

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA JUNE 22, 2026**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 22nd 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: Brandenburg, Smith, Bowman and Blok. Absent was member Hermann.

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

MAYORAL COMMENTS: Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

PUBLIC FORUM: Discussion was held on the recent asphalt patch work on North Mississippi Street that was completed by Scott County.

Council expressed several safety concerns on the use of e-bikes and e-scooters at which time Mayor Schutte reported that the City Attorney was in the process of drafting an Ordinance. The Clerk referred to the State of Iowa's newly adopted e-bike regulations.

CONSENT AGENDA: Smith moved to approve the Consent with the deletion of Item #3, seconded by Blok.

1. **June 1, 2026 minutes**
2. **Resolution 2026-19 ref: setting wages for FY '26-'27**
3. **Resolution 2026-22 ref: deleted**
4. **Resolution 2026-23 ref: authorizing a transfer from Towne & Country Manor's undisbursed Reserve**
5. **Resolution 2026-29 ref: authorizing an internal advance for funding an Economic Development Grant**
6. **Resolution 2026-30 ref: authorizing Towne & Country Manor's TIF to be earmarked as "undisbursed"**
7. **Payment of claims**

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

8. **Report:** Chief Brian Seamer presented the May 2026 Fire Department report.

PARK BOARD:

9. **Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the June 2026 Park Board Report prepared by Co-Chair Justin Box.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

10. **Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the May 2026 Police Department report prepared by Chief Mike Meier.

11. **Radar Feedback Signs:** The Clerk presented the following quotes for the purchase of twelve radar feedback signs to place throughout the City as follows: 1) Amazon \$597.79 each; 2) Traffic Logix \$2,578.00 each. She said that the Chief and herself were recommending that the Council consider purchasing two for now through Amazon to see if the signs are satisfactory. Bowman moved to purchase two radar feedback signs through Amazon, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Blok-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried.

COUNCIL VACANCY:

12. **Resignation:** Mayor Schutte read aloud a letter of resignation from Council member Cheryl Smith as she is unable to meet the residency requirements effective June 30, 2026. Brandenburg moved to accept

the resignation of Cheryl Smith effective June 30, 2026, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye, Bowman-aye and Smith-abstain. Motion carried.

The City Clerk referred to Section 372.12 of the Code of Iowa; whereas, the Council has 60 days to fill the vacancy by appointment or hold a special election. It was the consensus of the Council to appoint an individual. The Clerk read aloud a "Notice of Intent" she drafted that will be published accordingly notifying interested candidates to attend the July 20, 2026 Council meeting at which time the Council will appoint an individual to fill the vacancy until the next regular City election in November 2027.

13. Resolution 2026-28: Brandenburg moved to adopt Resolution 2026-28 authorizing the Council's intent to appoint an individual at the July 20, 2026 Council meeting requesting that the City Clerk publish the required notice, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye, Blok-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:

14. Resolution 2026-20 ref: establishing procedural rules on Council meetings: Brandenburg moved to adopt Resolution 2026-20, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

15. Nuisance Abatement(s): Mayor Schutte reported that there were several complaints received on the glass company in the Industrial Park; therefore, the complaints will be brought to the owner's attention to address.

The Clerk reported that there were two complaints regarding clogged culverts causing water backup due to the recent heavy rains; however, it was a civil issue between the property owners but a message will be published in the Bugle. She also reported that the ditches on East Telegraph Road needed cut back.

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:

16. Clerk's Report: The Clerk's report will be presented at the next Council meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

17. Strategic Planning & Goal Setting: Mayor Schutte reported that the 2026 Street Improvement Projects will begin soon.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: There were none from the those in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT: Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Smith-aye, Blok-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS:

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| ALL FLAGS | BLDG & GRNDS MAINT | 435.54 |
| B.G. AUTOMOTIVE | VEH OPER | 324.99 |
| B.G. BUGLE | ADVERT & PUBLICATIONS | 200.00 |
| BRUS CONSTRUCTION | STREET IMPROV | 47,889.03 |
| CASEY'S | FUEL | 723.89 |
| EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER | UTILITIES | 1,740.54 |
| EMPLOYERS MUTUAL CASUALTY CO. | ADD'L WORK COMP | 408.00 |
| IA AMERICAN WATER | UTILITIES | 369.67 |
| JOHNSON DISTRIB. | BLDG & GRNDS MAINT | 7.00 |
| MCCOY HOMES | ECON DEV GRANT | 21,819.00 |
| MCCULLOUGH, WM . | LEGAL SVS | 637.50 |
| MEDIACOM | INTERNET SVS | 766.94 |
| MENARDS | BLDG & GRNDS MAINT | 406.23 |
| NAPA | VEH OPER | 257.97 |
| PETTY CASH | VARIOUS DEPT. | 45.18 |
| PS3 ENTERPRISES | BLDG & GRNDS MAINT | 370.00 |
| REPUBLIC SVS | GARB/RECYCLING SVS | 11,277.00 |
| RNJ DISTRIBUTION | BLDG & GRNDS MAINT | 73.48 |
| ROSS MEDICAL SUPPLY | EQUIP OPER | 26.46 |
| SHADEMASTER NURSERY | BLDG & GRNDS MAINT | 462.53 |
| VISA | VARIOUS DEPT. | 1,222.26 |
| WEX BANK | FUEL | 2,935.69 |
| TOTAL: | | 92,398.90 |

TOTAL FUNDS:

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| GENERAL | 58,894.90 |
| TAX INCREMENT FINANCING | 21,819.00 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | 408.00 |
| SANITATION | 11,277.00 |
| TOTAL FUNDS: | 92,398.90 |