

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of February 2026, 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: Brandenburg, Hermann, Blok, Bowman and Smith.

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

MAYORAL COMMENTS: 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 Blok.

1. January 20, 2026 minutes

2. Resolution 2026-07 ref: authorizing a payment from the TIF LMI Reserve

3. Payment of claims

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

ENGINEER REPORT:

4. Report: Mayor Schutte presented the January 2026 Engineer's report prepared by City Engineer Mike Janecek.

5. Lamphere Drive Reconstruction Project: Mayor Schutte referred to the Engineer's report reporting that the punch list was complete and that the project was now under the 1-year warranty; therefore, the Council requested that the Item be removed from the Agenda.

6. East Telegraph Road: Mayor Schutte asked that discussion be held since there was a full Council present as in previous discussions, Council was in favor of moving forward and in other discussions, Council was not in favor of moving forward. Discussion was held on whether to finance the project utilizing the City's Reserves or go out for GO Bonds and/or schedule repairs as needed with what the budget will allow. After a rather lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to not put the City in debt and have both the Public Works Director and the City Engineer put together a list of street repairs for the entire City and then prioritize the list and present to the Council.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER:

7. Report: Building Commissioner Jim Meyrer presented the January 2026 Building Commissioner report. Meyrer recommended that the sidewalk on South Genessee be extended. It was the consensus of the Council to move forward on notifying the affected property owners to install their portion of the sidewalk on South Genessee Street.

8. UPS Replacement: Meyrer previously presented a bid from Data-Power Technologies to replace the Public Safety Building's three-phase UPS battery backup system that is now obsolete; however, the Council requested that another bid be obtained.

Meyrer reported that he had nothing new to report. It was consensus of the Council to wait until another bid was obtained.

PUBLIC WORKS:

9. Report: Public Works Director Jim Meyrer presented the January 2026 Public Works Department report.

- 10. Drainage Bids:** Mayor Schutte presented the following bids to correct the storm drainage issues at Dolan Drive and Danielle Court: Aero Concrete \$39,124.00; Heuer Construction \$36,386.75 and Brus Construction \$47,889.03. Council reviewed and compared the bids. Brandenburg moved to accept Brus Construction, LLC's bid in the amount of \$47,889.03 based on the fact that the project has already been pre-engineered and quoted using 12-inch wall piping, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye, Smith-aye, Bowman-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.
- 11. Striping of Streets:** Meyrer reported that several streets were in need of striping; therefore, Council requested the Meyrer prepare a list of streets that are in need of striping and go out for bids.
- 12. Scott County Agreement:** Meyrer presented Scott County's 2026 Pavement Marking Agreement recommending not to accept. Brandenburg moved to not participate in the Agreement based on the Public Works Director's recommendation, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye, Hermann-aye, Blok-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried.

BID OPENING:

- 13. Bid Opening:** Mayor Schutte publicly opened one sealed bid from Brandon Schadt, Southern Mud of the Midwest, Rhyne Land Co., LLC in the amount of \$7,500.00 at which time the Council asked for legal advice requesting a 5 minute recess. Brandenburg moved to recess for 5 minutes, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

Brandenburg moved to reconvene, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Schutte reported that after contacting the City Attorney, the Council can accept a reasonable offer due to the fact that the parcel has been publicly bid three times; therefore, Bowman moved to waive the minimum bid requirement based on the fact that the parcel has been publicly let out for bid three times since November 1, 2024, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye, Hermann-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried. Blok moved to accept Brandon Schadt, Southern Mud of the Midwest, Rhyne Land Co., LLC's bid for \$7,500.00 for the purchase of real property on West Laurretta Street with the stipulation that the Council authorize the sale of real property by Resolution at the March 2, 2026 public hearing, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Blok-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Hermann-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

- 14. Set Public Hearing Date:** The Clerk informed the Council that the City is required to hold a public hearing to publicly inform the public of their intentions to sell real property; therefore, Hermann moved to set the public hearing date of March 2, 2026 to authorize the sale of real property by Resolution, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 15. Amended and Restated Plan for the 2021 Blue Grass West Business Park URA:** Brandenburg moved to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Hermann-aye, Bowman-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Schutte opened the public hearing. The Clerk reported that there were no oral or written objections. Mayor Schutte presented both the Amendment and Resolution asking for questions or concerns, since there were none, Brandenburg moved to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Hermann-aye, Blok-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.
- 16. Resolution 2026-08:** Brandenburg moved to adopt Resolution 2026-08 amending and restated Urban Renewal Plan for the 2021 Blue Grass West Business Park Urban Revitalization Area, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye, Bowman-aye, Smith-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:

- 17. First reading, waiving of the third reading of Ordinance Amendment 2026-01:** Brandenburg moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance Amendment 2026-01 an Amendment Amending Ordinance Designating an Area of Blue Grass, Iowa as the 2021 Blue Grass West Business Park Urban Revitalization Area listed in Chapter 17.85, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.
- 18. DRAFT Ordinance Amendment 2026-02 ref: Chapter 6.20 Regulating the number and type of livestock and other animals within the City limits:** Council reviewed the draft Amendment. It was the consensus of the Council to have the City Attorney review and if there are no changes, that the Clerk prepare the Amendment for its first reading at the next meeting.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

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

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:

- 20. 2026 Polling Facility Agreement:** Bowman moved to approve the 2026 Polling Facility Agreement with Scott County, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye, Hermann-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried.

PARK BOARD:

- 21. Resignation:** Brandenburg moved to accept Mike Hermann's resignation from the Park Board effective February 5, 2026, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye, Bowman-aye and Hermann-abstain. Motion carried.
- 22. Appointment:** Brandenburg moved to appoint Tonya Strong to the Park Board to fill the term expiring January 1, 2029 seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Hermann-aye, Bowman-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.
- 23. Appointment:** Brandenburg moved to appoint Justin Box to the Park Board to fill the term expiring January 1, 2027, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye, Bowman-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- 24. Strategic Planning & Goal Setting:** Based on Items #15, #16 and #17, there was nothing new to report.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The Clerk reminded the Council of the Fire Township Meeting scheduled for February 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building and in observance of the Presidents Day Holiday, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: Bowman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Blok-aye, Smith-aye, Hermann-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS:

BP	VEH OPER	177.68
BRUS CONSTRUCTION	PROF FEES	17,687.00
CENTRAL STATES H & W FUND	HEALTH INS	13,281.50
CENTURYLINK	FAX	164.18
COLUMN SUPPORT	ADVERT & PUBLICATIONS	582.82
COMPASS MINERALS	SALT	6,841.48
IA AMERICAN WATER	UTILITIES	404.66
IA ONE CALL	LOCATES	15.30
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING-DUES	150.00
MCCULLOUGH, WM.	LEGAL SVS	937.50
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	183.01
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	ENGINEERING	3,998.98
RAGAN MECHANICAL	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	1,198.00
RNJ DISTRIBUTION	INTERNET	23.90
R.P. LUMBER CO.	TRAINING-DUES	36.27
SCHUTTE, BRAD	TRAINING	50.75
SMITH, JACQUELYN	REFUND	31.30
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET	1,125.00
TOTAL:		46,889.33

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	26,766.35
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	13,281.50
ROAD USE	6,841.48
TOTAL FUNDS:	46,889.33