

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

The Dubuque City Council met in special session at 6:30 p.m. on February 29, 2012 in the Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Present: Mayor Buol; Council Members Braig, Connors, Jones, Lynch, Resnick, Sutton; City Manager Van Milligen, City Attorney Lindahl (left at 6:43 p.m.)

Mayor Buol read the call and stated this is a special session of the City Council to act upon such matters that may properly come before the City Council.

**ACTION ITEM**

State Revolving Fund – 28E Agreement for Secondary Funding: City Manager recommending adoption of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the attached 28E agreement with the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District for the purpose of implementing water resource restoration projects. Motion by Jones to receive and file the documents and adopt Resolution No. 59-12 Authorizing the execution of a 28E Agreement with the Dubuque Soil and Water Conservation District regarding the implementation of water resource restoration projects. Seconded by Braig. Motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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

Fiscal Year 2013 Community Development Block Grant; Annual Action Plan: Community Development Specialist Aggie Tauke provided a slide presentation on the purpose, programs and funding of the Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan.

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

**FISCAL YEAR 2013 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS**

Fiscal Year 2013 City departmental budgets were presented by staff from the following departments:

- Housing and Community Development Department: David Harris, Housing and Community Development Director; Aggie Tauke, Community Development Specialist, and Kim Glaser, Lead Paint Assistant
- Economic Development: Dave Heiar, Economic Development Director, and Aaron DeJong, Asst. Economic Development Director
- Parking Division: Tim Horsfield, Parking System Supervisor

- Engineering Department: Gus Psihoyos, City Engineer; Deron Muehring, Civil Engineer

City Council had discussion with staff after each presentation. Following the Economic Development presentation, Loras Pape, owner of Art Pape Transfer, 1080 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, expressed his frustration over increased taxes and fees that are adversely impacting many small, local businesses that have existed in the community for years including his own. Mr. Pape also expressed his opposition to using business incentives to attract new businesses when older, established businesses are struggling. Greater Dubuque Development Corporation Rick Dickinson commended the Council and city staff and stated that many incentives also go into reinvestment of existing businesses. Following the Engineering presentation, Karla Heathcote, 2529 Stafford Street, expressed her concern over the feasibility of the Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project and its budget, stormwater utility fee increases, and city indebtedness. John O'Connor, 1070 Arrowhead Drive, speaking on behalf of Gay Holidman of 1094 Arrowhead Drive, asked the Council to address within the budget a stormwater drain issue below Ms. Holidman's property that collects storm water for 15-19 acres and is causing her repeated flooding problems and property damage.

There being no further business, upon motion the City Council adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

/s/Kevin S. Firnstahl  
City Clerk