

**THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL  
BLUE GRASS, IOWA                      FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 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: Bowman, Smith, Hermann, Blok and Brandenburg.

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

Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** From those in attendance, there were none.

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

**1. February 3, 2025 minutes**

**2. Payment of claims**

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**3. Report:** Fire Chief Brian Seamer presented the January 2025 Fire Department report.

**PARK BOARD:**

**4. Report:** Chair Ryan Powers presented the February 2025 Park Board report.

**5. Grant Proposal:** Hermann reported that the Board was requesting to construct a pickleball court at Fridley Park and are in the process of obtaining quotes. He said that \$150,000.00 was allocated in the FY '25-'26 Budget coming from the Local Option Sales Tax Reserve. Discussion was held.

Brandenburg made a motion to proceed with applying for the grant and if approved, authorize the City's match, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye, Smith-aye, Hermann-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**6. Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the January 2025 Police Department report prepared by Chief Mike Meier.

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):**

**7. Nuisance Abatement(s):** Mayor Schutte reported that there were no new nuisance abatements reported. Brandenburg asked that the Chief follow up on an address.

**LICENSING & RENEWALS:**

**8. Liquor License:** Brandenburg moved to approve Blue Grass Community Center's liquor license, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Hermann-aye, Bowman-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

**POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:**

**9. Council meetings:** Mayor Schutte asked the Council whether they would be in favor of reducing the meetings to once a month. He said he spoke with the Clerk and as far as paying bills on a timely basis, according to the Municipal Code, Section 3.04.070 Authorization to Expend: the Clerk has the authority to pay such bills to avoid any late fees or penalties. Discussion was held. It was the Council's decision to continue with two meetings a month.

**10. FY 2024-2025 Budget Amendment:** Smith made a motion to set the public hearing date of March 3, 2025 to approve the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 City Budget Amendment, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Smith-aye, Blok-aye, Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

**11. Clerk’s Report:** Mayor Shutte presented the December 2024 Clerk’s Report.

**COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Mayor Schutte reminded the Council of the joint Fire Township Trustees meeting that was rescheduled for February 26, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Brandenburg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Hermann-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Mayor Brad Schutte

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Attest: Joyce A. Lorenz, Assistant City Clerk/Financial Officer

**CLAIMS REPORT**

3E ELECTRICAL	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	225.00
ALL SEASONS CARWASH	VEH OPER	143.50
B.G. BUGLE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	200.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	762.43
DSI	TESTING	99.00
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES	1,528.69
GLOCK PROFESSIONAL	TRAINING	300.00
JOHNSON DISTRIB.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	7.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	1,147.84
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	157.84
NELSON ELECTRIC	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	689.45
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT	COPIER	143.40
RAGAN MECHANICAL	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	1,423.00
REPUBLIC SVS	GARBAGE/RECYCLING	10,566.25
ROSS MEDICAL SUPPLY	EQUIP OPER	26.40
SCOTT CO. SHERIFF	JAIL EXPENSE	100.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARTY FEES	30.00
SHEEDER HEATING & AIR	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	8,500.00
TC AUTO	VEH OPER	55.78
TRI STATE FIRE CONTROL	EQUIP OPER	151.00
TRUCK COUNTRY OF IOWA	EQUIP OPER	152.49
VISA	OPER SUPPLIES	734.08
TOTAL:		27,143.15
TOTAL FUNDS:		
GENERAL		16,506.95
ROAD USE		69.95
SANITATION		10,566.25
<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>		<b>27,143.15</b>

