

**THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL  
BLUE GRASS, IOWA                      JANUARY 6, 2025**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025, 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 Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye, and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Resident Mark Wakefield asked if UTV's follow the same rules as golf carts. Mayor Schutte informed Mr. Wakefield that they do not, as UTV's follow the State's rules and regulations.

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

1. **December 16, 2024 minutes**
2. **Resolution 2025-01 ref: setting the 2025 mileage rate**
3. **Resolution 2025-02 ref: authorizing a payment from the TIF Reserve**
4. **Payment of claims**

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

**ENGINEER REPORT:**

5. **Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the December 2024 Engineer's report prepared by the City Engineer Mike Janecek.
6. **Lamphere Drive Reconstruction Project:** Mayor Schutte referred to the Engineer's report reporting the status of the Lamphere Drive Reconstruction Project.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER:**

7. **Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the December 2024 Building Commissioner report prepared by Building Commissioner Jim Meyrer.

**FINANCIAL ASS'T GRANT:**

8. **LMI:** Mayor Schutte referred to the Commissioner's report as LMI applicant Mark Wakefield was requesting to replace his man door to his garage reporting that after an inspection, the door is in need of replacing. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed and obtain bids.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

9. **Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the December 2024 Public Works Department report prepared by Public Works Director Jim Meyrer.

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:**

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

Smith moved to adopt Amendment 2025-01, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Smith-aye, Hermann-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

11. **Second reading of Amendment 2025-02:** Brandenburg moved to accept the second reading of Amendment 2025-02 in reference to Chapter 8.14, Section 8.14.170 Billing of Service Charges, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

**12. First reading of Amendment 2025-03:** Brandenburg moved to accept the first reading of Amendment 2025-03 in reference to Chapter 15.04, Section 15.04.043 Fence Requirements and Construction, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye, Smith-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

**13. First reading of Amendment 2025-04:** Smith moved to accept the first reading of Amendment 2025-04 in reference to Chapter 17.16, Section 17.16.095 Plat of Survey, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Smith-aye, Hermann-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):**

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

**LICENSE & RENEWAL(S):**

**15. Liquor License renewal:** Smith moved to approve Dollar General Store #12897 liquor license renewal, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Smith-aye, Blok-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPT:**

**16. Resignation:** Smith moved to accept Ms. Emily Anderson's resignation effective January 2, 2025, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Smith-aye, Hermann-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

**17. Advertisement:** Council reviewed and approved the draft advertisement for the full-time Police Officer position.

**COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** The Clerk reminded the Council that in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the City Council meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Resident Mark Wakefield expressed concerns on the City continuously losing Officers. Mayor Schutte reported that it was unfortunate as the City cannot compete with the County or larger City wages. Brandenburg added that there was a shortage of Officers all over as several other departments are continuously hiring Officers.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Smith-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS REPORT		
3E ELECTRICAL	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	218.75
AHERN FIRE PROTECTION	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	158.00
ALL FLAGS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	649.99
ALL SEASONS CARWASH	VEH OPER	87.00
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMM.	PROF FEES	283.75
BP	VEH OPER	731.03
CASEY'S	VEH OPER	1,377.24
CENTRAL STATES H & W FUND	HEALTH INSURANCE	13,648.00
CENTURYLINK	FAX	149.96
COLUMN SOFTWARE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	628.51
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA	SALT	4,409.02
DES MOINES STAMP MANUFACTURING	OPER SUPPLIES	76.00
HUMANE SOCIETY OF SCOTT CO.	ANIMAL CONTROL	50.00
IA POLICE CHIEFS ASSOC.	DUES	75.00
JOHNSON DISTRIBUTING	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	21.00
LEXIPOL	TRAINING	2,345.76
MACQUEEN	EQUIP OPER	2,629.57
MCCULLOUGH, WM.	LEGAL SVS	718.75
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	694.97
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	321.23
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT	EQUIP OPER	91.26
R.P. LUMBER CO.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	40.45
REPUBLIC SVS	GARBAGE/RECYCLING	10,566.25
RNJ DISTRIBUTION	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	55.00
SYCAMORE PRINTING	OFFICE SUPPLIES	884.84
VERIZON	TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET SVS	932.82
VETERINARY AND POULTRY SUPPLY	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	50.55
TOTAL:		41,894.70

TOTAL FUNDS:		
GENERAL		13,271.43
ROAD USE		4,409.02
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		13,648.00
SANITATION		10,566.25
TOTAL FUNDS:		41,894.70

**2024 GROSS WAGES PAID:**

ANDERSON, EMILY		32,357.49
BLOK, ROBERT		440.00
BOWMAN, SCHUYLER		460.00
BRANDENBURG, TIMOTHY		540.00
DEARMORE, ROBERT		18,336.90
DOWNING, ROBERT		55,537.31
FROMMELT, NICHOLAS		1,538.26
HERMANN, MICHAEL		620.00
HICKS, RAY		367.39
LANE, ZACHARY		14,518.25

JORENZ, JOYCE	54,945.00
MAYNARD, JR., DAMIEN	612.00
MEIER, JAMES	19,184.00
MEIER, MICHAEL	77,750.69
MEYRER, JAMES	69,379.43
RHOADES, TIMOTHY	160.00
SAID, CHAD	10,059.91
SCHMIDT, ANN	76,828.33
SCHUTTE, BRADLEY	2,400.00
SMITH, CHERYL	280.00
STOCK, BRIAN	18,683.91
TURNER, DANIEL	5,121.00
WALKER, JACOB	6,717.67
WARD, ERIC	34,999.00
WARREN, CALE	11,816.53
WILKINSON, MATTHEW	6,883.71
<b>TOTAL 2024 GROSS WAGES PAID:</b>	<b>520,536.78</b>