

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA JANUARY 16, 2024**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 16th day of January 2024, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Mississippi Street, pursuant to law, with Mayor Brad Schutte presiding, with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of reflection.

SWEARING IN OF MAYOR PRO TEM: Mike Hermann was previously appointed as Mayor Pro Tem at the January 3, 2024 meeting; however, was absent; therefore, Mayor Schutte administered the Oath of Office swearing in Mayor Pro Tem Mike Hermann.

Council present: Brandenburg, Hermann, Blok and Rhoades. Absent was member Bowman.

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

Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

PUBLIC FORUM: From the audience, there were none.

CONSENT AGENDA: Brandenburg moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Rhoades.

1. Minutes of the January 3, 2024 meeting
2. Resolution 2024-02 ref: setting the 2024 mileage rate
3. Resolution 2024-03 ref: designating the City's Official Newspaper Publication
4. Resolution 2024-04 ref: authorizing a payment from the Fire Township Reserve
5. Resolution 2024-05 ref: authorizing a payment from the LMI Tax Increment Reserve
6. Payment of claims

Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Rhoades-aye, Hermann-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

7. **Report:** Fire Chief Brian Seamer presented both the December 2023 Fire Department report and the 2023 Annual Report.

PARK BOARD:

8. **Report:** Hermann presented the January 2024 Park Board report prepared by Chair Ryan Powers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

9. **Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the December 2023 Police Department report prepared by Chief Mike Meier.

AGREEMENTS:

10. **Cost Sharing Agreement:** Previously, a "Cost Sharing Agreement" in regards to the Lamphere Drive Reconstruction Project was drafted; however, the City was waiting on Iowa American Water to review the Agreement before approving.

Mayor Schutte reported that a few minor changes were made to the Agreement at the request of Iowa American Water; therefore, the Agreement was revised and signed by Iowa American Water. Council reviewed the revised Agreement. Brandenburg moved to approve the revised Cost Sharing Agreement, seconded by Rhoades. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Rhoades-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

STREET COMMITTEE:

11. **Stop Sign Placement:** Previously, Resident Mark Wakefield expressed concerns on the property adjacent to him developing; therefore, requested that a three-way stop sign be placed at North Moselle

and West Laurretta Street. Council requested that the Police Department monitor that area and place their speed trailer in the vicinity and put together a study.

Mayor Schutte read aloud a letter from the Police Chief as due to inclement weather, the Department has unable to do a study or put out the speed trailer; therefore, they would continue to do so once the weather was more permitting. He requested that the item remain on the Agenda.

12. Street Repairs: Previously, Meyrer presented a list of several street repairs, storm drain repairs and one ADA sidewalk approach that are in need of repair and/or replacement located in the Towne & Country Manor Subdivision. Council requested that the Public Works Director obtain bids.

Mayor Schutte reported that the project was put on hold due to the winter weather and requested that the item remain on the Agenda.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

13. Nuisance Abatement(s): Mayor Schutte reported that there were no reported nuisance abatements.

Council discussed the complaints and/or incidents related to the recent major snowfall commending the Public Works Department on doing a great job on keeping the City streets clear and passable.

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:

14. Agreement Concerning Use of City of Blue Grass Backhoe: Council reviewed the Agreement. Blok moved to approve the Agreement with the Cemetery Board, seconded by Rhoades. Roll call: Blok-aye, Rhoades-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

15. Clerk’s Report: City Clerk Ann Schmidt presented the November 2023 Clerk’s Report.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: Brandenburg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rhoades. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Rhoades-aye, Hermann-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS REPORT

A 1 QUALITY TIRE	EQUIP OPER	540.00
ALEX AIR APPARATUS	EQUIP OPER	754.00
ALL SEASONS CARWASH	VEH OPER	29.00
ASPEN EQUIPMENT	EQUIP OPER	217.60
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMM.	PROF FEES	275.50
B.G. BUGLE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	200.00
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES	1,530.85
IA ASSO OF MUNI UTILITIES	DUES	657.00
IOWA ONE CALL	PROF FEES	18.00
JEREMY’S CARS	EQUIP OPER	242.89
JOHNSON DISTRIB.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	35.00
LEXIPOL	TRAINING/TRAVEL/SAFETY	2,255.52
MED-TECH RESOURCE	EQUIP OPER	214.40

MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	201.87
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	463.83
MIDWEST WHEEL COS.	EQUIP OPER	228.06
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT	COMPUTERS	95.20
QUAD CITY TIMES	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	306.26
RED WING SHOES	SAFETY EQUIP	294.48
REPUBLIC SVS	GARBAGE/RECYCLING	10,185.75
RNJ DISTRIBUTION	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	55.00
ROSS MEDICAL SUPPLY	EQUIP OPER	14.40
TOTAL:		18,814.61

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	8,021.13
FIRE TOWNSHIP	242.89
ROAD USE	364.84
SANITATION	10,185.75
TOTAL FUNDS:	18,814.61

2023 GROSS WAGES PAID:

BLOKER, MURPHY	19,216.45
BRUS, CHAD	560.00
DOWNING, ROBERT	53,726.07
ENO, STEVEN	6,318.80
FLAHERTY, BOBBY	13,750.02
HERMANN, MICHAEL	620.00
HICKS, RAY	679.64
JEPSEN, CHRISTOPHER	500.00
LANE, ZACHARY	3,725.60
JORENZ, JOYCE	51,917.79
MEIER, MICHAEL	55,667.52
MEYRER, JAMES	65,371.37
RHOADES, TIMOTHY	440.00
SAID, CHAD	6,835.20
SAMPSON, MATTHEW	520.00
SCHMIDT, ANN	72,952.07
SCHUTTE, BRADLEY	2,400.00
STOCK, BRIAN	42,455.80
TURNER, DANIEL	4,342.00
WALKER, JACOB	1,358.87
WARD, ERIC	36,271.73
WARREN, CALE	2,467.50
WILKINSON, MATTHEW	4,377.28
TOTAL 2023 GROSS WAGES PAID:	446,473.71