

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th day of November 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: Hermann, Smith, Blok and Brandenburg. Absent was member Bowman.

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

Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

PUBLIC FORUM: Logan representing the Boy Scouts Troop #26 asked the Mayor if he thought people could do more to benefit and/or serve the community. Mayor Schutte replied absolutely, as he has served the community since 1997 and is a volunteer on the Blue Grass Fire Department also giving special recognition to past Mayor Paul Barnes who was in attendance for his many years of service serving the community as Mayor.

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

1. **October 21, 2024 minutes**
2. **Resolution 2024-60 ref: renewing a 6-month Certificate of Deposit**
3. **Resolution 2024-62 ref: authorizing a payment from the LMI TIF Reserve**
4. **September 2024 Clerk's Report**
5. **Payment of claims**

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

SPECIAL ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION:

6. **Attendance:** Mayor Schutte gave special recognition to the following: Super Troops #3836 Girl Scouts in attendance: Zoey; Aniston; Brooklyne; Renna; Keegan and Rayna as they were attendance to earn their democracy badge and inside government badge and Boy Scouts Troop #26 in attendance: Hunter; Connor; Carter; Logan and Gareth as they, too were in attendance to attend as a requirement to attend a local government meeting.

BUSINESS LICENSING:

7. **Business License Request:** Andrew Anderson representing Hall of Fame Fireworks was requesting to obtain a Business License to sell fireworks beginning June 13, 2025 through July 8, 2025 at KB Auto. Smith moved to approve Hall of Fame Fireworks Business License for the period of June 13, 2025 through July 8, 2025 with the stipulation that Hall of Fame Fireworks obtain and provide the City with a copy of the State License and that the Fire Chief inspect and approve, setting a license fee of \$250.00, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Smith-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

BID OPENING:

8. **Bid Opening:** Mayor Schutte announced that no bids were submitted; therefore, after a brief discussion, the Council agreed to extend the bid deadline to December 13, 2024 with a public bid opening date of December 16, 2024.
9. **Set Public Hearing Date:** Due to no bids being received, no public hearing date was set.

ENGINEER REPORT:

10. **Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the October 2024 Engineer's report prepared by the City Engineer Mike Janecek.

11. Lamphere Drive Reconstruction Project: Mayor Schutte referred to the Engineer’s report briefing the Council on the punch list of items yet to be completed prepared by the City Engineer.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER:

12. Report: Mayor Schutte presented the October 2024 Building Commissioner report prepared by Building Commissioner Jim Meyrer.

PUBLIC WORKS:

13. Report: Mayor Schutte presented the October 2024 Public Works Department report prepared by Public Works Director Jim Meyrer.

14. Winter Maintenance Proposal: Mayor Schutte presented a 2024-2025 Winter Maintenance Proposal from the Scott County Engineer’s Office reporting that in years past, the City has rejected their proposal as the City’s Public Works Department does all the snowplowing. Council requested that the City not participate in their proposal.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:

15. Second reading of Amendment 2024-05: Smith moved to accept the second reading of Amendment 2024-05 in reference to Chapter 2.10 the Administration Expense Policy, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Smith-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

16. Second reading of Amendment 2024-06: Blok moved to accept the second reading of Amendment 2024-06 in reference to Chapter 15.04 Building Code, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Blok-aye, Hermann-aye, Smith-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

17. Second reading of Amendment 2024-07: Brandenburg moved to accept the second reading of Amendment 2024-07 in reference to Chapter 17.24 R-1 Single-Family Residence District, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye, Blok-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

18. Nuisance Abatement(s): Mayor Schutte reported that there was no new nuisance abatements filed.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: There were no new comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Brandenburg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye, Blok-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS REPORT		
AXON ENTERPRISE	EQUIP OPER	39,308.00
BP	VEH OPER	912.29
BUFFALO PUMPKIN FARM	FUNDRAISING EXP	480.00
CASEY'S	VEH OPER	1,326.49
CENTRAL STATES H & W FUND	HEALTH INSURANCE	13,648.00
CENTURYLINK	FAX	149.42
COLUMN SOFTWARE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	1,037.03
HUMANE SOCIETY OF SCOTT CO.	ANIMAL CONTROL	50.00
MACQUEEN	EQUIP OPER	6,176.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	749.94

MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	689.63
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULTS	EQUIP OPER	81.33
R.P. LUMBER CO.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	147.66
RACOM CORP.	EQUIP OPER	165.75
RAGAN MECHANICAL	LMI GRANT ASS'T	229.00
SCOTT CO. SHERIFF	JAIL EXPENSE	150.00
SINCLAIR TRACTOR	EQUIP OPER	16.98
VERIZON	TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET	922.88
WALKER, JACOB	UNIFORM ALLOW	385.00
TOTAL:		66,625.40

TOTAL FUNDS:		
GENERAL		52,491.74
RESERVES - PARK IMPROVEME		480.00
ROAD USE FUND		5.66
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND		13,648.00
TOTAL FUNDS:		66,625.40

ADD'L BILLS PAID – SEPTEMBER 2024

PAYROLL		31,260.23
BG SAVINGS (FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE W/H)		10,029.46
TREASURER, STATE OF IA (STATE W/H)		1,449.30
IPERS (PENSION W/H)		6,716.30
AMERICO (457 PLAN W/H)		300.00
AFLAC (INS W/H)		71.16
CENTRAL STATES INS (EMPLOYEE CONTR)		700.00
POSTMASTER-POSTAGE		259.26
SCOTT CO. RECORDER-RECORDING FEES		12.00
SHADEMASTER-TREE GRANT		1,095.70
MID-AMERICAN ENERGY-UTILITIES		1,784.84
TOTAL:		53,678.25

FUND TOTALS

GENERAL		50,799.24
ROAD USE		2,619.75
SANITATION		259.26
TOTALS:		53,678.25

REVENUES – SEPTEMBER 2024

GENERAL		126,730.87
RESERVES: PARK IMPROV		150.00
FIRE TOWNSHIP		124.84
ROAD USE		26,466.48
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		39,604.37
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX		24,229.26
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING		22,687.83
MONEY MARKET		818.55
SANITATION		12,110.73
TOTAL:		252,922.92