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Message: As I read the Telegraph Herald article this morning about the proposed budget, I am shocked by the size of the requested increases.

After the economic and health disaster of 2020, is this the time to increase the tax support for the city managers office from \$799,263 to \$915,864 (a 15% increase)? Or the right time to increase the tax support for the Human Resource department by 18%? The federal government continues to provide economic stimulus to individuals due to a lagging economy. Is it really appropriate for the city of Dubuque to increase spending so much in a time like this?

Please consider a more reasonable increase commensurate with the difficult economic times.

Tim Johnstad

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Message: Re: Office of Shared Prosperity

I am concerned about the drift I am seeing in city government from providing "essential" services to loosely defined feel good programs. Is there no end to Manager Van Milligan's wish list?

We already have three city positions assigned to "self-sufficiency". What do these people do that differs from what Mr. Van Milligan's new Office of Shared Prosperity would do? Could not these existing employees best assist residents by referring them to existing services? If not, what is their current role?

We have a number of organizations in the community that have done a great job lifting families out of poverty. Rather than adding permanent city positions that feel good in the moment, but sometimes outlast their usefulness, let's keep our focus on providing only "essential" city services and, if further needs are identified, lend support to those agencies that have already proven their worth.

Thank you for your time in, hopefully, weighing costs vs. benefits of Mr. Van Milligan's latest proposal.

Joan Lentz

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Message: I've been listening to the budget updates the past couple of evenings. Last night during the parks presentation they mentioned they are continuing to update with LED lighting. I made a Facebook comment regarding the problem with these very bright lights on the environment. I was hoping to generate further discussion on the topic. I understand from speaking with engineering that part of the reason to use the brighter lights is to catch license plates for criminal activity. I'm not sure that is necessary everywhere in the city especially since we don't have cameras everywhere. This over illumination is also in contrast with Dubuque County Conservation board and their endeavor to reduce the excess light. Here is a link to the story.

https://www.telegraphherald.com/news/tri-state/article_2215469e-e134-54d7-a135-77298abc4132.

I would love to see the council familiarize themselves with the harm these bright lights have on the environment, animals and humans. The following is a very quick read on the use of LED lighting in a community. <https://www.darksky.org/our-work/lighting/lighting-for-citizens/led-guide/>

By choosing shielded fixtures and warmer bulbs <3000 K we can protect our environment and our community aesthetic.

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From: Jenny Larson
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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Input

Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Input

City staff are asking Dubuque residents and stakeholders to provide their input as they prepare the City's operating and capital improvement program budgets for fiscal year (FY) 2022, which runs July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. Submitted input will be reviewed by staff and will assist in the development of a recommended FY2022 budget. The City Council will consider the recommended budget and the public will have additional opportunities to offer input during seven public meetings in February and March. The City's operating budget (day to day costs of providing city services) is around \$139 million and the capital budget, which includes major projects and improvements, is approximately \$59 million.

What ideas do you have for the City's FY2022 Budget beginning on July 1, 2021?

I listened to a budget presentation on city channel 8 yesterday. The topic included parks and recreation. There was a detailed presentation about parks and plants. I am an average Dubuque citizen and would like to make a comment. The use of volunteers was mentioned. I think volunteers can be used more to help with small nature projects. For example, Eagle Point Park has been neglected over the years. The Iowa DNR and the city of Dubuque has improvement plans for the park. Maybe volunteers can help on small restoration projects in the park and in other nature areas in town. The arboretum has hundreds of volunteers. Some of these volunteers could help with nature projects in other parts of the city. A volunteer supervisor sounded like a good idea. The arboretum has a groundskeeper, manager, and board of directors and maybe they can start to coordinate something to help with Eagle Point or other nature spots. People who live in the point district and near it's side of town have potential for volunteers for Eagle Point Park. There are also retirement communities near it for a pool of volunteers.

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