

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA APRIL 6, 2026**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 6th day of April 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, Bowman and Brandenburg. Absent was member Blok.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Bowman moved to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Smith-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: Brandenburg moved to approve the Consent as presented, seconded by Smith.

1. **March 2, 2026 minutes**
2. **April 1, 2026 minutes**
3. **April 1, 2026 minutes**
4. **Payment of claims**

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

SPECIAL EVENTS:

5. **Blue Grass Community Center (BGCC):** Wayne Beck representing the BGCC asked for permission to hold their annual Blue Grass Days event set for June 5th and 6th reviewing the timeline of events and special requests. Brandenburg moved to allow the BGCC to close off the proposed various streets; hold their annual fireworks display; use of golf carts during the event and use of City Streets for their parade and 5K/1 mile fun-run races during their Blue Grass Days events scheduled for June 5 and June 6, 2026, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Bowman-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

ENGINEER REPORT:

6. **Report:** City Engineer Mike Janecek presented the March 2026 Engineer's report.
7. **Street Assessments:** Janecek reported that both he and the Public Works Director compiled a list of street repairs with North Mississippi Street being priority. Council reviewed the list and estimates prepared by the Engineer requesting that the Engineer prepare individual bids for each project with highest to lowest priority and present at the next meeting.
8. **Sealcoat bids:** Meyrer reported that he had received two bids on the sealcoating of East Mayne and East Telegraph Road from LL Pelling and Taylor Ridge Paving. Council expressed concerns on the severity of both East Mayne Street and East Telegraph as that they felt sealcoat was not the solution; however, agreed to wait until the Engineer prepares the bid documents.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER:

9. **Report:** Building Commissioner Jim Meyrer presented the March 2026 Building Commissioner report.

HOME OCCUPATION:

10. **Home Occupation:** Meyrer reported that he had completed a whole-home inspection for Joanne Mack for an in-home bakery reporting that Ms. Mack had met all the Home Occupation requirements; therefore, recommended approving. Brandenburg moved to approve Ms. Mack's First Call Bakery Home Occupation Permit for a one-year period, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye, Hermann-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- 11. Report:** Public Works Director Jim Meyrer presented the March 2026 Public Works Department report.
- 12. Status of drainage project:** Meyrer reported that the project was under construction.
- 13. Purchase of mower:** Meyrer presented the following bids: 1) Muscatine Lawn: Toro Z Master 4000 with trade-in, totaling \$6,543.58 and 2) Muscatine Lawn: Ferris ISX2200 with a trade-in, totaling \$6,962.86 and 3) RUSSO Outdoor Power for a Toto Z Master 4000 with trade-in, totaling \$6,472.40. Discussion was held. Hermann moved to approve Muscatine Lawn's bid in the amount of \$6,962.86, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- 14. Heavy-Duty Lift:** Meyrer presented a quote from Pitstop Pro for the purchase of a 4-post alignment lift totaling \$5,700.00. Discussion was held on the use and maintenance of the lift. Bowman moved to approve Pitstop Pro's quote in the amount of \$5,700.00 for the purchase of a 4-post alignment lift, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Hermann-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

- 15. Nuisance Abatement(s):** Mayor Schutte reported that there were no new nuisance abatements; however, now that the weather was descent that the remaining nuisance abatements be addressed.

SEALED BIDS:

- 16. Bid Opening:** Mayor Schutte publicly opened the following sealed bid for the purchase of the 2020 Ford Explorer: Chicago Motors, Inc. in the amount of \$18,000.00.
- 17. Acceptance:** Brandenburg moved to accept Chicago Motors, Inc. bid in the amount of \$18,000.00 for the 2020 Ford Explorer in "as is" condition, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Bowman-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- 18. Strategic Planning & Goal Setting:** Bowman noted that one of the commercial lots had sold in the Scott County West Business Park.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Brandenburg requested that Public Works compile a list of the potholes to be filled.

Bowman suggested that the City look at offering its residents free yard waste and tree debris drop off near the Public Works Building as other cities offer this service free of charge. A rather lengthy discussion was held. Bowman agreed to further discuss with the Public Works Director.

Mayor Schutte reported that the Mayor of Buffalo had contacted him as the City's backhoe was currently out of service and asked that if there was an emergency if they would be able to use the City's backhoe. He asked the Council if there were any objections as they would be required to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement prior to use. Council agreed.

RECESS: Brandenburg moved to recess for 5 minutes, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Hermann-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried. Smith moved to reconvene, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Smith-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE RELATION COMMITTEE:

- 19. Review & Select Candidate:** Mayor Schutte referred to the Code of Iowa, Section 21.5(i) stating that the Council would be going into executive closed session to review and select a candidate for the Part-Time Public Works position. Smith moved to close the regular meeting and go into closed session, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

Smith moved to reopen the regular meeting, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

20. Select Candidate: Smith moved to offer Applicant “B” the Part-Time Public Work’s position at \$19.00 per hour, with the stipulation that the applicant pass all the applicable pre-employment test, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Hermann-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS:

B.G. AUTOMOTIVE	VEH OPER	770.68
BP	FUEL	278.84
CASEY'S	FUEL	468.38
CENTRAL STATES H & W FUND	HEALTH INS	12,388.50
CENTURYLINK	FAX	161.79
COLUMN SOFTWARE, PBC	ADVERT & PUBLICATIONS	842.84
ECOM PROS	EQUIP OPER	5,700.00
IA AMERICAN WATER	UTILITIES	318.81
J & M DISPLAYS	PROF FEES	3,000.00
JOHNSON DISTRIB.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	28.00
LEGACY FIRE APPARATUS	EQUIP OPER	3,669.78
MACQUEEN	EQUIP OPER	149.07
MARTIN & WHITACRE SURVEYORS	ENGINEERING SVS	1,556.58
MED-TECH RESOURCE	EQUIP OPER	1,790.84
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	172.28
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	3,234.66
MUSCATINE LAWN AND POWER	EQUIP OPER	6,962.86
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT	EQUIP OPER	127.79
PANTHER UNIFORMS	UNIFORM ALLOW	32.95
R.P. LUMBER CO.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	24.06
RNJ DISTRIBUTION	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	10.70
TRI STATE FIRE	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	203.00
UNIFORM DEN	UNIFORM ALLOW	13.50
VERIZON	TELEPH/FAX/INTERNET SVS	801.45
TOTAL:		42,707.36
TOTAL FUNDS:		
GENERAL		30,318.86
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		12,388.50
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