

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

The Dubuque City Council met in special session at 6:00 p.m. on September 8, 2025, in the Dubuque Law Enforcement Center, 770 Iowa Street.

Present: Mayor Cavanagh; Council Members Farber (arrived at 6:37 p.m.), Jones, Resnick, Roussell, Sprank, Wethal; City Manager Van Milligen, City Attorney Brumwell.

Mayor Cavanagh read the call and stated this is a special session of the City Council called for the purpose of conducting a work session on the Precision Policing Center.

**WORK SESSION
Precision Policing Center**

Police Captains Luke Bock and Scott Baxter made a presentation on the Precision Policing Center (PPC). As part of their presentation, Police Officer Ethan Lembke conducted a live drone demonstration. In response to questions, Bock and Police Chief Jeremy Jensen confirmed that the Police Department collaborates with the Fire Department to deploy drones during fire-related incidents. Separately, within police operations, drones are commonly used for traffic accidents, foot pursuits, navigating difficult terrain, capturing aerial imagery of crime scenes near bluffs, and identifying train blockages. Jensen noted that drones are currently the fastest-growing technology in law enforcement. They also addressed questions regarding drone battery life, flight range, and federal regulatory constraints. Baxter clarified that police camera footage is used strictly for internal purposes and that officers are notified if another officer intends to live stream body camera footage. Following the presentation and questions, staff led a tour of the PPC facility.

After the tour, Crime and Intelligence Analyst Samantah Schueller and PPC Technicians Beth Beaves, Zach Steger, and Alex Riniker presented on their roles and operations. Bock confirmed that the department can track time spent on calls for service to evaluate the impact of Schueller's work. Both Bock and Jensen stated that the data collected helps identify repeat crime locations and emerging trends. Jensen stated that while the PPC may not directly influence police officer recruitment, current officers have been impressed with its outcomes. He also confirmed that the City's automated license plate reader system, Flock, is used exclusively for criminal investigations. City Council Members commended the PPC's operational efficiencies and praised the staff's support of frontline officers. They also expressed appreciation for the collaborative approach and noted that they look forward to the additional efficiencies that will be identified over time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Cavanagh declared the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

/s/Adrienne N. Breitfelder, CMC
City Clerk