

**THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL  
BLUE GRASS, IOWA                      FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, 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, Bowman and Blok. Absent was member Rhoades.

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

Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** From the audience, there were none.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Brandenburg moved to adopt the Consent Agenda with a correction to a date specified in Resolution 2024-10, seconded by Bowman.

1. **Minutes of the February 5, 2024 meeting**
2. **Minutes of the February 7, 2024 meeting**
3. **Resolution 2024-10 ref: Setting public hearing date for Consolidated General Fund Tax Levy**
4. **December 2023 Clerk's Report**
5. **January 2024 Clerk's Report**
6. **Payment of claims**

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

7. **Report:** Fire Chief Brian Seamer presented the January 2024 Fire Department report.
8. **Agreement:** Mayor Schutte referred to the February 7, 2024 joint meeting with the Township Trustees; whereas, it was mutually agreed upon to renew the Agreement for another 3-years. Bowman moved to approve the 3-year Fire Protection Agreement with the Buffalo Fire Township, Blue Grass Fire Township and Fulton Fire Township expiring March 1, 2027, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Hermann-aye, Blok-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

**PARK BOARD:**

9. **Report:** Chair Ryan Powers presented the February 2024 Park Board report. Andy Goss representing the Youth Sports reported that a new scoreboard was ordered to replace the old scoreboard at Gless Field asking permission to run power to the new Board. Mayor Schutte requested that the item be placed on the next meeting Agenda.
10. **Soccer Nets:** Powers reported that the Board had approached the Elementary School on whether they would have any use for the City's soccer nets or not and they replied that they have no use for the nets and after having conversations with the YMCA, they said that they could use the soccer nets; therefore, the Board recommended that the nets be donated to the YMCA. Brandenburg moved to donate the soccer nets to the YMCA, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye, Hermann-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL ASS'T GRANT:**

11. **LMI Application:** Mayor Schutte referred to the Building Commissioner's whole-home inspection report on Ms. Sarah Loy as she had submitted an application. The Clerk reported that according to the income limits, Ms. Loy qualifies. Council reviewed the Commissioner's findings requesting that bids be obtained prioritizing the furnace first. Hermann moved to approve the LMI Grant to Ms. Sarah Loy with an amount not to exceed the \$18,000.00 maximum amount prioritizing the furnace and that bids be

obtained for the remaining items, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye, Hermann-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):**

**12. Nuisance Abatement(s):** Mayor Schutte reported that there were no nuisances reported but encouraged the Council and Public to use “911” if they have a problem even if it was not an emergency as too many people are afraid to use “911” because they feel it is not an emergency. He reassured that the “911” Emergency Center would then direct the call to the appropriate department.

**LICENSING & RENEWALS:**

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

**POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:**

**14. Clerk’s Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the December 2023 Clerk’s Report prepared by City Clerk Ann Schmidt.

**COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Mayor Schutte stated he would like the Park Board to put the Gless Field scoreboard on the next Council Agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Brandenburg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye, Bowman-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Mayor Brad Schutte

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Attest: Joyce Lorenz, Ass’t City Clerk/Financial Officer

**CLAIMS REPORT**

3E ELECTRICAL	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	200.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	EQUIP OPER	15.54
ASPEN EQUIPMENT	EQUIP OPER	1,861.06
B.G. BUGLE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	200.00
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES	1,888.13
HUFFCUTT CONCRETE	EQUIP OPER	28,475.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	13.50
IOWA POLICE CHIEFS ASSOC	DUES	75.00
J/J AUTO BODY	EQUIP OPER	769.20
JEREMY’S CARS	EQUIP OPER	106.95
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	431.80
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	1,294.81
MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME	DUES	100.00
MIDWEST BATH	LMI GRANT	10,736.80
MIDWEST WHEEL COS.	EQUIP OPER	43.96
NAPA	EQUIP OPER	252.74

NORTHWEST CARPET	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	1,272.00
OTERO DOOR WORKS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	1,140.48
QUAD CITY SAFETY	SAFETY EQUIPMENT	132.00
QUAD CITY TIMES	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	745.84
RACOM	EQUIP OPER	13.00
REPUBLIC SVS	GARBAGE/RECYCLING	10,185.75
ROSS MEDICAL SUPPLY	EQUIP OPER	14.40
SCOTT AREA SOLID WASTE	LANDFILL FEES	37.00
STERICYCLE	OPER SUPPLIES	1,214.10
VETERINARY AND POULTRY SUPPLY	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	93.40
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>61,312.46</b>

**TOTAL FUNDS:**

GENERAL	42,811.95
RESERVES - PARK IMPROV	6,000.00
ROAD USE	2,277.76
SANITATION	10,222.75
<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>	<b>61,312.46</b>

**ADD'L BILLS PAID – DECEMBER 2023**

PAYROLL	28,548.28
BG SAVINGS (FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE W/H)	8,995.26
TREASURER, STATE OF IA (STATE W/H)	1,358.99
IPERS (PENSION W/H)	6,102.18
AMERICO (457 PLAN W/H)	200.00
AFLAC (INS W/H)	71.16
CENTRAL STATES INS-(EMPLOYEE CONTR)	640.00
TREASURER, STATE OF MAINE (EMPLOYEE W/H)	1,124.00
IA WORKFORCE DEV-UNEMPLOYMENT	39.44
POSTMASTER-POSTAGE	446.06
WALMART-SHOP WITH COP	541.17
HOSTWAY-OPER SUPPLIES	59.40
HY-VEE-OPER SUPPLIES	88.41
FARM & FLEET-EQUIP OPER	81.98
CORNER GRILL-TRAINING	208.89
UNIQUE MECH-REPLACE CK#39985	29.28
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>48,534.50</b>

**FUND TOTALS**

GENERAL	45,312.79
ROAD USE	2,393.04
SANITATION	248.06
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	39.44
POLICE RESERVE	541.17
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>48,534.50</b>

**REVENUES – DECEMBER 2023**

GENERAL	50,348.22
FIRE TOWNSHIP	25,009.35
RESERVES: POLICE DEPT.	40.00

ROAD USE	20,065.85
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	8,310.60
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	26,073.96
MONEY MARKET	1,449.77
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	2,451.43
SEWER	92.17
SANITATION	11,378.90
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>145,220.25</b>

**ADD'L BILLS PAID – JANUARY 2024**

PAYROLL	28,430.15
BG SAVINGS (FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE W/H)	9,106.01
TREASURER, STATE OF IA (STATE W/H)	1,316.74
IPERS (PENSION W/H)	6,246.77
AMERICO (457 PLAN W/H)	200.00
AFLAC (INS W/H)	52.14
CENTRAL STATES INS-(EMPLOYEE CONTR)	640.00
CENTRAL STATES INS-HEALTH INSURANCE	16,288.00
TREASURER, STATE OF MAINE (EMPLOYEE W/H)	1,124.00
POSTMASTER-POSTAGE	236.70
AMAZON-OPER SUPPLIES	472.18
WINDOW WORLD-LMI GRANT	8,856.00
INTERGEN-COMPUTER OPER	50.00
SUMMIT SVS-LMI GRANT	6,072.27
EMPLOYERS MUTUAL-INSURANCE	255.66
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>79,346.62</b>

**FUND TOTALS**

GENERAL	60,228.09
ROAD USE	2,593.83
SANITATION	236.70
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	16,288.00
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>79,346.62</b>

**REVENUES – JANUARY 2024**

GENERAL	18,351.35
FIRE TOWNSHIP	21,294.13
RESERVES: POLICE DEPT.	300.00
RESERVES: PARK IMPROV.	1,200.00
ROAD USE	19,503.19
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,541.63
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	25,576.56
MONEY MARKET	1,452.02
SEWER	91.63
SANITATION	12,868.24
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>103,178.75</b>