

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

The Dubuque City Council met in special session at 5:00 p.m. on October 24, 2016 at 420 Garfield Avenue Parking Lot.

Present: Mayor Buol; Council Members Del Toro, Jones, Lynch, Resnick; City Manager Van Milligen

Excused: Council Members Connors and Rios; City Attorney Brumwell

Mayor Buol read the call and stated this is a special session of the City Council called for the purpose of conducting a work session / walking tour of Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project.

**WORK SESSION
Walking Tour of the Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project**

City Engineer Deron Muehring and Project Manager Steve Brown conducted a walking tour with the City Council of the Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project. The tour began at the parking lot at 420 Garfield Avenue and continued along the project ending at 24th Street. Topics included: a description of the box culverts under the railroad, existing/old channel under Pine Street; placement of fish habitat structures, bio-fields/swales; final creek bed dredging and finishing, landscaping and low-maintenance grass selections; flood warning indicators/signage, description of the limestone coating and gravel epoxy; storm water management planned at additional intersections; Heritage Trailhead parking area and off-street parking designs and availability; green spaces and meadow; amphitheater feature and associated grant procurement; geothermal discharge from Audubon School component and benefit; construction staging areas; and the association with the Comiskey Park master plan.

Mr. Muerhing stated that when complete, the trail loop from Garfield Avenue to 24th Street will be about one mile. The bike trail currently will bypass the railroad on the south end of the project to reconnect with the Lower Bee Branch trail at 16th Street. The project is expected to be completed in late spring 2017 with a ribbon cutting tentatively around June 2017.

There being no further business, upon motion the City Council adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

/s/Kevin S. Firnstahl, CMC
City Clerk