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James Hall (left), 3, plays with his brother Vonnie, 19 months, at their parents' business, Automotive Care Solutions, in Dyersville, Iowa, on Thursday.

Dyersville family, teams rally around 3-year-old

Boy is battling an apparent relapse of a rare disorder, while some relatives also have health issues.

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DYERSVILLE, Iowa — James Hall stood in the garage of his parents' Dyersville business, Automotive Care Solutions, wielding a yellow plastic bat.

His half brother, Evan Tyler, 12, sat on a nearby stool and tossed a small ball toward him.

"You were really close," he said, as 3-year-old James swung and missed.

James' father, Nate Hall, stood nearby, urging him to

adjust his swing up or down as Evan continued to pitch.

"There you go," Nate said, as James sent the ball flying past the chairs where his mother, Ashley Hall, sat with his brother, Vonnie Hall, 19 months, and half sister Alaina Tyler, 11.

In watching James run around the garage, clamber over the walls of a playpen and whack balls with his brothers, one would never know that the toddler is battling a rare disorder — for the second time in his short life.

James was diagnosed two years ago with Langerhans cell histiocytosis (LCH), in which the body produces too many immune system cells. After a year of chemotherapy, he

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Business leaders clash with city staff



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Some business leaders see Dubuque City Hall as a source of frustration over what they say is a lack of cooperation.

Letters, emails allege that intimidation, lack of cooperation have stifled projects

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A series of letters and emails sent by local business owners and developers to Dubuque City Council members in recent months shed light on the city's increasingly strained relationship with its business community.

The communications include a letter sent May 10 to City Council members that was signed by 26 business owners, developers and business officials, who claim they and others have faced intimidation, use of leverage to shift costs onto developers, lack of responsiveness and delay tactics on the part of the city, resulting in several local developments either being delayed or not moving forward at all.

Other communications sent to council members point to specific projects that business leaders claim were hampered by the city. In an email, Rob McDonald, president and CEO of A.Y. McDonald Industries Inc., states that his company chose not to build its new foundry in Dubuque due to the city's poor reputation among businesses and developers. The foundry will be built near Dickeyville, Wis.

"I have heard for a long time the trials and tribulations of other business owners, many who are my friends or close acquaintances, in trying to do projects large and small in this city," he stated in the email.



Rob McDonald

The TH also reached out to all 26 people who signed the May 10 letter and spoke with several business owners and developers about issues they say they have faced in working with the city. However, most of the people who signed the letter

read the letters

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either declined to comment or did not return calls seeking comment.

The letters, emails and interviews with local business owners paint a picture of a business community having a frayed relationship with city staff — a problem some developers said has gone on for decades. Multiple emails that business owners sent to the city call for reforms to address what they see as ongoing issues.

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