

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA DECEMBER 2, 2024**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of December 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: Brandenburg moved to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye, Smith-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

PUBLIC FORUM: Resident Terry Kelly asked if a City representative could contact MidAmerican Energy about the noise coming from the electrical hub that is located on his property as he and the neighbors are being annoyed by the sound as it was becoming quite a nuisance. He said that when the City put in Lauretta Park, he was told by MidAmerican Energy that they would have to relocate the electrical hub as it was a safety issue being so close to a City Park. Discussion was held. Mayor Schutte said he would have the Public Works Director contact the City's liaison from MidAmerican Energy.

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

1. **November 18, 2024 minutes**
2. **October 2024 Clerk's Report**
3. **Payment of claims**

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

WEBSITE DESIGN:

4. **Website Upgrade:** Jim Schmedding representing the Bi-State Regional Commission gave a brief presentation displaying the City's website giving them several options. Council expressed concerns that the City's Codebook was not accessible on the City's website at which time Mr. Schmedding reported that both he and the City Clerk had found an online code platform service that seemed to be the most informative and organized; therefore, the Clerk agreed to contact some online platform service companies to see what their services offered and costs. Council agreed.

ENGINEER REPORT:

5. **Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the November 2024 Engineer's report prepared by the City Engineer Mike Janecek.
6. **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 that was prepared by the City Engineer adding that the light poles on Lamphere Drive have been reinstalled.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER:

7. **Report:** Jim Meyrer presented the November 2024 Building Commissioner report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

8. **Report:** Jim Meyrer presented the November 2024 Public Works Department report.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:

9. **First reading of Amendment 2025-01:** Smith moved to accept the first reading of Amendment 2025-01 in reference to Chapter 10.24, Section 10.24.020 Parking Prohibited in Front of Residential Premises, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Smith-aye, Blok-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

10. DRAFT Amendment 2025-02: The Clerk reported that according to the new State Offset Program Section 8.14.170 Billing of Service Charges was in need of amending to include an “appeal” process. Council agreed to prepare for its first reading.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

11. Nuisance Abatement(s): Mayor Schutte reported that there were no new nuisance abatements filed. Brandenburg expressed safety concerns on a Mediacom hub in the Towne & Country Manor Subdivision that has cable wires exposed. Mayor Schutte said he would have the Public Works Director contact Mediacom.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Discussion was held in regards to Mediacom’s internet services as several residents complained that their services were failing and/or lagging in service and that Mediacom was doing nothing to resolve these issues.

ADJOURNMENT: Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Smith-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS REPORT		
BP	VEH OPER	684.44
CASEY'S	VEH OPER	958.69
CENTRAL STATES H & W FUND	HEALTH INSURANCE	17,220.00
CENTURYLINK	FAX	117.23
COLUMN SOFTWARE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	1,041.80
GRAINGER	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	476.16
KIESLER'S POLICE SUPPLY	EQUIP OPER	1,002.32
MACQUEEN	EQUIP OPER	1,303.21
MARTIN & WHITACRE SURVEYORS	ENGINEERING SVS	279.30
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	694.97
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	417.63
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE	EQUIP OPER	1,067.88
PS3 ENTERPRISES	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	36.42
R.P. LUMBER CO.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	128.85
SCOTT CO. AUDITOR	SPECIAL ELECTION FEES	4,508.32
SCOTT CO. SHERIFF	JAIL EXPENSE	25.00
PARROTT, MATT	OPER SUPPLIES	60.20
VERIZON	TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET	922.92
VERSCHOORE, JASON	TRAINING/TRAVEL	1,795.92
TOTAL:		32,741.26

TOTAL FUNDS:	
GENERAL	14,749.26
RESERVES - FIRE DEPT CAPT	772.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND	17,220.00
TOTAL FUNDS:	32,741.26

ADD'L BILLS PAID – OCTOBER 2024

PAYROLL	31,259.32
BG SAVINGS (FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE W/H)	10,095.28
TREASURER, STATE OF IA (STATE W/H)	1,492.69
IPERS (PENSION W/H)	6,719.16
AMERICO (457 PLAN W/H)	300.00
AFLAC (INS W/H)	71.16
CENTRAL STATES INS (EMPLOYEE CONTR)	640.00
CENTRAL STATES INS-HEALTH INS	13,588.00
POSTMASTER-POSTAGE	261.00
SCOTT CO. RECORDER-RECORDING FEES	68.00
IA WORKFORCE DEV-UNEMPLOYMENT	79.47
TOTAL:	64,574.08

FUND TOTALS

GENERAL	48,078.50
ROAD USE	2,567.11
SANITATION	261.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	13,667.47
TOTALS:	64,574.08

REVENUES – OCTOBER 2024

GENERAL	335,129.58
RESERVES: LIBRARY MAINT	34,465.00
RESERVES: PARK IMPROV	3,050.00
FIRE TOWNSHIP	85.65
ROAD USE	18,661.49
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	116,606.88
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	31,384.50
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	18,092.88
MONEY MARKET	847.11
SEWER	200.00
SANITATION	12,749.23
TOTAL:	571,272.32