

**THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL  
BLUE GRASS, IOWA                      MARCH 18, 2024**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, 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: Brandenburg, Hermann, Blok and Rhoades. Absent was member Bowman.

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

Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** From the audience, there were none.

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

**1. Minutes of the March 4, 2024 meeting**

**2. Resolution 2024-14 ref: authorizing a payment from the accumulated Tax Increment Reserve**

**3. Payment of claims**

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**4. Report:** Fire Chief Brian Seamer presented the February 2024 Fire Department report.

**5. Preventative Agreement:** Meyrer reported that he was only able to obtain one quote from 3E Electrical Engineering for a 5-year preventative Maintenance Agreement on the Public Safety Building's generator. Brandenburg moved to approve the generator 5-year preventative Maintenance Agreement quote from 3E Electrical Engineering in the amount of \$5,760.00 based on their longevity and outstanding services, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye, Rhoades-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

**PARK BOARD:**

**6. Report:** Chair Ryan Powers presented the March 2024 Park Board report.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**7. Report:** Chief Mike Meier presented the February 2024 Police Department report.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**8. Committee Recommendations:** The Clerk reported that the Finance Committee had met on February 6, 2024 to discuss the City's insurance renewal. It was the Committee's recommendation to stay with Porter Insurance based on their service and longevity.

**9. Porter Insurance:** Seth Porter representing Porter Insurance presented the City with their new policy for the period of April 1, 2024 through April 1, 2025 from Employers Mutual Casualty Company adding that the policy increased approximately 4 percent mostly due to the City controlling their claims. He also informed the Council that the City receives a dividend check from the IAMU every year as part of City's overall experience from the previous year reporting a dividend refund for 2023 totaling \$3,960.00. Rhoades moved to approve Porter Insurance Agency as the City's insurance carrier for the period of April 1, 2024 through April 1, 2025, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Rhoades-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL ASS'T GRANT:**

**10. LMI Bids:** Previously, a Financial Assistance grant application was presented to the Council at their February 20, 2024 meeting from Ms. Sarah Loy requesting funds to do ceiling repairs and reroof her garage at which time the Council requested that bids be obtained.

Meyrer presented bids obtained by Ms. Loy on ceiling repairs and garage reroof. Council reviewed and compared the bids. Hermann moved to approve A-Team Framing's bid in the amount of \$15,452.00 with the stipulation that the Contractor file all the required bonds with the City paying 90 percent and the applicant paying 10 percent, seconded by Rhoades. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Rhoades-aye, Blok-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):**

**11. Nuisance Abatement(s):** Mayor Schutte reported that there were no new nuisance abatements filed.

**LICENSING & RENEWALS:**

**12. Liquor License:** Brandenburg moved to approve American Legion Post #711's liquor license, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye, Hermann-aye and Rhoades-aye. Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATION:**

**13. Proclamation:** Rhoades moved to approve the Proclamation proclaiming April 4, 2024 as "Junior Achievement Day", seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Rhoades-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

**POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:**

**14. Clerk's Report:** City Clerk Ann Schmidt presented the January 2024 Clerk's Report.

**COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Resident Mark Wakefield inquired about the yard waste pickup and Spring Cleanup dates. The Clerk replied that yard waste begins April 1<sup>st</sup> and that May 3 and May 4, 2024 are the free Spring cleanup dates.

Rhoades inquired about the future development of Fridley Park and/or the use of the land.

Blok recommended that the City post their penalty fees on the City's Facebook page as a reminder to residents. It was the consensus to post quarterly.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Brandenburg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye, Hermann-aye and Rhoades-aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Mayor Brad Schutte

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

**CLAIMS REPORT**

ALL SEASONS CARWASH	VEH OPER	78.75
ALLTEST	MEDICAL	60.00
B.G. BUGLE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	200.00
B.G. FIRE DEPT	BRUSH TRUCK	2,382.17
COMPASS MINERALS	SALT	2,190.29
DEPT OF ADMIN. SVS	PROF FEES	166.67
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES	1,355.21
FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC.	TRAINING	500.00
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING	TRAINING	50.00
MCCULLOUGH, WM.	LEGAL SVS	495.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	501.43
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	226.91
Q.C. TIMES	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	213.97
R.P. LUMBER CO.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	154.23
REPUBLIC SVS	GARBAGE/RECYCLING	10,185.75
RIVERSTONE GROUP	COLD MIX	194.40
ROSS MEDICAL SUPPLY	EQUIP OPER	12.00
WHITE DISTRIBUTION	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	101.09
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>19,067.87</b>

**TOTAL FUNDS:**

GENERAL	6,610.39
ROAD USE	2,244.23
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	27.50
SANITATION	10,185.75
<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>	<b>19,067.87</b>