

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA OCTOBER 16, 2023**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 16th day of October, 2023, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Mississippi Street, Blue Grass, Iowa, pursuant to law, with Mayor Brad Schutte presiding, with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of reflection.

Council present: Sampson, Jepsen, Brus, Rhoades and Hermann.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jepsen moved to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Rhoades. Roll call: Jepsen-aye, Rhoades-aye, Sampson-aye, Hermann-aye and Brus-aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: From those in attendance, there were none.

CONSENT AGENDA: Hermann moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Sampson.

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2. Resolution 2023-47 ref: correction to a payment from the accumulative Tax Increment Financing Reserve

3. Resolution 2023-56 ref: authorizing payment #5 North Oak Lane Project

4. Payment of Claims

Roll call: Hermann-aye, Sampson-aye, Rhoades-aye, Jepsen-aye and Brus-aye. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

5. Report: Fire Chief Brian Seamer presented the September 2023 Fire Department report reporting that the Department was preparing for the Department's Annual Halloween Dance scheduled for October 20, 2023.

PARK BOARD:

6. Report: Park Board Chair Ryan Powers presented the Park Board report for the month of October 2023 reporting that the Board was making preparations for both their 12th Annual Pumpkin Dash event scheduled for October 21, 2023 and their Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony set for December 3, 2023.

7. Gless Field Scoreboard: Chair Powers reported that a representative from Youth Sports attended their October meeting asking for permission to repair/replace the scoreboard at Gless Field as they would apply for a grant to fund the project. He also asked that a flag pole be installed. Mayor Schutte reported that he would

STREET COMMITTEE:

8. N. Mississippi Street Sidewalks: Jepsen had previously reported that the Street Committee had inspected the sidewalks on North Mississippi Street due to a reported injury reporting that there were 13 sidewalks that are in need of repair; however, Council tabled the item until they had a chance to inspect the sidewalks themselves.

Discussion was held in regards to replacing and/or grinding certain sidewalks and/or replacing the sidewalks that are in far worst condition. Jepsen agreed to get prices and report back at the next meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

9. Report: Chief Mike Meier presented the September 2023 Police Department report.

10. Resignation: Brus moved to accept Officer Murphy Blocker's resignation as of October 29, 2023, seconded by Rhoades. Roll call: Brus-aye, Rhoades-aye, Hermann-aye, Jepsen-aye and Sampson-aye. Motion carried. Mayor and Council wished Officer Blocker best of luck in his new position.

11. Advertisement: Jepsen moved to approve the advertising of a Full-Time Police Officer, seconded by Sampson. Roll call: Jepsen-aye, Sampson-aye, Rhoades-aye, Brus-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL ASS'T GRANT:

12. LMI Bids: Previously, on August 7, 2023 Council approved a handicap bathroom quote for \$8,636.00 from Bath Planet with the stipulation that Bath Planet provide the Building Commissioner an itemized quote prior to any work being done.

The Clerk reported that Meyrer was unable to get Bath Planet's quote itemized after several attempts; therefore, Mr. Von Ahrens obtained another quote from Midwest Bath in the amount of \$13,421.00. Council reviewed the quotes requesting that Meyrer inspect the project throughout to make sure there is no visible mold as the other contractor had reported there was mold. Jepsen moved to award Midwest Bath's quote totaling \$13,421.00 with the City paying 90 percent and the applicant paying 10 percent, seconded by Rhoades. Roll call: Jepsen-aye, Rhoades-aye, Hermann-aye, Sampson-aye and Brus-aye. Motion carried.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

13. Nuisance Abatements(s): There were no new nuisance abatements to report.

14. Scott County Nuisance Abatement: Discussion was held in regards to the nuisance abatement that was abated by Public Works and billed to Scott County for the lack of maintenance on their sign. Brus reported that he had spoken with Scott County Conservationist Roger Kean prior to the abatement, and he had suggested that Scott County donate \$500.00 to go towards the landscaping of the sign if the City would agree to maintain the sign. It was the consensus of the Council to have Public Works maintain the County's sign, all City signs and trail head signs. Rhoades moved to waive Scott County's invoice and agree to take over the maintenance of the sign, seconded by Brus. Roll call: Rhoades-aye, Brus-aye, Hermann-aye, Jepsen-aye and Sampson-aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION(S):

15. Resolution 2023-42: Brus moved to adopt Resolution 2023-42 in reference to approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Setoff Program, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Brus-aye, Hermann-aye, Sampson-aye, Rhoades-aye and Jepsen-aye. Motion carried.

16. Second reading of Ordinance Amendment 2023-03: Rhoades moved to accept the second reading of Amendment 2023-03 in reference to Chapter 17.46 Site Plan review, seconded by Sampson. Roll call: Rhoades-aye, Sampson-aye, Jepsen-aye, Brus-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

17. Second reading of Ordinance Amendment 2023-04: Jepsen moved to accept the second reading of Amendment 2023-04 in reference to Chapter 17.64 Board of Adjustment, seconded by Brus. Roll call: Jepsen-aye, Brus-aye, Hermann-aye, Sampson-aye and Rhoades-aye. Motion carried.

18. Second reading of Ordinance Amendment 2023-05: Rhoades moved to accept the second reading of Amendment 2023-05 in reference to Chapter 16.16 Preliminary Plat, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Rhoades-aye, Hermann-aye, Sampson-aye, Brus-aye and Jepsen-aye. Motion carried.

19. Second reading of Ordinance Amendment 2023-06: Rhoades moved to accept the second reading of Amendment 2023-06 in reference to Chapter 16.20 Final Plat, seconded by Sampson. Roll call: Rhoades-aye, Sampson-aye, Jepsen-aye, Brus-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:

20. Clerk's Report: City Clerk Ann Schmidt presented the August 2023 Clerk's Report.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Rhoades expressed concerns on a building permit issue he was having with a contractor. Jepsen agreed to contact the contractor to resolve the issue.

RECESS: Rhoades moved to recess for 5 minutes, seconded by Jepsen. Roll call: Rhoades-aye, Jepsen-aye, Brus-aye, Hermann-aye and Sampson-aye. Motion carried. Rhoades moved to reconvene, seconded by Brus. Roll call: Rhoades-aye, Brus-aye, Hermann-aye, Sampson-aye and Jepsen-aye. Motion carried.

21. Review & Select Candidate(s) for position: Mayor Schutte referred to the Code of Iowa, Section 21.5(i) stating that the Council would be going into executive closed session to review and select candidate(s) for the Part-Time Police Officer’s position. Jepsen moved to close the regular meeting and go into closed session, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Jepsen-aye, Hermann-aye, Rhoades-aye, Brus-aye and Sampson-aye. Motion carried.

Rhoades moved to reopen the regular meeting, seconded by Sampson. Roll call: Rhoades-aye, Sampson-aye, Brus-aye, Jepsen-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

Hermann made a motion to offer Applicant “A” the Part-Time Police Officer’s position at \$25.00 per hour with the stipulation that the applicant pass all the applicable pre-employment test, seconded by Rhoades. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Rhoades-aye, Jepsen-aye, Sampson-aye and Brus-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Sampson motioned for adjournment, seconded by Brus. Roll call: Sampson-aye, Brus-aye, Jepsen-aye, Rhoades-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

Attest: Ann M. Schmidt, City Clerk/Financial Officer

CLAIMS REPORT

ALL SEASONS CARWASH	VEH OPER	38.00
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMM.	QUARTERLY DUES	275.50
B.G. BUGLE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	200.00
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES	1,483.49
GWORKS	ANNUAL SUPPORT	3,603.00
HEUER CONSTRUCTION	PYMT #5 N OAK LANE TRAIL PROJ	20,271.39
IA ASSO OF MUNI UTILITIES	QUARTERLY DUES	614.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	18.00
JOHNSON DISTRIB.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	28.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	156.90
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	312.70
PS3 ENTERPRISES	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	347.67
RAGAN MECHANICAL	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	253.00
REPUBLIC SVS	GARBAGE/RECYCLING	10,185.75
ROSS MEDICAL SUPPLY	EQUIP OPER	14.40
SCOTT CO. LIBRARY SYSTEM	LIBRARY SVS	33,790.00
SINCLAIR TRACTOR	EQUIP OPER	71.01
VETERINARY AND POULTRY SUPPLY	TRAIL DEV	107.59
TOTAL:		71,770.40

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	26,470.98
LIBRARY MAINTENANCE FUND	33,790.00
ROAD USE FUND	23.67
SANITATION	11,485.75
TOTAL FUNDS:	71,770.40

