

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA JUNE 1, 2026**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st day of June 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 Blok. Absent was member Brandenburg.

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

1. **May 18, 2026 minutes**
2. **Resolution 2026-21 ref: authorizing a contribution**
3. **Payment of claims**

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

USE OF CITY STREETS:

4. **3rd Annual Poker Run:** Resident Terry Kelly asked the Council for permission to hold a 3rd Annual Poker Run on July 11, 2026 displaying a map of the event. Bowman moved to approve the use of City Streets for the 3rd Annual Poker Run event set for July 11, 2026, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

5. **Blue Grass Street Improvements Projects:** Smith moved to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Hermann-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Schutte opened the public hearing for discussion. City Engineer Mike Janecek reported that bids were publicly opened on May 26, 2026 and after examining the bid documents, bond and Iowa bidder's status form, he recommended the following: Project A: Taylor Ridge Paving \$79,304.20; Project B: Manatt's \$48,350.00 and Project C: Manatt's \$10,540.00. Discussion was held. The Clerk reported that there were no oral or written objections. Mayor Schutte asked for further discussion, since there was none, Smith moved to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Smith-aye, Hermann-aye, Blok-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.
6. **Resolution 2026-18:** Blok moved to adopt Resolution 2026-18 awarding a contract for the Blue Grass Street Improvements individually as Projects A, B and C, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Blok-aye, Bowman-aye, Smith-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

7. **Annual Car Show:** Hermann moved to close off a portion of West Mayne Street from Oak Lane on June 27, 2026 for the Department's annual car show, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Smith-aye, Bowman-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

ENGINEER REPORT:

8. **Report:** City Engineer Mike Janecek presented the May 2026 Engineer report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER:

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

10. Dangerous Sidewalks: Previously, it was brought to the Council’s attention that several sidewalks throughout the Towne & Country Manor Subdivision water curb boxes were protruding making them dangerous; therefore, Brandenburg brought it to Brus Construction’s attention, and they were able to use a tool to lower the curb boxes making them passable. Mayor and Council commended Brus Construction requesting that a letter be sent to show the City’s appreciation. The Clerk reported that prior to that, Iowa American Water Company had agreed to correct the issue.

STREET COMMITTEE:

11. Resurfacing Project FY ‘31: Mayor Schutte reported that the Street Committee had met with Scott County Engineer Angie Kersten in regards to Scott County’s FY ’31 Proposed Resurfacing Project that includes a segment of 65th Avenue (Oak Lane) and East 130th Street; however, it was questionable whether the City owns half of East 130th Street; therefore, Ms. Kersten has requested that the Scott County Attorney make the final decision and the City has had no contact since then.

PUBLIC WORKS:

12. Report: Public Works Director Jim Meyrer presented the May 2026 Public Works Department report.

13. Part-time Public Works: Mayor Schutte reported that the newly hired part-time Public Works employee has been unable to work the hours requested; therefore, it was recommended that we hire another individual.

14. Status of extension project: Previously, the storm drain repairs/replacement at Dolan Drive and Danielle Court were made; however, there were other areas in need of repair/replacement as well; therefore, it was the consensus of the Council to extend the drainage project using the same contractor. Meyrer reported that Brus Construction had agreed to do the extension project and would begin construction soon.

15. Cleaning fluid from City Streets: The Clerk reported that the City had received a Property Damage Release; however, as per the City Attorney’s request, the City requested that a clause be added that after a thorough inspection be made by the City prior to accepting the Release. Meyrer reported that he has been in contact with ProLine Striping on the cleaning efforts.

LICENSING & RENEWAL(S):

16. Renewal: Bowman moved to approve Jeff’s Market Cigarette Permit Renewal for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:

17. DRAFT ref: establishing procedural rules on Council meetings: After a review of the draft, Council requested that the Resolution be prepared for its adoption at the next meeting.

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:

18. FY ’25 Audit: Mayor Schutte and City Clerk Ann Schmidt reviewed the State Auditor’s “Detailed Findings and Recommendations” Report for FY ’25.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

19. Strategic Planning & Goal Setting: There was nothing new to report at this time.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Resident Mark Wakefield complained about the speeders on Laurretta Street asking that something be done.

The Clerk asked that the June 15, 2026 meeting be moved to June 22, 2026 since she would not have all the tax apportionment payments to complete all the Tax Increment Financing reports. Council agreed.

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

20. 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 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, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

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

21. Select Candidate: Bowman moved to offer Applicant “A” the Part-time Public Works position at \$18.00 per hour with the stipulation that the applicant pass all the applicable pre-employment tests, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Hermann-aye, Blok-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Hermann-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS:

AHERN CO.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	165.90
ALL FLAGS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	3,133.45
B.G. AUTOMOTIVE	VEH OPER	32.70
B.G. CEMETERY	CONTRIBUTION	5,000.00
CENTRAL STATES H & W FUND	HEALTH INSURANCE	17,220.00
CENTURYLINK	FAX	161.78
COLUMN SOFTWARE	ADVERT & PUBLICATIONS	407.33
IA AMERICAN WATER	UTILITIES	38.88
IA ONE CALL	LOCATES	21.60
MARTIN & WHITACRE SURVEYORS	ENGINEERING SVS	4,094.74
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	74.85
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	1,799.27
MID-AMERICAN GLAZING	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	177.00
MOBILE TEAM TRAINING UNIT	TRAINING	540.00
MUSCATINE LAWN AND POWER	EQUIP OPER	98.98
NAPA	VEH OPER	30.98
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT	EQUIP OPER	119.52
PANTHER UNIFORMS	UNIFORM ALLOW	700.00
PS3 ENTERPRISES	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	375.00
R.P. LUMBER CO.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	72.65
RNJ DISTRIB.	GARBAGE/RECYCLING	53.49
UNIFORM DEN	UNIFORM ALLOW	212.95
VERIZON	TELEPH/FAX/INTERNET	938.84
VETERINARY & POULTRIE	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	106.40
TOTAL:		35,576.31

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	13,356.31
CEMETERY RESERVE	5,000.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	17,220.00
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