

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

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Bowman. Absent was member Brandenburg.

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

Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** From those in attendance, there were none.

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

1. **November 4, 2024 minutes**
2. **REVISED Resolution 2024-60 ref: renewing a Certificate of Deposit**
3. **Resolution 2024-63 ref: authorizing a payment from the TIF Reserve**
4. **Resolution 2024-64 ref: authorizing a payment from the LMI TIF Reserve**
5. **Payment of claims**

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

6. **Report:** Fire Chief Brian Seamer presented the October 2024 Fire Department report.

**PARK BOARD:**

7. **Report:** Mike Moellenbeck presented the November 2024 Park Board report prepared by Chair Ryan Powers.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

8. **Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the October 2024 Police Department report prepared by Chief Mike Meier.

**CHAPTER 10.24 PARKING:**

9. **10.24.020 Parking Prohibited:** Residents Edward and LeAnn Ford expressed concerns about the City's Parking regulations when having a special event at their household and/or during family holidays as they have a rather large family. The Clerk reported that she and Chief Meier had drafted an Amendment to include "Special Events: parking shall be allowed temporarily for no more than twenty-four (24) hours". Discussion was held. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the Amendment.

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:**

10. **Third reading and adoption of Amendment 2024-05:** Smith moved to accept the third reading of Amendment 2024-05 in reference to Chapter 2.10 the Administration Expense Policy, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

Smith moved to adopt Amendment 2024-05 in reference to Chapter 2.10 the Administration Expense Policy, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

11. **Third reading and adoption of Amendment 2024-06:** Smith moved to accept the third reading of Amendment 2024-06 in reference to Chapter 15.04 Building Code, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Smith-aye, Blok-aye, Hermann-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

Smith moved to adopt Amendment 2024-06 in reference to Chapter 15.04 Building Code, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Smith-aye, Blok-aye, Hermann-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

**12. Third reading and adoption of Amendment 2024-07:** Hermann moved to accept the third reading of Amendment 2024-07 in reference to Chapter 17.24 R-1 Single-Family Residence District, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Blok-aye, Bowman-nay and Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Hermann moved to adopt Amendment 2024-07 in reference to Chapter 17.24 R-1 Single-Family Residence District, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Blok-aye, Bowman-nay and Smith-aye. Motion carried.

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):**

**13. Nuisance Abatement(s):** Mayor Schutte reported that there were no new nuisance abatements filed. Bowman expressed safety concerns on a tree on South Mississippi Street that leans over the street and is close to the power lines. Meyrer agreed to follow through.

**FINANCIAL ASS'T GRANT:**

**14. LMI Application:** Meyrer reported that he had completed a whole-home inspection on Mr. Mark Wakefield as Mr. Wakefield had submitted an application to replace his gutters presenting a list of his findings as he would recommend that the rear deck be replaced due to its deteriorating condition. The Clerk reported that according to the income limits, Mr. Wakefield qualifies. Council reviewed the Commissioner's findings agreeing that quotes be obtained on both the gutters and deck.

**LICENSING:**

**15. Liquor License renewal:** Smith moved to approve Naughty's Party Co. DBA Jeff's Market liquor license renewal, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Smith-aye, Blok-aye, Bowman-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

**POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:**

**16. Clerk's Report:** City Clerk Ann Schmidt presented the September 2024 Clerk's Report.

**COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Bowman asked what the status was on the City's website upgrade. The Clerk said that she should have something by the next meeting. Bowman then expressed safety concerns on people walking on South Mississippi Street coming from the area subdivisions during the evening hours as there are no streetlights to illuminate the area for traveling motorists.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Hermann-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS REPORT		
1-DAY CDL	TRAINING/TRAVEL	1,100.00
ALL SEASONS CARWASH	VEH OPER	113.00
B.G. BUGLE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	200.00
DES MOINES STAMP	OPER SUPPLIES	56.15
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES	1,427.67
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	TRAINING/TRAVEL	50.00
JOHNSON DISTRIB.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	7.00
MACQUEEN	EQUIP OPER	11,523.07
MARTIN & WHITACRE SURVEYORS	ENGINEERING SVS	1,396.50
MCCULLOUGH, WM	LEGAL SVS	406.25
MED-TECH RESOURCE	EQUIP OPER	519.48
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	451.80
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	1,032.46
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	1,730.19
NAPA AUTO PARTS	EQUIP OPER	181.61
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT	EQUIP OPER	171.99
OLDE TOWN ROOFING	LMI GRANT FUNDING	17,853.00
PS3 ENTERPRISES	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	340.00
REPUBLIC SVS	GARBAGE/RECYCLING	10,496.25
RNJ DISTRIB.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	20.85
ROSS MEDICAL SUPPLY	EQUIP OPER	12.00
TRI STATE FIRE CONTROL	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	1,123.00
VISA	OPER/EQUIP OPER	433.79
WALCOTT COLLISION	VEH OPER	3,379.88
TOTAL:		54,025.94
TOTAL FUNDS:		
GENERAL		31,961.14
RESERVES - FIRE DEPT CAP'T		11,523.07
ROAD USE		25.48
SANITATION		10,516.25
TOTAL FUNDS:		54,025.94