

**THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL  
BLUE GRASS, IOWA                      NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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, Brus, Jepsen and Hermann. Absent was member Rhoades.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Mayor Schutte administered the Oath of Office to the City's new Police Officer Chad Said. Mayor and Council congratulated Officer Said welcoming him aboard.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Sampson moved to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Jepsen. Roll call: Sampson-aye, Jepsen-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.

1. **November 6, 2023 Minutes**
2. **Resolution 2023-64 ref: renewing a Certificate of Deposit**
3. **Resolution 2023-65 ref: authorizing payment to Karl Chevrolet 2023 Tahoe purchase**
4. **Resolution 2023-66 ref: authorizing payment to Courtesy Ford 2023 Ford F-450 purchase**
5. **Payment of Claims**

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

6. **Report:** Fire Chief Brian Seamer presented the October 2023 Fire Department report.

**PARK BOARD:**

7. **Report:** Park Board Chair Ryan Powers presented the November 2023 Park Board report.

**STREET COMMITTEE:**

8. **N. Mississippi Street Sidewalks:** The Street Committee had previously reported that there were approximately 13 sidewalks in need of repair and/or replacement on North Mississippi Street. Jepsen reported that he was unable to put a cost estimate together at this time.

**FINANCIAL ASS'T GRANT:**

9. **LMI Application:** Mayor Schutte referred to the Building Commissioner's whole-home inspection report on Ms. Tracy Marolf as she had submitted an application. The Clerk reported that according to the income limits, Ms. Marolf qualifies. Council reviewed the Commissioner's findings requesting that bids be obtained.

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):**

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

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION(S):**

11. **Resolution 2023-58:** Sampson moved to adopt Resolution 2023-58 acceptance and approval of the Annual Financial Report for FY 2023, seconded by Brus. Roll call: Sampson-aye, Brus-aye, Hermann-aye and Jepsen-aye. Motion carried.

12. **Resolution 2023-60:** Hermann moved to adopt Resolution 2023-60 removing certain Tax Increment Financing properties as of June 30, 2024, seconded by Jepsen. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Jepsen-aye, Sampson-aye and Brus-aye. Motion carried.

- 13. Resolution 2023-67:** Jepsen moved to adopt Resolution 2023-67 removing certain Tax Increment Financing properties as of June 30, 2024, seconded by Sampson. Roll call: Jepsen-aye, Sampson-aye, Hermann-aye and Brus-aye. Motion carried.
- 14. Resolution 2023-68:** Sampson moved to adopt Resolution 2023-68 authorization to certify the City's Debt Certificate for FY 2025, seconded by Jepsen. Roll call: Sampson-aye, Jepsen-aye, Hermann-aye and Brus-aye. Motion carried.
- 15. Resolution 2023-69:** Hermann moved to adopt Resolution 2023-69 removing certain Tax Increment Financing properties as of June 30, 2024, seconded by Sampson. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Sampson-aye, Jepsen-aye and Brus-aye. Motion carried.
- 16. Resolution 2023-70:** Jepsen moved to adopt Resolution 2023-70 removing certain Tax Increment Financing properties as of June 30, 2024, seconded by Sampson. Roll call: Jepsen-aye, Sampson-aye, Hermann-aye and Brus-aye. Motion carried.

**POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:**

**17. Clerk's Report:** City Clerk Ann Schmidt presented the September 2023 Clerk's Report.

**COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Sampson motioned for adjournment, seconded by Jepsen. Roll call: Sampson-aye, Jepsen-aye, Brus-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Mayor Brad Schutte

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

**CLAIMS REPORT**

ALL SEASONS CARWASH	VEH OPER	45.00
ALLTEST	PRE-EMP TESTING	85.00
B.G. BUGLE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	200.00
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES	1,356.45
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING	150.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	421.80
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	206.75
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	1,771.36
NOTT CO.	EQUIP OPER	351.75
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT	EQUIP OPER	56.24
QUAD CITY TIMES	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	496.88
RAGAN MECHANICAL	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	449.24
TC AUTO	VEH OPER	50.46
THE SAFETY SPECIALISTS	PRE-EMP TESTING	87.50
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>5,728.43</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>		
GENERAL		5,376.68
ROAD USE		351.75
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