

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

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 6th 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, Hermann, Bowman and Blok.

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

1. **June 22, 2026 minutes**
2. **Resolution 2026-24 ref: selecting a Financial Institution**
3. **Resolution 2026-25 ref: Investment Policy for public funds**
4. **Resolution 2026-26 ref: authorizing monthly transfers for FY '26-'27**
5. **Resolution 2026-27 ref: authorizing the payment of regular/incidental expenses**
6. **Resolution 2026-31 ref: authorizing payment from the Fire Township Reserve**
7. **Payment of claims**

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

ENGINEER REPORT:

8. **Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the June 2026 Engineer report prepared by City Engineer Mike Janecek.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER:

9. **Report:** Building Commissioner Jim Meyrer presented the June 2026 Building Commissioner report.
10. **Resurfacing Project FY '31:** Previously, Scott County Engineer Angie Kersten presented Scott County's FY '31 Proposed Resurfacing Project; 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.

Meyrer reported that there was nothing new to report at this time.

FINANCIAL ASS'T GRANT:

11. **LMI:** Meyrer reported that Ms. Katie Hein had submitted an application to replace her deck and after verifying that she qualified for the grant, he then performed an inspection reporting his findings. Council reviewed Meyrer's findings prioritizing the repairs with the stipulation that the applicant be responsible for the 10 percent. Meyrer agreed to contact the applicant.

PUBLIC WORKS:

12. **Report:** Public Works Director Jim Meyrer presented the June 2026 Public Works Department report.
13. **Electronic Key System:** Meyrer reported that the electronic key system at the Public Safety Building was in need of replacement as the system is obsolete and parts are no longer available presenting the following quotes: J & J Access & Security \$17,111.73 and Electronic Engineering \$28,656.51. Due to the fact that this creates a safety issue, Council agreed to have the system replaced; therefore, Brandenburg moved to accept J & J Access & Security's quote in the amount of \$17,111.73 to include the monthly subscription, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye, Hermann-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

14. Drainage Repairs: Meyrer reported that since the City added storm sewers on Lamphere Drive, the City's culvert underneath the intersection of Lamphere Drive and South Mississippi Street are in need of replacement as it is draining more than what it was designed for; therefore, he met with Chad Brus, Brus Construction. He said it was Mr. Brus' opinion that the culvert be replaced with 30" flairs, debris from the creek bed be completely cleaned out and removed and backfill to include clay and rip rap. Discussion was held. Hermann moved to accept Brus Construction's bid. Motion died due to a lack of a second; therefore, Council requested that bids be obtained.

15. Status of extension project: Previously, the storm drain repairs at Dolan Drive and Danielle Court were complete; however, there were other areas in need of repair; therefore, the Council requested that the same contractor do the additional work as part of the drainage project.

Meyrer reported that Brus Construction was delayed due to the recent rain; however, would begin construction soon.

16. Cleaning fluid from City Streets: Meyrer reported that Republic Services had completed the street cleaning and after an inspection, he found it satisfactory; therefore, the release was signed.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

17. Nuisance Abatement(s): Mayor Schutte reported that several complaints were received regarding several properties throughout the City, whereas letters need to be sent. The Clerk reported that two nuisance abatement letters were sent out.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

18. Variance Request: Council reviewed the Board's minutes from their July 1, 2026 meeting approving a Variance for Chester and Retta Pelsang to reduce the lot width and minimum lot area to split off their existing duplexes into individual lot condominiums. It was the consensus of the Council that there were no issues of concern with the Variance and agreed with the Board's decision.

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:

19. Clerk's Report: City Clerk Ann Schmidt presented the May 2026 Clerk's report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

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

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Resident Mark Wakefield inquired about the status of the new radar signs. Meyrer reported that the signs were in; however, they had to order poles and would be up soon. Discussion was held on the status of the portable speed trailer.

ADJOURNMENT: Blok made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Blok-aye, Bowman-aye, Hermann-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS:

ALL SEASONS CARWASH	VEH OPER	70.00
BRAVE LIKE BROOKS	MEMORIAL	100.00
CASEY'S	FUEL	929.03
CENTRAL STATES H & W FUND	HEALTH INS	13,648.00
CENTURYLINK	FAX	161.74
EWERT PLUMBING	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	189.45
INTERGEN	WEBSITE	1,155.00
IA AMERICAN WATER	UTILITIES	520.01
IA ONE CALL	LOCATES	27.90
J & J ACCESS & SECURITY	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	292.50
JOHNSON DISTRIB.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	16.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	1,799.82
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT	EQUIP OPER	270.26
QUINT CITY STONE	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	106.61
ROB SAND AUDITOR	AUDIT	9,643.70
R.P. LUMBER CO.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	95.19
VERIZON	TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET	898.24
WEX BANK	VARIOUS DEPT.	2,404.03
TOTAL:		32,227.48

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	13,679.48
AUDIT RESERVE	5,000.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	13,648.00
TOTAL FUNDS:	32,227.48