

**CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
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The Dubuque City Council met in special session at 6:30 p.m. on February 9, 2011 in the Historic Federal Building.

Present: Mayor Buol, Council Members Braig, Connors, Jones, Lynch, Resnick, City Manager Michael Van Milligen

Mayor Buol read the call and stated this is a special session of the City Council called for the purpose of discussing various City departmental budgets.

Departmental Budget Review

Fiscal Year 2012 Departmental Budgets were presented by staff from the following City departments: Health Services, City Attorney's Office, City Manager's Office, City Council, City Clerk's Office, and Cable TV Division. City Council had discussion with staff following each presentation.

Health Services: Mary Rose Corrigan, Public Health Specialist, presented the Fiscal Year 2012 budget for this department. Responding to questions from the City Council, Corrigan stated that while licensing is at 56 percent, the animal program would be self-supporting if all pets were licensed. She added fluctuations in department revenues are due to inspections that do not generate revenue, health education presentations dictated by the prominent seasonal diseases, and receipt of payments for inspections performed in the previous fiscal year. Braig stated a preference for the improvement packaged allowing for one full-time animal control officer to aid in reallocating resources from the Police Department. Jones questioned why a city representative is not on the Humane Society Board similar to other boards that receive city funding.

City Attorney's Office: City Attorney Barry Lindahl and Assistant City Attorney Crenna Brumwell presented the Fiscal Year 2012 budget for this department. Lindahl explained that the City Attorney is the attorney for the County Board of Review, which causes additional departmental expenses.

City Manager's Office: The Fiscal Year 2012 budget for this department was presented by Budget Director Jenny Larson, Assistant City Manager Teri Goodmann, Neighborhood Development Specialist Jerelyn O'Connor, Public Information Officer Randy Gehl, GIS Coordinator Nikki Brietsprecker, and Management Fellow Phyllis Russell. Lynch questioned the need for the improvement package allowing for a citizen survey and asked if it could be delayed. Responding to questions from City Council, Van Milligen stated that the survey was a recommendation of the recent NIU Crime and Poverty Study adding that restrictions on certain funding sources dictate whether or not funds can be shifted to other activities.

City Council: City Manager Michael Van Milligen presented the Fiscal Year 2012 budget for this department stating that there was little change from Fiscal Year 2011.

City Clerk's Office. City Clerk Jeanne Schneider presented the Fiscal Year 2012 budget for this department.

Cable TV Division. Cable TV Coordinator Craig Nowack presented the Fiscal Year 2012 budget for this department and provided a video presentation of the Division's activities.

There being no further business, upon motion the City Council adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

/s/Jeanne F. Schneider, CMC
City Clerk

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