal imagers. Thermal imagers are infrared cameras that will help the firefighters "see" through smoke and in dark conditions. The cameras will help to locate victims that are obscured by smoke. In addition, the camera can be used to find fire that might be hidden from view. The cameras have many other uses too. They can be used to search for lost or missing people outside in the dark and help detect and locate hazardous material leaks.

The Hiawatha Firefighters Association used the donations collected throughout the year, including the Chili Supper and the Firefighters 5K race, which is sponsored by DAEC/NexteraEnergy. There was no tax money used in the purchase. Each camera cost \$6,899 for a total of \$13,798. The cameras will be placed on each of the primary pumpers. This will allow two teams to have a camera. The new cameras will replace a 10 year old camera presently in use that will be used as a back up. The new cameras will improve firefighter safety, and efficiency. The Hiawatha Firefighters want to thank the community for all their support!

Fire Department Chili Supper Recap

The Hiawatha Firefighters Association hosted its annual chili supper on November 4, 2017. The chili supper culminates months of planning and several days of food preparation. Firefighters cooked up almost 30 roasters of our delicious recipe in both hot and mild style.

In addition, families and supporters provided hundreds of different desserts. This year we especially want to thank the 37 sponsors that provided ingredients, drinks, desserts, and many many door prizes! Thanks to the generosity of our donors and our community, we made more than \$5,000. The donated money went toward the purchase of the new thermal imager cameras.



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Hiawatha Holiday Greeting

During the holiday season more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to you, the citizens of our community, who have made our community's progress possible.

To our business community, HEDCO, our boards and commissions, your partnerships are a gift to our community as well.

One of the pleasures of this holiday season is the chance to say "Thank You"

and to wish you and your families peace and joy this holiday season and throughout the coming New Year.

Thank you from your Mayor, City Council Members and staff.



Disposal of Christmas Trees

The City of Hiawatha does not provide Christmas tree pickup and removal. It is the responsibility of the resident to contact their garbage hauler and make arrangements for the removal of your Christmas trees after the holidays.



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