

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA APRIL 15, 2024**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 15th day of April 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 Bowman. Absent was member Rhoades.

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

Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

PUBLIC FORUM: Resident Ryan McQuillen expressed several concerns on an incident that happened at Gless Field as his children along with other children were ambushed by some kids that shot them repeatedly with air soft pistols. Mayor Schutte replied that he was unaware of the situation and immediately following the meeting, he would be contacting the Police Chief to address this issue.

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

1. Minutes of the April 1, 2024 meeting
2. Minutes of the April 8, 2024 meeting (5:00)
3. Minutes of the April 8, 2024 meeting (5:15)
4. Payment of claims

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

5. **Report:** Fire Chief Brian Seamer presented the March 2024 Fire Department report.
6. **Annual Car Show:** Brandenburg moved to close off West Mayne Street from Oak Lane on June 22, 2024 from 6:00 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m. for the Department's annual car show, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

PARK BOARD:

7. **Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the April 2024 Park Board report prepared by Chair Ryan Powers.
8. **Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:** Discussion was held. It was the consensus of the Council to have the Clerk contact both parties to see what dates work for them and report back at the next meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

9. **Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the March 2024 Police Department report prepared by Chief Mike Meier. He added that there were several complaints over the weekend in regards to vehicles and dogs; whereas, Chief Meier was handling these asking that the Council refrain from responding and/or adding comments on social media.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

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

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:

11. **Resolution 2024-16:** Brandenburg moved to adopt Resolution 2024-16 in reference to renewing the City's Certificate of Deposit, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye, Bowman-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:

12. **Clerk's Report:** City Clerk Ann Schmidt presented the February 2024 Clerk's Report.

13. VISA Platinum Business Card: The Clerk reported that during the City's FY '23 Audit, the Auditors highly recommended that the City have a credit card rather than a debit/credit card proposing that the City obtain a VISA Platinum Business Card from the Blue Grass Savings Bank. Blok moved to obtain a VISA Platinum Business Card from the Blue Grass Savings Bank, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Block-aye, Hermann-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Resident Bob Smith questioned the late fee penalties assessed by the City.

Hermann inquired about the upcoming Homecoming Days events. The Clerk reported that the Community Center requested to be on the May 6, 2024 Agenda in regards to their Homecoming Day events.

Mayor Schutte reported that Micro-surfacing would be here the first week in May to micro-surface various streets parking their equipment at Mr. Grunwald's property and reported that the Lamphere Drive Reconstruction Project was moving along reporting a few minor issues that may have delayed the project somewhat. Lamphere Drive residents complained of the dust caused from motorists from the construction site. Discussion was held about reducing the speed limit while under construction. Blok questioned the Engineer's billing on the project. The Clerk said she would have to refer to the Engineer's Contract for the project.

The Clerk reminded the Council of the upcoming public hearing date of April 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. for the adoption of the FY '25 City Budget.

ADJOURNMENT: Bowman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS REPORT		
424 WARNING SYSTEMS	EQUIP OPER	1,898.00
ALL SEASONS CARWASH	VEH OPER	54.75
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMM.	QUARTERLY DUES	275.50
B.G. BUGLE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	200.00
CASEY'S	VEH OPER	990.67
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES	1,363.69
J & J ACCESS & SECURITY	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	170.00
J & M DISPLAYS	PROF FEES	3,000.00
JOHNSON DISTRIB.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	14.00
MARTIN & WHITACRE SURVEYORS	ENGINEERING	3,848.93
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	471.77
MIDWEST WHEEL	EQUIP OPER	27.18
NAPA	EQUIP OPER	49.06
QUAD CITY TIMES	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	200.73
R.P. LUMBER CO.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	22.99
RAGAN MECHANICAL	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	1,154.00
REPUBLIC SVS	GARBAGE/RECYCLING	10,185.75
RIVERSTONE GROUP	COLD MIX	194.40
ROSS MEDICAL SUPPLY	EQUIP OPER	12.00
TC AUTO	VEH OPER	363.41
VETERINARY AND POULTRY SUPPLY	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	25.99
XYLEM	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	1,836.00
TOTAL:		26,358.82
TOTAL FUNDS:		
GENERAL		16,173.07
SANITATION		10,185.75
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