EAST DUBUQUE CITY COUNCIL

261 Sinsinawa Avenue
East Dubuque, IL 61025
Tuesday
September 8, 2026
6:00 pm

Please Stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

1. **26-0901** Call to Order – Mayor Digman

   Start Time: 6:00 pm

   Alderperson Burgmeier, Alderperson Degenhardt, Alderperson Fluhr, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Robey, Alderperson Taylor, Mayor Digman and Attorney Hess

2. **26-0902** **Staff Reports**

   a. **City Manager Report**

   Indian Hills project is complete. Walk the area on Friday and checked everything off. If you get a call about a pipe sticking up out of the ground it's because we are waiting for iron caps that will be placed once they come in.

   Emergency Services Building finishing is happening on most of the building. Arch should be coming in this week and once that comes in then the front door will be put in.

   Downtown construction of Johnny O Plaza is growing amazingly fast. Looking forward to the three new businesses that will be coming in. Really appreciate the investment they are making.

   Think it is time to talk up East Dubuque. To let people know about all the changes that have been happening around East Dubuque.

   Next week we will have the first of two public meetings on the 3rd St. channel project. We are going after a state grant for funds. Next Thursday at 5:30 will be the first meeting at 3rd St., Menominee and Desoto. Our engineer will be there to talk about Phase One of these Three Phase projects. This project will make the flats and downtown safer from flooding by widening the ditch and capacity of the pumps. Hoping this will help us get state funding.

   b. **Mayor Report**

   This Friday is the homecoming parade at 3:30 pm.

   Couple of weeks ago the city was presented a plaque from JCE then proceeded to read what the plaque said.

   c. **Alderperson Report**

   i. Burgmeier

   ii. Degenhardt

   Wanted to know if we could do something for Roberta Montgomery for her taking care of the flowers in all our planters along Sinsinawa Ave.

   iii. Fluhr

   iv. Meier

   v. Robey

   vi. Taylor

d. **City Attorney,** Susan Hess

e. **Police Chief,** Luke Kovacic

f. **Public Works Director,** Tony VanOstrand

g. **Fire Chief,** Joe Heim

3. **26-0903** Speakers from the Floor

4. **26-0904** **Consent Agenda** (City Council Minutes 08/17/26, Public Safety Report(s), Warrants, Zoning Minutes and Correspondence)

Motion by Alderperson Burgmeier to Approve Consent Agenda (City Council Minutes 08/17/26, Public Safety Report(s), Warrants, Zoning Minutes and Correspondence) second by Alderperson Meier **ROLL CALL:** Ayes – Alderperson Burgmeier, Alderperson Degenhardt, Alderperson Fluhr, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Robey and Alderperson Taylor Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

5. **26-0905** Presentation and Discussion with Greater Dubuque in the City of East Dubuque, Jo Daviess County, Illinois / Mayor Digman, City Manager Seitz

Came in and talked with us about things that are happening around the area. Says he is here to help East Dubuque.

No action required.

6. **26-0906** Discussion and Possible Action to Approve 2026 Employee Handbook in the City of East Dubuque, Jo Daviess County, Illinois / Mayor Digman, City Manager Seitz

Project we had going on and thought it would be good to have since we will have new employees in the near future. It was based off the IML sample.

Alderperson Robey – FMLA doesn't have the correct amount of time and make sure to state it is an unpaid leave.

Will check the statute. There is a statement that statute, code or union contract supersedes what is in the handbook.

Motion by Alderperson Degenhardt to Approve to Table 2026 Employee Handbook second by Alderperson Robey **ROLL CALL:** Ayes – Alderperson Burgmeier, Alderperson Degenhardt, Alderperson Fluhr, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Robey and Alderperson Taylor Motion carried

7. **26-0907** Discussion and Possible Action to Approve East Dubuque Lion's Club to Hold Candy Days on Friday, October 9, 2025 from 2 pm till 6 pm and Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 8 am till 12 pm at Wisconsin Ave and Sinsinawa Ave/Wall Street Intersection in the City of East Dubuque, Jo Daviess County, Illinois / Mayor Digman, City Manager Seitz

Alderperson Bergmeier – Thanked Lange Sign for candy purchase.

Motion by Alderperson Degenhardt to Approve East Dubuque Lion's Club to Hold Candy Days on Friday, October 9, 2025 from 2 pm till 6 pm and Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 8 am till 12 pm at Wisconsin Ave and Sinsinawa Ave/Wall Street Intersection second by Alderperson Burgemeier **ROLL CALL:** Ayes – Alderperson Burgmeier, Alderperson Degenhardt, Alderperson Fluhr, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Robey and Alderperson Taylor Motion carried

8. **26-0908** Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Lead Service Line Inventory Grant C17-8126 Request #1 in the Amount of $15,000.00 in the City of East Dubuque, Jo Daviess County, Illinois / Mayor Digman, City Manager Seitz

This is the next step in finding all the lead service lines. We have come across other lead lines.

Motion by Alderperson Taylor to Approve Lead Service Line Inventory Grant C17-8126 Request #1 in the Amount of $15,000.00 second by Alderperson Robey **ROLL CALL:** Ayes – Alderperson Burgmeier, Alderperson Degenhardt, Alderperson Fluhr, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Robey and Alderperson Taylor Motion carried

9. **26-0909** Discussion and Possible Action to Approve An Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of East Dubuque and Chad Ellis Construction, Inc. in the City of East Dubuque, Jo Daviess County, Illinois / Mayor Digman, City Manager Seitz

This is the first housing development in the community. With over seventy people projected to come into the city. Which would then lead to 5% growth. This is a reimbursement that the developer has put into the project. We are locked into what we are paying and any additional cost the developer spends does not cost us. This is an incentive for the developer to keep going and complete what they have told us they are doing with the property.

Motion by Alderperson Meier to Approve An Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of East Dubuque and Chad Ellis Construction, Inc. second by Alderperson Burgmeier **ROLL CALL:** Ayes – Alderperson Burgmeier, Alderperson Degenhardt, Alderperson Fluhr, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Robey and Alderperson Taylor Motion carried

10. **26-0910** Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Commercial Façade Improvement Award to The New Going East in the City of East Dubuque, Jo Daviess County, Illinois / Mayor Digman, City Manager Seitz

Motion by Alderperson Taylor to Approve Commercial Façade Improvement Award to The New Going East second by Alderperson Meier **ROLL CALL:** Ayes – Alderperson Burgmeier, Alderperson Degenhardt, Alderperson Fluhr, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Robey and Alderperson Taylor Motion carried

11. **26-0911** Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Final Plat Acceptance Certificate for Chad Ellis Construction, LLC River Ridge Estates in the City of East Dubuque, Jo Daviess County, Illinois / Mayor Digman, City Manager Seitz

Motion by Alderperson Meier to Approve Final Plat Acceptance Certificate for Chad Ellis Construction, LLC River Ridge Estates second by Alderperson Robey **ROLL CALL:** Ayes – Alderperson Burgmeier, Alderperson Degenhardt, Alderperson Fluhr, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Robey and Alderperson Taylor Motion carried

12. **26-0912** **Executive Session:** 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Litigation; 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Personnel Matters; 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Negotiating Matters / Mayor Digman, City Manager Seitz

Motion by Alderperson Degenhardt to Adjourn second by Alderperson Taylor **ROLL CALL:** Ayes – Alderperson Burgmeier, Alderperson Degenhardt, Alderperson Fluhr, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Robey and Alderperson Taylor Motion carried

Motion by Alderperson Degenhardt to Adjourn second by Alderperson Meier **ROLL CALL:** Ayes – Alderperson Burgmeier, Alderperson Degenhardt, Alderperson Fluhr, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Robey and Alderperson Taylor Motion carried

13. **26-0913** Discussion and Possible Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session in the City of East Dubuque, Jo Daviess County, Illinois / Mayor Digman, City Manager Seitz

No action required.

14. 26-0914 Adjourn

End Time: 7:10 pm

Motion by Alderperson Degenhardt to Adjourn second by Alderperson Meier **ROLL CALL:** Ayes – Alderperson Burgmeier, Alderperson Degenhardt, Alderperson Fluhr, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Robey and Alderperson Taylor Motion carried

Pam McCarthy
City Clerk, East Dubuque