

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA APRIL 8, 2024**

The Blue Grass City Council met in special session at 5:00 p.m. on the 8th day of April, 2024 in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Mississippi St., Blue Grass, Iowa, pursuant to law, with Mayor Brad Schutte presiding, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of reflection.

Council present: Blok, Hermann, Brandenburg, Bowman and Rhoades.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Blok made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Brandenburg. Blok-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye, Rhoades-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1. Proposed Property Tax Levy FY '24-'25:** Mayor Schutte announced the following pertinent information pertaining to the Proposed Property Tax Levy Hearing: that this meeting was intended for public comment only and that no action would be taken and that no unrelated business would be discussed. He also reported that directly following the meeting at approximately 5:15 p.m. the City Council would be holding a Special meeting to set the public hearing date for the adoption of the FY '24-'25 City Budget.

Rhoades moved to close the special meeting and open the public hearing, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Rhoades-aye, Blok-aye, Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Schutte opened the public hearing for discussion asking the Clerk if there were any written or oral objections at which time the Clerk reported that there were none. The Clerk presented a power point presentation of the City's proposed property tax levy for FY '24-'25 and the impacts that HF718 had on the City's budget. She gave a brief overview of the FY '24-'25 expenditures and revenues reporting a proposed property tax levy rate of 11.56812 percent which is down from FY '23-'24 rate of 11.88876 percent. Residents Art and Linda Daufeldt asked several questions pertaining to the proposed budget. Mayor Schutte asked for further discussion, and since there were none, Brandenburg made a motion to close the public hearing and reopen the special meeting, seconded by Rhoades. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Rhoades-aye, Blok-aye, Bowman-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Rhoades made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Rhoades-aye, Bowman-aye, Blok-aye, Hermann-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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