

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

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

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

- 1. Minutes of the May 6, 2024 meeting**
- 2. Resolution 2024-19 ref: ACH Agreement with the BG Savings Bank**
- 3. Resolution 2024-21 ref: authorizing payment from the LMI Tax Reserve**
- 4. Payment of claims**

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

**COUNCIL VACANCY:**

- 5. Resignation:** Mayor Schutte announced that member Tim Rhoades had verbally resigned effective immediately on May 8, 2024. Hermann moved to accept the resignation of Tim Rhoades effective on May 8, 2024, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Blok-aye, Bowman-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.
- 6. Council Vacancy:** The City Clerk referred to Section 372.12 of the Code of Iowa in regards to the Council's options as they have 60 days to fill the vacancy by either appointing an individual and/or holding a special election. She read aloud a "Notice of Intent" she drafted that will be published accordingly inviting interested candidates to attend the June 17, 2024 Council meeting at which time the Council will appoint an individual. Discussion was held. It was the consensus of the Council to appoint an individual.
- 7. Resolution 2024-20:** Blok moved to adopt Resolution 2024-20 authorizing the Council's intent to appoint an individual at the June 17, 2024 Council meeting requesting that the City Clerk publish the required notice, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Blok-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

- 8. Report:** Fire Chief Brian Seamer presented the April 2024 Fire Department report.
- 9. Advertisement:** Mayor Schutte referred to an advertisement the Clerk prepared on accepting bids for the Department's 1999 Ford F350 Super Duty Brush Truck. It was the consensus of the Council to advertise for the brush truck accepting bids until June 14, 2024 with a public bid opening date of June 17, 2024.

**PARK BOARD:**

- 10. Report:** Chair Ryan Powers presented the May 2024 Park Board report.
- 11. Park proposal:** Hermann reported that property owner Dan Brown had approached the Park Board on either donating and/or the City purchasing his vacant lot located in the Sawgrass Estates subdivision to

establish a City Park. Several residents residing in the subdivision were present showing their support as they, along with several other homeowners, have small children that would benefit from the park. Hermann said that the Park Board was in favor of pursuing the new City Park. Discussion was held. It was the Consensus of the Council to approach Mr. Brown.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**12. Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the April 2024 Police Department report prepared by Chief Mike Meier. He then expressed several safety concerns on the number of residents violating the golf cart rules by allowing underaged drivers, driving after hours and driving on the safety trail. He said that the City has been more than patient by issuing warnings and that the Chief will start issuing citations.

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):**

**13. Nuisance Abatement(s):** Mayor Schutte reported that a complaint was received in regards to a nuisance; therefore, a letter was sent out and reported that there are still a lot of properties that are in violation of the grass Ordinance; therefore, Public Works will be abating those properties as they have already mowed one lot. Discussion was held on increasing the City’s abatement fees.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**14. Budget Amendment and Certification for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024:** Brandenburg moved to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye, Bowman-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Schutte opened the public hearing for discussion. The Clerk reported that there were no oral or written objections summarizing the revenues and expenditures impacted by the Budget Amendment reporting a total amendment of \$954,176.00 in revenues, including transfers-in and \$1,993,051.00 in expenditures, including transfers-out. Mayor Schutte asked for further discussion, since there were none, Brandenburg moved to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

**15. Resolution 2024-18:** Blok moved to adopt Resolution 2024-18 approving the City Budget Amendment and Certification for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Blok-aye, Hermann-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

**POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:**

**16. Clerk’s Report:** City Clerk Ann Schmidt presented the March 2024 Clerk’s Report.

**COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Bowman expressed his disappointment in the City’s website as he feels it is not a very user-friendly site asking that the City look into other websites. Discussion was held.

Mayor Schutte reminded the Council of the trail dedication ceremonies to be held on May 31, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. on the Zach Russell Trail and June 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. on the V & M Ehrecke Trail.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Brandenburg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Mayor Brad Schutte

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

**CLAIMS REPORT**

BABE'S TERMITES	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	295.00
B.G. BUGLE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	200.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	1,395.69
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES	1,328.05
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	TRAINING/TRAVEL	150.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT	TRAINING/TRAVEL	25.00
LEGACY FIRE APPARATUS	EQUIP OPER	6,552.55
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	421.80
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT/EQUIP OPER	1,664.16
MICROSURFACING CONTRACTORS	STREET SEALANT	146,300.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	1,878.73
MIDWEST WHEEL	EQUIP OPER	75.91
NAPA	EQUIP OPER	494.55
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT	COMPUTER OPER	18,551.82
QUAD CITY FIX IT	LMI ASST GRANT	7,500.00
REPUBLIC SVS	GARBAGE/RECYCLING	10,185.75
RIVERSTONE GROUP	COLD MIX	572.81
ROSS MEDICAL SUPPLY	EQUIP OPER	12.00
SCOTT CO. SHERIFF	JAIL EXPENSE	25.00
TRI STATE FIRE CONTROL	EQUIP OPER	210.00
WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP	EQUIP OPER	42.99
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>197,881.81</b>

**TOTAL FUNDS:**

GENERAL	41,396.06
ROAD USE	146,300.00
SANITATION	10,185.75
<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>	<b>197,881.81</b>