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

The Dubuque City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on October 6, 2025, in the second-floor Council Chambers of the Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th Street.

Present: Mayor Cavanagh; Council Members Farber, Jones, Resnick, Roussell, Sprank, Wethal; City Manager Van Milligen, City Attorney Brumwell.

Mayor Cavanagh 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

## PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor of the Year Award Recognition: Iowa League of Cities Director Alan Kemp recognized Mayor Brad Cavanagh for recently being named Mayor of the Year in the over 10,000 in population category by the Iowa Mayors Association

2. 2025 Rising Star Award Recognition: Telegraph Herald (TH) Features Editor Megan Gloss recognized Community Impact Director Antonia Mouzon for being selected as a 2025 TH Media Rising Star. A video highlighting the recognition was also played.

3. Recognition of Airport Commissioner for 30 Years of Service: Airport Director Todd Dalsing recognized former Airport Commissioner Doug Brotherton for his 30 years of service on the Airport Commission. Brotherton retired from the commission in September of 2025.

## PROCLAMATIONS

1. Indigenous Peoples' Day (October 13, 2025) was accepted by Ann DeNicole, BVM, Suzanne Gallagher, PVBM, Dave Heiar, Franciscan Associate, and several others in attendance, on behalf of the Sisters of St. Francis, Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

2. Trick or Treat Night (October 31, 2025) was accepted by Mayor Cavanagh on behalf of the City of Dubuque.

## CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes and Reports Submitted: City Council Proceedings of September 8, 15, 22, 23, and 25, 2025; Building Code Advisory and Appeals Board Minutes of March 22 and April 6, 2023; Historic Preservation Commission of August 21, 2025; Human Rights Commission of August 12, August 29, and September 4, 2025; Board of Library Trustees Update of August 28, 2025; Park and Recreation Advisory Commission of August 12, 2025; Transit Advisory Board of April 10, 2025; Zoning Advisory Commission of September 3, 2025; Zoning Board of Adjustment of August 28, 2025; Proof of

publication of City Council Proceedings of August 27, September 2, and September 4, 2025. Upon motion the documents were received and filed.

2. Notice of Claims and Suits: Kelsey Bhatia for property damage; Joseph Jenkins for property damage; Mik Kalloway for vehicle damage; Lillian and Jacob Ludlow for vehicle damage; Martin Wing for property and vehicle damage. Upon motion the documents were received, filed, and referred to the City Attorney.

3. Approval of City Expenditures: Upon motion the documents were received and filed, and Resolution No. 311-25 Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer to make certain payments of bills that must be paid and approved for payment in accordance with City procedures was adopted.

4. Request to Change Human Resources Employment Specialist position status from Part-Time to Full-Time: Upon motion the documents were received, filed, and approved.

5. Resilient Community Advisory Commission Input on Dubuque Area Land and Water Legacy (DALWL) Recommendations: Resilient Community Advisory Commission providing a letter to the City Council outlining their input on the recommendations presented by the DALWL group in the document titled “Recommendations for Dubuque City Council, Parks & Recreation Master Plan and Envision 2030." Upon motion the documents were received and filed.

6. Proposed Conduit Facilities Agreement between the City of Dubuque and Uniti: City Manager recommending City Council approval of a Conduit Facilities Agreement between the City and Uniti (and its subsidiary McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services LLC) to allow the two entities to share conduit and telecommunications equipment in order to reduce costs and improve services in the City of Dubuque. Upon motion the documents were received, filed, and approved.

7. Acceptance of Grant of Easement for Sanitary Sewer Utility across Molo Oil Company Property at 150 Cedar Cross Road in Dubuque: City Manager recommending City Council accept a grant of easement for sanitary sewer utility from Molo Oil Company for a public sanitary sewer extension across Part of Lot 1-2 of Mineral Lot 230 and Lot 1-3-3 of Mineral Lot 231, in the City of Dubuque, Iowa, as part of the adjacent Joel Callahan (CCI5, LLC) apartment complex development on Cedar Cross Road. Upon motion the documents were received and filed, and Resolution No. 312-25 Accepting a Grant of Easement for Sanitary Sewer Utility Through, Under, and Across Part of Lot 1-2 Of Mineral Lot 230 And Lot 1-3-3 of Mineral Lot 231, in the City of Dubuque, Iowa was adopted.

8. Updated Handout - New Housing Creation: Upon motion the documents were received and filed.

9. November/December 2025 City News Newsletter: Upon motion the documents were received and filed.

10. Approving a Second Amendment to Development Agreement by and between the City of Dubuque, Iowa and Millwork Flats, L.L.C. for Redevelopment of Property at 1065 Jackson Street: Upon motion the documents were received and filed, and Resolution No. 313-25 Approving the Second Amendment to Development Agreement by and Between the City of Dubuque, Iowa and Millwork Flats, L.L.C. was adopted.

11. Project Based Voucher Contract Renewal with The Rose of Dubuque: Upon motion the documents were received and filed, and Resolution No. 314-25 Approving a Renewal Contract

Agreement Between the city of Dubuque and the Rose of Dubuque L.P. For The Project Based Voucher Program was adopted.

12. Approval of Five Flags Civic Center Management Agreement Second Amendment: Upon motion the documents were received, filed, and approved.

13. Improvement Contracts / Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bonds: Eastern Iowa Excavating and Concrete, LLC for the Rustic Point Park Development Project. Upon motion the documents were received, filed, and approved.

14. Signed Contract(s): Ahmann's Lawn Care, Inc. for Lawn Care; All Seasons Heating & Cooling for Various Heating & Cooling at 6 fire stations; Biechler Electric Inc. for Various electrical maintenance at 6 fire stations; Bohr Custom Curbing for the Bunker Hill Clubhouse Landscaping Project; Brecke Mechanical Contractors for General heating and plumbing maintenance work; Dave Hinz Construction, Inc. for the 3rd & Main St. Chamber Patio Exterior Patio Railing Repairs; Dinges Fire Company for Various maintenance to turn out gear and other fire equipment; Lease Agreement with Dubuque County for certain rooms in the Federal Building; Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association for the Healthy Homes Grant Program; Elevated Landwrx for Mowing Contract – NW Arterial Right-A-Way; Floor Show Corporation for Carpet removal & installation of new carpet at Fire Headquarters; Gansen Excavating for the 12704 John F. Kennedy Slope Stabilization; Geisler Brothers Co. for the 3rd & Main St. Chamber Patio Exterior Patio Waterproofing Membrane; Giese Sheet Metal Co Inc. for General heating & cooling maintenance at 6 fire stations; Green Valley Landscaping, LLC for Brush Mowing – Site Restoration Work Related to Storm Water and Detention; Hillcrest Family Services for use of Louis Murphy Park; Vaccination Agreement with Hy-Vee; Lovely City, LLC for Playground Replacement and Engagement – Murphy Park, Madison Park, Jefferson Park and Gay Park; Manders Quality Concrete for the 3rd & Main St. Chamber Patio Exterior Patio Concrete Replacement; Midwest Injection, Inc for the Terminal Street Lift Station Bypass Pumping; Lease Agreement with Neztrop, LLC; Overhead Door Company for Various maintenance on overhead doors at various 6 fire stations; Paulson Electric for Electrical Work; Schadl Inc. DBA: Mr. Rooter Plumbing for Various plumbing maintenance at 6 fire stations; Tri-State Porta Potty Inc. for Port- A Potties; Westphal & Company, Inc. DBA: Globalcom Technologies for Maintenance on door access card readers at 6 fire stations. Upon motion the documents were received and filed.

15. Iowa Department of Transportation Bridge Repairs Project Notification: Correspondence from Jesse Tibodeau, Assistant District Engineer with the Iowa Department of Transportation, notifying the City Council of bridge repairs on US-20 over the Mississippi River in Dubuque. Upon motion the documents were received and filed.

16. Request-ImOn Arena Used Generator Equipment Purchase: City Manager recommending City Council approval to purchase a used 1.5 megawatt (MW) generator for the ImOn Arena, disconnection, moving, and reinstallation of the generator for a total of $225,000. Upon motion the documents were received, filed, and approved.

17. Approval of Retail Tobacco, Tobacco Products, Alternative Nicotine Products, Vapor Products, and Device Permit Applications: Upon motion the documents were received and filed, and Resolution No. 315-25 Approving Applications for Retail Tobacco, Tobacco Products, Alternative Nicotine Products, Vapor Products, and Device Permits, as Required by Iowa Code 453A.47A and 453E.3 was adopted.

## ITEMS SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Roussell to receive and file the documents, adopt the resolutions, and set the public hearings as indicated. Seconded by Sprank. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Resolution Setting a Public Hearing on a Proposed Development Agreement by and between the City of Dubuque, Iowa and Hitzler Rental, LLC Providing for the Issuance of Urban Renewal Tax Increment Revenue Grant Obligations Pursuant to the Development Agreement: Upon motion the documents were received and filed and Resolution No. 316-25 Fixing the Date for a Public Hearing of the City Council of the city of Dubuque, Iowa on a Development Agreement by and between the city of Dubuque, Iowa and Hitzler Rental, LLC, Including the Proposed Issuance of Urban Renewal Tax Increment Revenue Obligations Relating Thereto, And Providing for the Publication of Notice Thereof was adopted setting a public hearing for a meeting to commence at 6:30 p.m. on October 20, 2025 in the Historic Federal Building.

2. Resolution Setting a Public Hearing on a Proposed Development Agreement by and between the City of Dubuque, Iowa and Ned Oberbroeckling Providing for the Issuance of Urban Renewal Tax Increment Revenue Grant Obligations Pursuant to the Development Agreement: Upon motion the documents were received and filed and Resolution No. 317-25 Fixing the Date for a Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of Dubuque, Iowa on a Development Agreement by and Between the city of Dubuque, Iowa and Ned Oberbroeckling, Including the Proposed Issuance of Urban Renewal Tax Increment Revenue Obligations Relating Thereto, And Providing For The Publication Of Notice Thereof was adopted setting a public hearing for a meeting to commence at 6:30 p.m. on October 20, 2025 in the Historic Federal Building.

3. Resolution Setting a Public Hearing on a Proposed Development Agreement by and between the City of Dubuque, Iowa and 1248 Iowa St, LLC Providing for the Issuance of Urban Renewal Tax Increment Revenue Grant Obligations Pursuant to the Development Agreement: Upon motion the documents were received and filed and Resolution No. 318-25 Fixing the Date for a Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of Dubuque, Iowa on a Development Agreement by and between the city of Dubuque, Iowa and 1248 Iowa St, LLC, Including the Proposed Issuance of Urban Renewal Tax Increment Revenue Obligations Relating Thereto, and Providing for the Publication of Notice Thereof was adopted setting a public hearing for a meeting to commence at 6:30 p.m. on October 20, 2025 in the Historic Federal Building.

4. Eagle Point Water Treatment Plant Roof Rehabilitation Project - Initiate Public Bidding and Set the Public Hearing Date: Upon motion the documents were received and filed and Resolution No. 319-25 Eagle Point Water Treatment Plant Roof Rehabilitation Project: Preliminary Approval of Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, And Estimated Cost; Setting Date of Public Hearing on Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, And Estimated Cost; and Ordering the Advertisement for Bids was adopted setting a public hearing for a meeting to commence at 6:30 p.m. on October 20, 2025 in the Historic Federal Building.

5. Setting a Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2026 First Budget Amendment: Upon motion the documents were received and filed and Resolution No. 320-25 Setting the Date for the Public Hearing on Amendment No. 1 To The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the City of Dubuque was adopted setting a public hearing for a meeting to commence at 6:30 p.m. on October 20, 2025 in the Historic Federal Building.

6. Setting a Public Hearing on the Comiskey Park Environmental Covenant: Upon motion the documents were received and filed and Resolution No. 321-25 Setting a Public Hearing on the Iowa Land Recycling Program Environmental Covenant Between the City of Dubuque, Iowa and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources was adopted setting a public hearing for a meeting to commence at 6:30 p.m. on October 20, 2025 in the Historic Federal Building.

## BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

Appointments were made to the following boards/commissions.

1. Airport Commission: One, 4-Year term through September 14, 2029 (Expiring term of Brotherton). Applicant: Ron Vaughn, 2973 Castle Wood Ln. Motion by Jones to appoint Vaughn to the term. Seconded by Wethal. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Civil Service Commission: Two, 4-Year Terms through April 6, 2027 (Newly added seats, per Senate File 311, effective 8-16-25). Applicants Selected for Appointment by the Mayor: Julie Bockenstedt, 2475 Cherry St.; Otto Krueger, 2521 Wheatland Dr. Remaining Applicants: Barbara Liskey, 2763 Lamotte Dr.; Randall Ludwitz, 867 Barbaralee; Brian Neises, 1841 Phyllrich Dr.; Darcy VanOstrand, 1222 Lincoln Ave. Motion by Jones to appoint Bockenstedt to the term. Seconded by Resnick. Motion carried 7-0. Motion by Jones to appoint Krueger to the term. Seconded by Roussell. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Investment and Cash Management Oversight Advisory Commission: One, 3-Year term through July 1, 2028 (Vacant term of Merritt). Applicant: Daniel Scott, 2435 Kaufmann Ave. Motion by Sprank to appoint Scott to the term. Seconded by Farber. Motion carried 7-0.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Water System Improvements 2024 North English Road Water Main Extension Project – Public Hearing: State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan – Environmental Review: Motion by Roussell to receive and file the documents and adopt Resolution No. 322-25 State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan - Environmental Review – Water System Improvements 2024 North English Road Water Main Extension Project: Approval of an Environmental Review as Provided by SRF's Department of Natural Resources for the Water System Improvements 2024 North English Road Water Main Extension Project. Seconded by Sprank. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Proceedings for Public Hearing for the Issuance of Not to Exceed $2,330,000 Water Revenue Capital Loan Notes (State Revolving Loan Fund Program) North English Road Water Main: Motion by Sprank to receive and file the documents and adopt Resolution No. 323-25 Taking additional action on proposal to enter into a Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement. Seconded by Wethal. Council Members reiterated that this is an ongoing project and has therefore been the subject of prior discussions. In response to a question regarding the need to increase the water supply for the Southwest Arterial area, Van Milligen explained that the community is positioned to extend southwest. When the Southwest Arterial was constructed, the City developed plans, now being implemented, to extend water and sanitary sewer infrastructure to support future development in that area. Regarding financing, Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Larson noted that the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan carries a variable interest rate, currently estimated at 3.12% for the quarter. This rate is lower than that of general obligation bonds and involves reduced issuance fees, minimal bond counsel involvement, and no requirement to publish an official statement. Van Milligen stated that the planning and design

portion of the SRF loan is interest-free for three years and offers a significantly longer repayment term. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Resolution Approving a Development Agreement by and between the City of Dubuque, Iowa and Outfly Development, LLC providing for the Sale of City-owned Real Estate to Outfly Development, LLC and the Issuance of Urban Renewal Tax Increment Revenue Grant Obligations Pursuant to the Development Agreement: Motion by Roussell to receive and file the documents and adopt Resolution No. 324-25 Approving the Disposal of an Interest in City of Dubuque Real Estate by Sale to Outfly Development, LLC Pursuant to a Development Agreement by and Between the City of Dubuque, Iowa and Outfly Development, LLC Including the Issuance of Urban Renewal Tax Increment Revenue Grant Obligations to Outfly Development, LLC. Seconded by Wethal. City Council Members expressed appreciation to the Hodge Company for their investment in the industrial park and voiced support for holding the developer accountable as outlined in specific provisions of the Development Agreement. In response to a question regarding the City's obligation to complete sewer improvements necessary for accommodating more than 14 employees at the site, Van Milligen confirmed that the deadline aligns with the City's existing plans. He also clarified that the Developer's requirement to maintain 24 full-time employees on-site does not take effect until October 1, 2029, allowing for some flexibility. In response to a separate question, Van Milligen noted that the City supports industrial development and is willing to offer land discounts and tax increment financing (TIF) assistance when a developer invests in a project and creates at least 10 new jobs. He added that the current project involves the construction of a speculative (spec) building. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Resolution Adopting a Lake Ridge Urban Revitalization Plan: Motion by Jones to receive and file the documents and adopt Resolution No. 325-25 Approving the Urban Revitalization Plan for the Lake Ridge Urban Revitalization Area. Seconded by Wethal. Joey Callahan, of Callahan Construction, who purchased the property subject to the urban revitalization area, stated he was available to answer any questions. Council Members expressed appreciation to the Long Range Planning Advisory Commission for providing input and extended their thanks to the developer. Motion carried 7-0.

5. Public Hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the 2025 Water & Resource Recovery Center MCC Communications and PLC Upgrades Project: Motion by Wethal to receive and file the documents and adopt Resolution No. 326-25 Giving final approval to, and confirmation of, plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2025 Water & Resource Recovery Center MCC Communication and PLC Upgrades Project. Seconded by Jones. In response to a question, Van Milligen summarized the funding sources for the project. When asked whether the City would seek replacement damages related to the work, Brumwell explained that certain details are protected by attorney-client privilege and cannot be disclosed but confirmed that the City is exploring all available legal remedies. Motion carried 7-0.

## PUBLIC INPUT

Regarding Action Item No. 1, Clark Schloz, 2925 Burlington St.; Leonard Dress; and Matt Osterhaus, 2139 Wedgewood Dr., spoke in opposition to a taxpayer funded subsidy for Denver Air commercial air service. Rob McDonald, 3399 Eagle Point Dr., spoke in opposition to the process for the minimum revenue guarantee, citing that it was not part of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget deliberations. Rick Dickinson, 205 Hill St., President and CEO of Greater Dubuque Development Corporation (GDDC), expressed support for Action Item No. 1, emphasizing the critical role of air service in meeting the business needs of the community. Speaking in a personal capacity, Dickinson also expressed concern about the politicization of the issue and noted the competitive challenges Dubuque faces from Cedar

Rapids in attracting and retaining customers to its local airport. Anne Williams, 559 Chestnut St., also spoke in favor of Action Item No. 1, highlighting the benefits of using the Dubuque Regional Airport.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Commercial Air Service Minimum Revenue Guarantee: Motion by Jones to receive and file the documents and refer to City Council for discussion. Seconded by Farber. Airport Director Todd Dalsing made a presentation. City Council discussed the goal of making air service sustainable, emphasizing the need for additional time to work toward a sustainable model, and noted that if those efforts are unsuccessful, the City would have strong evidence to pursue inclusion in the Federal Essential Air Service (EAS) program. Dalsing confirmed that Dubuque is currently ineligible for the EAS program because it was not participating during the timeframe established under the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, having been self-sufficient at that time. Dalsing also shared that he recently gave a presentation to the Dubuque County Supervisors, who plan to hold further discussions to determine potential next steps. It was noted that the Mayors and City Managers of Dyersville and Platteville are supportive of Dubuque's air service efforts and intend to publicly express that support, though no financial commitments have been indicated. Council emphasized the necessity of maintaining local air service for community and economic growth, noting that once lost, such service would likely not return. It was mentioned that the best course of action is to focus on regaining eligibility and securing EAS support in the future. Motion amended by Jones to receive and file the documents and adopt the City Manager's recommendation to dedicate $2.4 million to a Minimum Revenue Guarantee for Denver Air Commercial Air Service for the current fiscal year through June 30, 2026, and an additional $100,000 to the marketing of that service. Seconded by Farber. Motion carried 6-1 with Sprank voting nay.

2. International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) Amendment Update: 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 Wethal. City Council expressed appreciation for the expertise and input provided by the Building Code Advisory and Appeals Board. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jones for final consideration and passage of Ordinance No. 38-25 Amending City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances Title 14 Building and Development, Chapter 1 Building Codes, Article J Property Maintenance Code, Section 14-1J-2 International Property Maintenance Code Amendments. Seconded by Wethal. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Request for City Council Ratification of the Second Amendment to the Dubuque Police Protective Association (DPPA) July 1, 2024, CBA: Motion by Jones to receive and file the documents and approve the Second Amendment to the Dubuque Police Protective Association (DPPA) July 1, 2024, CBA. Seconded by Sprank. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Award of Construction Contract Water System Improvements 2024 North English Road Water Main Extension Project: Motion by Roussell to receive and file the documents and adopt Resolution No. 327-25 Awarding contract for the North English Road Water Main Extension Project. Seconded by Wethal. When asked whether the resolution was included with the agenda item, Brumwell verified that the resolution, prepared by bond counsel Dorsey and Whitney, was included within the materials. Water Department Director Chris Lester confirmed the timeframe for the bid award. It was noted that the resolution lacked both the assigned resolution number and the contractor information for the lowest responsible bid. Motion amended by Roussell to move this item to the last action item on the agenda. Seconded by Wethal. Motion carried 7-0.

5. Madison, Gay, and Jefferson Park Playground Replacements: Motion by Sprank to receive and file the documents and approve the Madison, Gay, and Jefferson Park Playground Replacements Projects that are not currently included or do not have enough funding to complete the projects in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. Seconded by Jones. City Council Members expressed appreciation to the Park and Recreation and Finance Departments for their efforts in identifying funding to support local parks. In response to a question regarding alignment with the budget process, City Manager Van Milligen explained that the City utilizes budget carryovers from one fiscal year to the next for incomplete projects or unpurchased equipment, as well as budget amendments for newly introduced items. He emphasized that, under state law, the City is prohibited from having a deficit budget. Surplus funds often result from staff vacancies, equipment savings, and similar factors, and the Council now has the opportunity to reallocate those funds to other initiatives. Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Larson confirmed that the size of the budget surplus varies by fiscal year, noting that the most recent surplus falls on the higher end of the typical range. Council Members also noted that they received substantial public feedback regarding parks during the last budget cycle, particularly in support of the parks included in the current funding recommendations. Motion carried 7-0.

6. Murphy Park Tennis Court Resurfacing and Playground Replacement: Motion by Jones to receive and file the documents and approve Murphy Park Tennis Court Resurfacing and Playground Replacement Projects that are not currently included or do not have enough funding to complete the projects in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. Seconded by Farber. City Council Members expressed support for the projects. Van Milligen clarified that the forthcoming Parks Master Plan will not include detailed recommendations regarding specific areas to be resurfaced. He noted that no public input to date has suggested the elimination of tennis courts or play units from the park system. The primary focus remains on maintaining existing amenities at a serviceable standard for public use, which is considered a maintenance responsibility rather than a function of the master planning process. Van Milligen further explained that the Parks Master Plan will include recommendations for sports amenities based on user demand. He added that City staff will schedule a work session with the City Council to review and discuss the plan. Motion carried 7-0.

7. Flora Park Tennis Court Resurfacing: Motion by Roussell to receive and file the documents and approve Flora Park Tennis Court Resurfacing Projects that are not currently included in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. Seconded by Wethal. Motion carried 7-0.

8. Eagle Point Park Projects: Motion by Sprank to receive and file the documents and approve Eagle Point Park Projects that are not currently included in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. Seconded by Farber. City Council Members expressed support for the proposed projects, noting that they represent a responsive approach to addressing residents' concerns related to the park. Motion carried 7-0.

9. Police Space and Feasibility Study: Motion by Jones to receive and file the documents and approve a Police Department Space and Feasibility Study project that is not currently included in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. Seconded by Wethal. Police Chief Jeremy Jensen emphasized the importance of expediting the study, with a target completion timeline of three to four months. He noted that his cost estimate was informed by budget figures from comparable studies conducted by other police departments and that multiple consultants typically undertake this type of work. Motion carried 7-0.

10. Public Works Building Improvements and Asphalt Paver Replacement: Motion by Roussell to receive and file the documents and approve Public Works Building Improvements at the Municipal Services Center and an Asphalt Paver Replacement project that are not currently included or do not

have enough funding to complete the projects in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. Seconded by Wethal. Acting Public Works Director Brian Wulfekhule confirmed that staff do not believe the rooftop solar panels contributed to the need for roof replacement; however, their removal will incur additional costs. Van Milligen stated that the City intends to reinstall the panels following the roof work and noted they have an estimated useful life of 20 years. Both Van Milligen and Wulfekhule confirmed that the current roof is original to the building, which was constructed 20 years ago. City Council Members also commented on the various installation methods available for solar panels. Motion carried 7-0.

11. Award of Construction Contract Water System Improvements 2024 North English Road Water Main Extension Project (moved from Action Item No. 4): Motion by Roussell to receive and file the documents and adopt Resolution No. 327-25 Awarding contract for the North English Road Water Main Extension Project. Seconded by Wethal. Brumwell confirmed the resolution number and the contractor information for the lowest responsible bidder. Motion carried 7-0.

## COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Farber reported on the University of Dubuque (UD) Board Meeting, UD's recent announcement of their Innovation Center, the inauguration of UD President Travis Frampton, and the Bluff Strokes arts exhibition.

Sprank reported on City Council's annual goal setting, the Dubuque Racing Association (DRA) board meeting, the Dubuque Federation of Labor meeting, the Bluff Strokes art exhibit, and the Holy Spirit Parish Chilli Cookoff.

Roussell reported on engaging with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque's regarding their Data Walk initiative, her church's hunger outreach event, a meeting with leaders from the Hawkeye Community Action Agency (HACAP), and the Dubuque Trees Forever booth at Lincoln Elementary's School Carnival.

Jones reported on attending a Travel Dubuque meeting, the Rising Stars Breakfast, the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency (DMASWA) meeting, the Cleveland Park neighborhood gathering, the Multicultural Family Center's BBQ in DBQ event, the Sisters of the Presentation Lightbearers' Dinner, the DRA board meeting, the Dubuque Forward presentation, the State of the City presentation, the ribbon cutting for Northeast Iowa Community College's (NICC) athletic center, a performance with the Dubuque Drum Corps at the Dubuque Farmer's Market, the Eagle Valley Park ribbon cutting, and the City of Dyersville's endorsement of a resolution supporting Dubuque's continued commercial air service.

Wethal also reported on Lightbearers' Dinner and a ride-along with the Police Critical Incident Team.

Resnick reported on the Four Mounds volunteer luncheon and the City Council's annual goal setting.

Cavanagh reported on the Fox Hills Apartments groundbreaking, the Iowa League of Cities (ILC) Conference, the inauguration of UD's President Frampton, and the upcoming inauguration of President Mike Doyle of Loras College.

## CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Jones to convene in closed session at 9:47 p.m. to discuss Pending Litigation and Purchase or Sale of Real Estate – Chapter 21.5(1)(c),(j) Code of Iowa. Seconded by Roussell. Mayor Cavanagh stated for the record that the attorney who will consult with City Council on the issues to be discussed in the closed session is City Attorney Brumwell. Motion carried 7-0.

The City Council reconvened in open session at 11:05 p.m. stating that staff had been given proper direction.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Cavanagh declared the meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

/s/Trish L Gleason, MMC, Assistant City Clerk
Adrienne N. Breitfelder, CMC, City Clerk