

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

The Dubuque City Council met in special session at 6:00 p.m. February 25, 2019 in the Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Present: Mayor Buol, Council Members Del Toro, Jones, Larson, Resnick, Rios; Shaw; 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 Fiscal Year 2020 budgets.

**FISCAL YEAR 2020 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW**

Fiscal Year 2020 City departmental budgets were presented by staff from the following departments:

1. Emergency Management: Tom Berger, Emergency Management Coordinator
2. Emergency Communications: Mark Murphy, Emergency Communications Manager
3. Police Department: Mark Dalsing, Police Chief
4. Fire Department: Rick Steines, Fire Chief
5. Building Services: Dave Johnson, Building Services Manager

The City Council had discussion with the presenters following their respective presentations. Police Chief Mark Dalsing responded to questions regarding the differences between traffic and surveillance cameras with respect to law enforcement purposes and personal privacy. Mr. Dalsing also addressed the timing of filling officer openings created when officers are moved to School Resource Officer positions stating that replacement officers are trained and employed first before the vacancy is created when an officer moves to a SRO.

Fire Chief Rick Steines addressed the future concept of a west-end fire station construction and how data is being collected with respect to informing the project.

Building Services Manager Dave Johnson addressed the issue of requiring fire sprinkler systems in residential construction stating that it is being vetted and discussed with stakeholders.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Following the Police Department presentation, Nino Erba, 1505 Fairview Pl., questioned if the Police Department's budget is being expended responsibly and referenced incidents of police brutality in other cities. Following the Fire Department presentation, Mr. Erba spoke in support of increasing the Department's budget in preparation for a future, west-end station.

There being no further business, upon motion the City Council adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

/s/Kevin S. Firnstahl, CMC  
City Clerk