

**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 24, 2011 in the Historic Federal Building.

Present: Mayor Buol, Council Members Braig, Connors, Jones, Lynch, Resnick, City Manager 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 departments/divisions: Emergency Communications Division, Emergency Management Division, Fire Department, Police Department, and Building Services Department. City Council had discussion with staff following each presentation.

Emergency Communications Division: Emergency Communications Manager Mark Murphy introduced staff and presented the Fiscal Year 2012 budget for this division.

Emergency Management Division: Emergency Management Division Manager Tom Berger presented the Fiscal Year 2012 budget for this division. Responding to questions from City Council, Berger stated that 24 hours of continuing education is budgeted and described the National Weather Service Weather Spotter Training.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Dan Brown introduced staff and presented the Fiscal Year 2012 budget for this department. Connors questioned improvement package 2 related to battery-powered LED lighting. Responding to questions from City Council, Brown stated that firefighters currently use portable hand-held light devices with a generator for light, described efforts being taking within the community to increase installation of smoke alarms, and added that the department's bill collection service is directly related to uncollected ambulance fees. Brown will reconsider again conducting open houses at the neighborhood fire stations.

Police Department: Police Chief Mark Dalsing introduced staff and presented the Fiscal Year 2012 budget for this department. Braig questioned improvement package 2, favoring the requested increase in clerical staff to assist officers in preparing reports. Dalsing explained the beer and cigarette compliance process with respect to adults purchasing for minors.

Building Services Department. Building Inspector II Jerry Stoffel presented the Fiscal Year 2012 budget for this department.

There being no further business, upon motion the City Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

/s/Jeanne F. Schneider, CMC  
City Clerk