

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

The Dubuque City Council met in special session at 6:00 p.m. on February 27, 2019 in the Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

1. Water Department: Denise Blakeley-Ihrig, Water Department Manager
2. Water & Resource Recovery Center: Willie O'Brien, W&RRC Manager
3. Public Works Department: John Klostermann, Public Works Director; and Anderson Sainci, Resource Management Coordinator
4. Engineering Department: Gust Psihoyos, City Engineer; Deron Muehring, Civil Engineer (Stormwater); Jon Dienst, Civil Engineer (Street Construction); Bob Schiesl, Assistant City Engineer (SW Arterial); Steve Brown, Project Manager (Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project); John Klosterman, Public Works Director; and Willie O'Brien, W&RRC Manager (Sustainability Projects).

The City Council had discussion with staff following their respective presentations. Ms. Blakeley-Ihrig reported on the replacement procedures for the smart water meters that are aging out. Responding to questions regarding assistance with utility bills, City Manager Van Milligen reported that the City contributes to a general assistance fund through Dubuque County. Mr. O'Brien and City Manager Van Milligen reported on the generated revenue for the City and cost savings to vendors on the high-strength waste storage program at the W&RRC as well as the proper disposal of pharmaceuticals. Mr. Klostermann reported on the blended maintenance work for parking ramps and surface lots between Public Works, Leisure Services and Transportation Services Departments. Mr. Psihoyos reported on the effect the Transfer of Jurisdiction with the IDOT related to the SW Arterial will have on the NW Arterial/IA 32 maintenance and intersection improvements.

Mayor Buol called for public input following each presentation and reminded citizens that the final budget hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Historic Federal Building.

There being no further business, upon motion the City Council adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

/s/Kevin S. Firnstahl, CMC
City Clerk