

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA APRIL 8, 2025**

The Blue Grass City Council met in special session at 5:00 p.m. on the 8th day of April, 2025 in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Mississippi St., Blue Grass, Iowa, pursuant to law, with Mayor Brad Schutte presiding, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of reflection.

Council present: Blok, Hermann, Brandenburg and Smith. Absent was member Bowman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Smith made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Brandenburg. Smith-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Proposed Property Tax Levy FY '25-'26: Mayor Schutte announced the following pertinent information pertaining to the Proposed Property Tax Levy Hearing: that this meeting was intended for public comment only and that no action would be taken and that no unrelated business would be discussed. He also reported that directly following the meeting at approximately 5:15 p.m. the City Council would be holding a Special meeting to set the public hearing date for the adoption of the FY '25-'26 City Budget.

Blok moved to close the special meeting and open the public hearing, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Blok-aye, Hermann-aye, Smith-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Schutte opened the public hearing for discussion asking the Clerk if there were any written or oral objections at which time the Clerk reported that resident Jim Colberg telephoned and opposed any tax increases. The Clerk briefly reviewed the new proposed tax levy requirements and the impacts that HF718 has on the City's budget. She gave a brief overview of the FY '25-'26 expenditures and revenues reporting a proposed property tax levy rate of 11.68661 percent. Resident Steve Nelson expressed concerns on his new property tax assessment as it had increased significantly. Further discussion was held. Mayor Schutte asked for further discussion, and since there were none, Brandenburg made a motion to close the public hearing and reopen the special meeting, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Brandenburg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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