

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

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 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:** Smith moved to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Smith-aye, Blok-aye, Hermann-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 voiding the claim payable to Legacy Fire Equipment, seconded by Blok.

**1. March 2, 2026 minutes**

**2. Resolution 2026-14 ref: authorizing a payment from the Tax Increment Reserve**

**3. Payment of claims**

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

**PARK BOARD:**

**4. Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the March 2026 Park Board Report prepared by Co-Chair Justin Box. Member Dawn Greer arrived at 7:16 p.m. reporting the following dates: October 24<sup>th</sup> Pumpkin Dash; June 14<sup>th</sup> Spring Park Event and December 6<sup>th</sup> as the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:**

**5. Third reading/Adoption of Ordinance Amendment 2026-02:** Brandenburg moved to accept the third reading of Ordinance Amendment 2026-02 an Amendment to Chapter 6.20 Regulating the number and type of livestock, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Hermann-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

Brandenburg moved to adopt Ordinance Amendment 2026-02 an Amendment to Chapter 6.20 Regulating the number and type of livestock, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Hermann-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):**

**6. Nuisance Abatement(s):** Mayor Schutte reported that there were no new nuisance abatements; however, he had met with the Department Heads on the handling of nuisance abatements.

**LICENSING:**

**7. Liquor License renewal:** Smith moved to approve JLEE Oil d/b/a BP liquor license renewal, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Smith-aye, Blok-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATION:**

**8. Proclamation:** Brandenburg moved to approve a Proclamation proclaiming April 2, 2026 as “Junior Achievement Day” in Blue Grass, Iowa, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye, Smith-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**9. Bid for '20 Squad SUV:** It was the consensus of the Council to let out for bids for the 2020 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor with a minimum bid of \$18,000.00.

**POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:**

**10. Clerk's Report:** City Clerk Ann Schmidt presented the February 2026 Clerk's Report.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

**11. Strategic Planning & Goal Setting:** There was nothing new to report.

**COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Council expressed concerns regarding the street assessments project; whereas Mayor Schutte replied that this would be discussed with the City Engineer at the April 6, 2026 meeting.

Discussion was held on the scheduling of Gless Field as the Little League currently schedules all practices and games for all leagues.

Council expressed concerns about the mapping and elevations of current and future storm sewers requesting that copies be maintained.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Smith-aye, Hermann-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Mayor Brad Schutte

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

**CLAIMS:**

ALL SEASONS CARWASH	VEH OPER	76.25
B.G. BUGLE	ADV & PUBLICATIONS	200.00
CASEY'S	FUEL	366.21
DAVENPORT COMM SCHOOL DIST	FUNDRAISING EXP	191.39
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES	1,829.67
HENDERSON PRODUCTS	EQUIP OPER	1,423.44
IA ASSO OF MUNI UTILITIES	TRAINING	530.00
IA MUNI FINANCE OFFICERS	TRAINING	50.00
IA AMERICAN WATER	UTILITIES	202.74
JOHNSON DISTRIB.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	7.00
KNOX CO.	EQUIP OPER	1,136.00
MCCULLOUGH, WM.	LEGAL SVS	712.50
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	903.88
MED-TECH RESOURCE	EQUIP OPER	1,724.46
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	86.19
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT	EQUIP OPER	4,110.00
REPUBLIC SVS	GARB/RECYCLING	11,277.00
SCHUTTE, BRAD	TRAINING	45.68
VISA	VARIOUS DEPTS.	813.06
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>25,685.47</b>

**TOTAL FUNDS:**

GENERAL	14,217.08
POLICE DEPT RESERVE	191.39
SANITATION	11,277.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>	<b>25,685.47</b>