

**CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
SPECIAL SESSION**

Council met in special session at 6:30 p.m. on February 23, 2012 in the Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Jones, Council Members Braig, Connors, Lynch, Resnick, Sutton; City Manager Van Milligen

Absent: Mayor Buol

Mayor Pro-Tem Jones read the call and stated that this is a special session of the City Council called for the purpose of discussing various City departmental Fiscal Year 2013 budgets.

**Departmental Budget Review**

Fiscal Year 2013 Departmental Budgets were presented by staff from the following City departments:

- Water Department – Bob Green, Water Plant Manager
- Water & Resource Recovery Center: Jonathon Brown, W&RRC Manager
- Public Works: Don Vogt, Public Works Director
- Transit Division: Barbara Morck, Transit Manager

City Council had discussion with staff following each presentation. Carla Heathcote, 2529 Stafford Street, inquired as to why there are budget increases tied to wages, when are incremental increases in utility fees prompted by such projects as the W&RRC renovation projected to decrease, and if the City has looked at longer-term loan financing as a way to prevent fee increases. Ms. Heathcote also asked for clarification on the nine percent refuse fee increase. City Manager Van Milligen stated that projected utility fee increases are anticipated to decrease after project debts are retired. He added that employee wages (bargaining and non-bargaining) were frozen in the last fiscal year and the recommended 2.5 percent increase is a result of union collective bargaining. Resource Management Supervisor Paul Schultz provided information on the refuse increase being tied to future vehicle purchases for the department. Sustainability Coordinator Cori Burbach stated that the request for a new sustainability position to be blended with Public Works and is expected to earn revenue for the City.

There being no further business, upon motion the City Council adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

/s/Kevin S. Firnstahl  
City Clerk