The Dubuque City Council met in special session at 6:30 p.m. on March 1, 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.

Public Hearing

Upon motion the rules were suspended allowing anyone present to address the City Council.

2011 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan: Community Development Specialist Aggie Tauke introduced members of the Community Development Advisory Commission and presented the Community Development Block Grant Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Action Plan and budget. CDAC Vice Chairperson Ann Michalski stated that community development programs are seriously at risk at the federal level adding that these programs have a large impact on the community.

Upon motion the rules were reinstated limiting discussion to the City Council.

Departmental Budget Review

Fiscal Year 2012 Departmental Budgets were presented by staff from the following departments: Housing and Community Development Department, Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Finance Department, and the Dubuque Regional Airport.

Housing and Community Development: Housing and Community Development Director David Harris presented the Fiscal Year 2012 budget for this department. Responding to questions from City Council, Mr. Harris and Assisted Housing Supervisor Janet Walker stated that efforts are being made to meet the goal of 900 Section 8 housing vouchers; the majority of graduates from the Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’-by World” program stay in Dubuque; and the goal for the Family Self-Sufficiency program is 75 as required for HUD funding.

Carnegie-Stout Public Library: Library Director Susan Henricks introduced Library Board of Trustees members and staff and presented the Fiscal Year 2012 budget for this department. Ms. Henricks clarified some of the outstanding construction issues related to the recent Library renovation.
Finance Department: Finance Director Ken TeKippe introduced staff and presented the Fiscal Year 2012 budget for this department. Braig addressed improvement package 3 regarding the pro-rating of benefits for part-time finance positions.

Dubuque Regional Airport: Acting Airport Manager Todd Dalsing introduced Airport Commission members and staff and presented the Fiscal Year 2012 budget for this department on behalf of Airport Manager Robert Grierson who is currently on military deployment. Responding to questions from City Council, Mr. Dalsing stated that the new passenger terminal is expected to be completed in 2016 and the old terminal will be rented out.

Closed Session

Motion by Jones to go into closed session at 8:34 p.m. regarding pending litigation pursuant to Chapter 21.5(1)(c) Code of Iowa. Seconded by Braig. Motion carried 6-0.

Upon motion the City Council reconvened in open session at 10:16 p.m.

Motion by Braig to approve the proposed settlement agreement of Port of Dubuque Public Parking Facility Lawsuit. Seconded by Jones. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business, upon motion the City Council adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

/s/ Jeanne F. Schneider, CMC
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