

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 17th 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: 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, Hermann-aye and Blok-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. **February 2, 2026 minutes**
2. **Resolution 2026-09 ref: authorizing a payment from the Tax Increment Reserve**
3. **Payment of claims**

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

4. **Report:** Chief Brian Seamer was absent for the February 2026 Fire Department report. Mayor Schutte stated that Chief Seamer would email City Hall with the report and from there it would be emailed to all the Council members.
5. **Knox Key Box:** Mayor Schutte stated that he wanted the Knox Key Box to stay on the agenda as they were still in the process of gathering more information.

PARK BOARD:

6. **Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the February 2026 Park Board Report prepared by Co-Chair Justin Box.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:

7. **Second reading, waiving of the third reading/Adoption of Ordinance Amendment 2026-01:** Blok moved to accept the second reading and waive the third 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 Smith. Roll call: Blok-aye, Smith-aye, Hermann-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

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

8. **First reading of Ordinance Amendment 2026-02 ref: Chapter 6.20 Regulating the number and type of livestock and other animals within the City limits:** Smith moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance Amendment 2026-02 an Amendment to Chapter 6.20 Regulating the number and type of livestock, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Smith-aye, Hermann-aye, Blok-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

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

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:

- 10. Clerk's Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the January 2026 Clerk's Report prepared by City Clerk Ann Schmidt.
- 11. Grant Proposals:** It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with grants for the Pickle Ball court and pavilion renovations to Fridley Park.
- 12. City Budget Timeline:** Mayor Schutte referred to a memo prepared by the Clerk in regards to the budget timeline for the City's FY '26 -'27 budget.
- 13. Property Tax Levy Public Hearing:** Hermann moved to set a special meeting date of April 1, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. for the City's FY '26 -'27 Property Tax Levy Public Hearing, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye and Brandenburg-aye.. Motion carried.
- 14. Adoption of FY '26-'27 City Budget Public Hearing:** Hermann moved to set the special meeting date of April 1, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. to set the Adoption of City's FY '26 -'27 Budget public hearing date, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- 15. Strategic Planning & Goal Setting:** Based on Item #8, there was nothing new to report.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Brandenburg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye, Smith-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

Attest: Joyce Lorenz, Assistant City Clerk/Financial Officer

CLAIMS:

ALL SEASONS CARWASH	VEH OPER	82.00
DSI	DRUG TESTING	51.50
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES	2,529.76
EDMUNDS GOVTECH	COMP SOFTWARE	4,375.00
INFINITE APPAREL	SAFETY EQUIP	191.81
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	20.70
MARTIN & WHITACRE SURVEYORS	ENGINEERING	496.38
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	640.00
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT	EQUIP OPER	99.00
PANTHER UNIFORMS	UNIFORM ALLOW	250.90
REPUBLIC SERVICES	GARB/RECY	11,277.00
ROSS MEDICAL SUPPLY	EQUIP OPER	26.46
VISA	VARIOUS DEPTS	408.26
TOTAL:		20,448.77

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	6,984.27
SANITATION	13,464.50
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