

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA DECEMBER 4, 2023**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th day of December, 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 and Hermann. Absent were members Brus and Rhoades.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jepsen moved to approve the Agenda deleting Item #13, seconded by Sampson. Roll call: Jepsen-aye, Sampson-aye and Hermann-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 Jepsen.

- 1. November 20, 2023 Minutes**
- 2. Resolution 2023-71 ref: authorizing a payment from the LMI Reserve**
- 3. Resolution 2023-72 ref: authorizing a payment from the LMI Reserve**
- 4. Resolution 2023-73 ref: authorizing an internal advance for funding an Economic Development Grant**
- 5. Resolution 2023-74 ref: authorizing a payment from the Tax Increment Financing Reserve**
- 6. Payment of Claims**

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

ENGINEER REPORT:

- 7. Report:** City Engineer Mike Janecek presented the November 2023 Engineer's report.
- 8. Lamphere Drive Reconstruction Project:** Janecek reported that the project has been let out for bid reporting a public bid opening date of December 12, 2023 at City Hall at 10:00 a.m. with a public hearing date of December 18, 2023. He briefly reviewed the bid specifications of the project and alternate options. Further discussion was held.

STREET COMMITTEE:

- 9. N. Mississippi Street Sidewalks:** Previously, the Street Committee had reported that there were several sidewalks in need of repair and/or replacement on North Mississippi Street; therefore, Council agreed to obtain bids.

Mayor Schutte publicly opened the following bids to replace and/or grind 20 sidewalks: McDermott Concrete \$6,240.00; Aero Concrete \$14,445.00 and River City Cutting & Coring \$19,350.00. Council reviewed the bids comparing the bid details questioning the low bid. After confirming with McDermott Concrete, via telephone that their bid was valid, Hermann moved to award McDermott Concrete the bid for \$6,240.00 to replace and/or grind 20 sidewalks on North Mississippi Street, seconded by Sampson. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Sampson-aye and Jepsen-aye. Motion carried.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER:

- 10. Report:** Building Commissioner Jim Meyrer presented the November 2023 Building Commissioner report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- 11. Report:** Public Works Director Jim Meyrer presented the November 2023 Public Works Department report. Mayor Schutte updated the Council on the repairs needed to the Freightliner.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

- 12. Nuisance Abatements(s):** Mayor Schutte reported that there were no new nuisance abatements reported.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Wakefield requested that a 3-way stop sign be placed at West Laurretta and Moselle Street if the property East of him ever develops.

Hermann reminded the Council that three Council members only had one more meeting; therefore, recommended that any open items be placed on the next meeting Agenda. Mayor Schutte said that all three outgoing Council members have already reached out to him stating that if the City ever needs anything, they will help out. He said that member Sampson has agreed to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

13. Strategy Session: (Previously deleted from the Agenda)

ADJOURNMENT: Sampson motioned for adjournment, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Sampson-aye, Hermann-aye and Jepsen-aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS REPORT

BP	VEH OPER	1,058.70
BUFFALO PUMPKIN FARM	FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	232.50
CASEY'S	VEH OPER	1,342.84
CENTRAL STATES H & W FUND	HEALTH INSURANCE	12,479.20
CENTURYLINK	FAX	166.82
IOWA ONE CALL	PROF FEES	26.10
LACKEYS TREE SERVICE	PROF FEES	3,200.00
MARTIN & WHITACRE SURVEYORS	ENGINEERING FEES	1,430.77
MCCOY HOMES	ECON DEV GRANT REBATE PYMT	32,727.00
MCCULLOUGH, WM.	LEGAL SVS	687.50
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	44.97
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	1,545.16
R.P. LUMBER CO.	EQUIP OPER/BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	192.25
RNJ DISTRIBUTION INC.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	9.20
SCHMIDT, ANN	OFFICE OPER	150.70
SCOTT CO. SHERIFF	JAIL EXPENSE	25.00
SMITH CO.	EQUIP OPER	56.48
TRUCK COUNTRY OF IA	VEH OPER	784.67
TURKLE TREE SERVICE	PROF FEES	930.00
UNIFORM DEN	UNIFORM ALLOW	172.90
VERIZON	TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET SVS	942.73
WHITE ROOFING	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	206.90
WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP	EQUIP OPER	42.99
TOTAL:		58,455.38

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	12,879.18
PARK IMPROVEMENTS	232.50
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND	12,479.20
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	32,864.50
TOTAL FUNDS:	58,455.38

