

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA DECEMBER 1, 2025**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st day of December 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: Blok, Bowman, Hermann and Smith. 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: Smith moved to approve the Consent as presented, seconded by Hermann.

1. November 17, 2025 minutes

2. Payment of claims

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

ENGINEER REPORT:

3. Report: Mayor Schutte presented the November 2025 Engineer's report prepared by City Engineer Mike Janecek.

4. East Telegraph Road: Council reviewed all the past street improvements and discussed any future street improvements. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have the Engineer start assessing the reconstruction of the East Telegraph Road corridor and move forward with cost estimates and a timeline.

5. Lamphere Drive Reconstruction Project: Mayor Schutte referred to the Engineer's report reporting that the punch list was complete and that there were a few remaining items to address under the 1-year warranty.

PUBLIC WORKS:

6. Report: Public Works Director Jim Meyrer presented the November 2025 Public Works Department report.

7. Purchase of bucket truck: Meyrer proposed to purchase a bucket truck as Public Works could use for hanging Christmas lights and other various projects. Hermann moved to purchase the 1991 GMC C3500 bucket truck from Nelson Electric in the amount of \$4,000.00, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Bowman-aye, Smith-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried. Council requested that the truck be inspected for safety.

8. Drainage Bids: No other bid was received; therefore, it was consensus of the Council to wait until another bid was obtained.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER:

9. Report: Building Commissioner Jim Meyrer presented the November 2025 Building Commissioner report.

10. PSB ref: UPS Replacement: Meyrer previously presented a quote from Data-Power Technologies to replace the Public Safety Building's three-phase UPS battery backup system that is now obsolete; however, the Council wanted to obtain another quote or get more information on the backup system.

Meyrer reported that he was unable to obtain another quote at this time. Mayor Schutte reported that

it was his opinion that the system not be replaced and that the City rely on its current generator as their backup. Discussion was held.

FINANCIAL ASS'T GRANT:

11. LMI Application: Meyrer reported that he had completed a whole home inspection reporting his findings. It was the consensus of the Council to get bids prioritizing the safety repairs first then the electric repairs and any remaining monies be used to make the exterior door and bathroom handicap accessible.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

12. Nuisance Abatement(s): Mayor Schutte reported that there were a few remaining nuisance abatements reporting that he had issued a snow emergency; whereas, there are still vehicles remaining on the street and that he was going to have the Chief tow.

13. Status of Demolition Project: Mayor Schutte reported that the equipment was on the property just waiting on the contractor to schedule the demolition. Meyrer reported that the contractor said it would be either this week or the next.

SALE OF CITY PROPERTY :

14. Sale of West Lauretta Street: The City Attorney had previously reported that Mr. Wulf was unable to purchase the property due to personal reasons; therefore, the City asked that the City contact the other interested party that had previously placed a bid to see if they were still interested.

The Clerk reported that the other interested parties are not interested. It was the consensus of the Council to readvertise with a minimum bid of \$12,500.00 with a bid opening date of February 2, 2026.

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:

15. Lease Agreement: The Clerk reported that the GTI Group was requesting to extend their lease with the City for another year. Discussion was held on the rent as Council felt that there should be an increase. Bowman moved to extend the lease agreement with the GTI Group for another year at \$1,250.00 a month rent, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

16. Strategic Planning & Goal Setting: There was nothing new to report at this time.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: From those in attendance, there were none.

ADJOURNMENT: Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS REPORT:

3E ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

AHERN CO.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	165.90
ALL FLAGS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	586.45
BP	VEH OPER	756.95
CENTRAL STATES H & W FUND	HEALTH INSURANCE	17,220.00
CENTURYLINK	FAX	161.53
IOWA AMERICAN WATER	UTILITIES	140.40
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	24.30
MCCULLOUGH, WM.	LEGAL SVS	2,212.50
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	468.32
NELSON ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	1,157.37
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT	EQUIP OPER	1,667.83
PS3 ENTERPRISES	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	77.14
RNJ DISTRIB.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	17.40
R.P. LUMBER	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	95.84
SCOTT CO. AUDITOR	ELECTIONS	535.04
VERIZON	TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET	991.87
TOTAL:		27,428.84

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	10,208.84
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	17,220.00
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