The Dubuque City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on October 2, 2017 in the Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th Street.

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

Mayor Buol read the call and stated this is a regular session of the City Council called for the purpose of conducting such business that may properly come before the City Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION(S)

Musical Performance: Prior to the meeting, the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission facilitated a brief musical performance in commemoration of Arts and Humanities Month.

PROCLAMATION(S)

1. Arts and Humanities Month (October 2017) was accepted by Ellen Henkels, David Schmitz, Gina Siegert, and Ali Levasseur of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission.

2. Make a Will Month (October 2017) was accepted by Susan Henricks and Ric Jones of the Make a Will Committee.

3. Trick-or-Treat Night (October 31, 2017) was accepted by Mayor Buol.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Lynch to receive and file the documents, adopt the resolutions, and dispose of as indicated. Seconded by Connors. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Minutes and Reports Submitted: City Council Proceedings of 9/18 (revised); Civil Service Commission of 9/11; Sister City Relationships Advisory Commission of 9/20; Proof of Publication for City Council Proceedings of 9/5, 9/6, 9/11. Upon motion the documents were received and filed.

2. Notice of Claims and Suits: Michael and Vi Elliott for property damage, Heidi Goin for property damage, Sue Manternach for vehicle damage, Kelly Jean Merz for personal injury, Joseph Reisdorf for personal injury, Aaron and Ashley Skrocki for property
damage, Sydney Stewart for loss of property, Jade Wiegel for vehicle damage. Upon motion the documents were received, filed, and referred to the City Attorney.

3. Disposition of Claims: City Attorney advising that the following claims have been referred to Public Entity Risk Services of Iowa, the agent for the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool: Heidi Goin for property damage, Sue Manternach for vehicle damage, Kelly Merz for personal injury, Joseph Reisdorf for personal injury, Sydney Stewart for property loss, Jade Wiegel for vehicle damage. Upon motion the documents were received, filed, and concurred.

4. Bee Branch Healthy Homes Resiliency Program Brochure: City Manager transmitting the public information brochure for the Bee Branch Healthy Homes Resiliency Program that provides forgivable loans for housing repairs and renovations. Upon motion the document was received and filed.

5. Adoption of South Port of Dubuque Brownfield Area Wide Use Plan: City Manager recommending adoption of the South Port Area Wide Use Plan that is funded by an EPA Brownfields Planning Grant. Upon motion the documents were received and filed and Resolution No. 326-17 Adopting the South Port of Dubuque Brownfield Area Wide Use Plan was adopted.

6. 2019 Iowa DOT ICAAP Application for STREETS Improvements: City Manager recommending approval to submit an application in partnership with Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS) for an Iowa Department of Transportation Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) application to assist with funding Smart Traffic Routing with Efficient and Effective Traffic Signals (STREETS) improvements. Upon motion the documents were received and filed and Resolution No. 327-17 Authorizing the filing of an Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program Application with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT) in partnership with Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS) to assist with the funding of Smart Traffic Routing with Efficient and Effective Traffic Signals (STREETS) Improvements was adopted.

7. Administrative Services Agreement - Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa of Iowa: City Manager approval of an agreement with Wellmark BCBS of Iowa for medical plan and stop loss insurance coverage effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, and City Council authorization for the City Manager to sign the agreement. Upon motion the documents were received, filed and approved.

8. Lead & Healthy Homes Contract with VNA and Dubuque County Board of Health: City Manager recommending approval of a contract with the Dubuque County Board of Health and the Iowa Department of Public Health for continued funding of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, and a renewed agreement with the Visiting Nurse Association for services related to the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and Healthy Homes Program. Upon motion the documents were received, filed and approved.
9. Water Main Utility Grant of Easement for Westside Water System Improvements Project: City Manager recommending acceptance of a Grant of Easement for Water Main Utility across the Jessica and Cory Kramer property located at 14561 Forest Ridge Drive as part of the Westside Water System Improvements 2017: Contract C HWY 20 Water Main Extension. Upon motion the documents were received and filed and Resolution No. 328-17 Accepting a grant of Easement for Water Main Utility through, over and across part of Lot 1 of Forest Ridge Estates Third Addition, Dubuque County, Iowa was adopted.

10. 2017 Asphalt Overlay Access Ramp Project Two Acceptance: City Manager recommending acceptance of the construction contract for the 2017 Asphalt Overlay Access Ramp Project Two, as completed by Dan Arensdorf Construction. Upon motion the documents were received and filed and Resolution No. 329-17 Accepting the 2017 Asphalt Overlay Access Ramps Project Two and Authorizing the payment of the contract amount to the contractor was adopted.

11. Letter of Support for Redevelopment of Rouse and Dean Foundry Building: City Manager providing a letter of support for the Redevelopment of Rouse and Dean Foundry Building located at 990 Washington Street. Upon motion the document was received and filed.

12. Public Sidewalk Repair Assessment: City Manager recommending approval of a Resolution establishing the final assessments for the sidewalk repairs in the City right-of-way. Upon motion the documents were received and filed and Resolution No. 330-17 Adopting the Final Assessment Schedule - Sidewalk Repair was adopted.

13. Civil Service Commission - Certified List: Civil Service Commission submitting the Certified List for the position of Water Distribution Maintenance Worker. Upon motion the document was received, filed and made a Matter of Record.

14. ICAAP Grant Submission by DJMP Engine Solutions on behalf of Newt Marine Services: City Manager approval of the submission of Iowa Clean Air Attainment Grant by DJMP Engine Solutions on behalf of Newt Marine Services. Upon motion the documents were received and filed and Resolution No. 331-17 Authorizing the filing of an Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program Application with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT) with sponsorship provided by the City of Dubuque to assist with funding of EPA Certified Towboat Engines that will reduce carbon emissions and improve regional air quality was adopted.

15. Alcohol License Applications: City Manager recommending approval of annual beer, liquor and wine licenses as submitted. Upon motion the documents were received and filed and Resolution No. 332-17 Approving applications for beer, liquor, and/or wine permits, as required by City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances Title 4 Business and License Regulations, Chapter 2 Liquor Control, Article B Liquor, Beer and Wine Licenses and Permits was adopted.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS
Applicants were invited to address the City Council regarding their appointment to the following Boards/Commissions.

1. Housing Commission: One, 3-year term through August 17, 2020 (Expired term of Eudaley). Applicant: Amy Eudaley, 950 Wood St. Ms. Eudaley spoke in support of her appointment and provided a brief biography.

2. Human Rights Commission: One, 3-year term through January 1, 2018 (Vacant term of Templeton Vaughn); and one, 3-year term through January 1, 2019 (Vacant term of Fisher). Applicants: Nicole Borovic, 3163 Hillcrest Rd; Gerald Hammel Jr., 1225 ½ Rhomberg Ave.; and Ashley Melchert, 1265 Thomas Pl.

Appointments were made to the following boards/commissions.

3. Historic Preservation Commission: Two, 3-year terms through July 1, 2020 (Expired terms of Klavitter and McAndrews). Applicants: David Klavitter, 1090 West 3rd St. (Qualifies for Langworthy District); and John McAndrews, 350 West 1st St. (Qualifies for Cathedral District). Motion by Lynch to appoint Mr. Klavitter and Mr. McAndrews to 3-year terms through July 1, 2020. Seconded by Connors. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Housing Commission: One, 3-year term through August 17, 2019 (Vacant term of Wall). Applicant: Nicole Borovic, 3163 Hillcrest Rd. Motion by Connors to appoint Ms. Borovic to the remainder of a 3-year term through August 17, 2019. Seconded by Resnick. Motion carried 7-0.

5. Zoning Advisory Commission: Two, 3-year terms through July 1, 2020 (Expiring terms of Baumhover and Henschel). Applicants: Steve Baumhover, 2084 Rosemont St.; and Thomas Henschel, 932 June Dr. Motion by Connors to appoint Mr. Baumhover and Mr. Henschel to 3-year terms through July 1, 2020. Seconded by Resnick. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Residential Parking Permit Amendment District C and District E: Proof of publication on notice of public hearing to consider an amendment to the Saint Ambrose Street Residential Parking Permit District C, which would add both sides of Saint Ambrose Street from Clarke Drive to Sunnyview Drive, and an amendment to the Auburn Street Residential Parking Permit District E, which would add both sides of Auburn Street, from North Grandview Avenue to Dexter Street and the City Manager recommending approval. Motion by Jones to receive and file the documents and that the requirement that a proposed ordinance be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be passed be suspended. Seconded by Del Toro. Motion carried 7-0.

   Motion by Jones for final consideration and passage of Ordinance No. 42-17 Amending City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances Title 9 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 14
Parking, Division 7 Residential Parking Permit Program, Section 9-14-321.735 Residential Parking Permit District C and Section 9-14-321.737 Residential Parking Permit District E. Seconded by Del Toro. Motion carried 7-0.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Greater Dubuque Development Corporation - Quarterly Update: President and CEO Rick Dickinson presented the quarterly update on the activities of the Greater Dubuque Development Corporation. Topics included the recent groundbreaking for the new Flexsteel Industries, Inc. facility; Director of Marketing Emily Graves receiving an award for the 2020 Campaign brochure; Workforce Solutions Coordinator Mandi Mohr and Vice President of Existing Businesses Dan McDonald presentation at a conference about software that provides for contacting and connecting with businesses, Heartland Financial, Inc.’s current buildout in the Roshek Building; work with existing business continues; progress on the Four Pillars of Action program; partnerships; and reconstituting the Washington Neighborhood Association as part of the True North Program. Mr. Dickinson thanked the citizens and City staff for their support. Motion by Lynch to receive and file the information. Seconded by Resnick. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Alliant Energy Smart Meters: Alliant Energy Key Account Manager Craig Clefisch and Dubuque Operations Manager Ken Anthony gave a verbal report on Alliant Energy’s plans to upgrade residential and small business electric meters in Dubuque to smart meters. Topics included the mailing of informational postcards to residents; door cards will be distributed if contractors need to access the residence; meters will be changed out in accordance with current meter reading routes; a pilot program of 250 meters changed out will assist in verification of meter information; uninterrupted meter reading is expected during the change out; the meter will alert for power outages and tampering; future customer portals and adapting to rate structures. Alliant has coordinated with the Police Department regarding contractors working in neighborhoods. Mr. Clefisch stated that residents should watch for appropriate identification and attire of legitimate contractors on their property or approaching them. Responding to questions from the City Council regarding health concerns with exposure to the frequency output of the meters, the presenters stated that data is transmitted once per hour and the exposure is less than that of a cell phone according to a World Health Organization study. Motion by Lynch to receive and file the information. Seconded by Connors. Motion carried 6-1 with Del Toro voting nay.

3. SRF Rate Reset and Reissuance for 2007 Water Revenue Capital Loan: City Manager recommending approval of an amendment to the City Water Revenue Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Agreement entered into as of October 18, 2007. Motion by Connors to receive and file the documents and adopt Resolution No. 333-17 Approving and authorizing an Amendment to Loan and Disbursement Agreement by and between the City of Dubuque and the Iowa Finance Authority, and Authorizing and providing for the reissuance of the $571,000 Water Revenue Capital Loan Note, Series 2017 (2007 – Rate Reset), of the City. Seconded by Lynch. Motion carried 7-0.
4. Request for Work Session - Quarterly Sustainable Dubuque Work Session: The City Manager recommending that the City Council schedule a Sustainable Dubuque Quarterly Work Session for Monday, November 13, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Connors to set the work session as recommended. Seconded by Resnick. Motion carried 7-0.

5. Southwest Arterial Construction Update Video: Cable TV Division will show a video of the recent progress of the Southwest Arterial Project. Motion by Lynch to receive and file the information. Seconded by Jones. Motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council Member Connors reported on the recent Fireball Run event and its Dubuque Team stating that she received very positive feedback about Dubuque from participants and visitors associated with the event.

Council Member Jones added that Ms. Connors received kudos following presentation of the proclamation commemorating the event. Mr. Jones referenced the mission of the event to successfully locate missing children, and that he'll have a flag signed by the event participants at the next Council meeting to be presented to the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

There being no further business, upon motion the City Council adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

/s/Kevin S. Firnstahl, CMC
City Clerk

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