

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA JULY 7, 2025**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 7th day of July 2025, 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: Smith, Brandenburg, Bowman and Blok. arrived at 7:04 p.m. Absent was member Hermann.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Smith moved to approve the Agenda with the deletion of Item #10 and the tabling of Item #29, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Blok-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

PUBLIC FORUM: From those in attendance, there were none.

CONSENT AGENDA: Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Blok.

1. **June 16, 2025 minutes**
2. **Resolution 2025-15 ref: authorizing payment on incidental expenses**
3. **Resolution 2025-16 ref: selecting a financial institution to serve as depository and banking institution**
4. **Resolution 2025-17 ref: adopting a Policy for in the investment of public funds**
5. **Resolution 2025-18 ref: authorizing FY '25-'26 monthly transfers**
6. **Resolution 2025-26 ref: authorizing employees to participate in supplemental coverage through Globe Life**
7. **Resolution 2025-27 ref: authorizing payment from the Fire Township Reserve**
8. **Payment of claims**

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

USE OF CITY STREETS:

9. **2nd Annual Poker Run:** Resident Terry Kelly asked the Council for permission to hold a 2nd Annual Poker Run on August 2nd displaying a map of the event. Brandenburg moved to approve Mr. Kelly's 2nd Annual Poke Run event for August 2, 2025, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

HOME OCCUPATION:

10. **Home Occupation Permit:** Deleted from Agenda.

BID OPENING:

11. **Bid Opening:** Mayor Schutte publicly opened one sealed bid from Jeffrey Wulf in the amount of \$13,000.00 at which time the Clerk informed the Council that they can accept the bid; however, the Council is required to hold a public hearing to publicly inform the public of their intentions to sell real property. Smith moved to accept Jeffrey Wulf's bid for \$13,000.00 for the purchase of real property on West Lauretta Street with the stipulation that the Council authorize the sale of real property by Resolution at the August 4, 2025 public hearing, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Smith-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.
12. **Set Public Hearing Date:** Brandenburg moved to set the public hearing date of August 4, 2025 to authorize the sale of real property, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Bowman-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

ENGINEER REPORT:

13. Report: City Engineer Mike Janecek presented the June 2025 Engineer's report.

14. Orphed Street Improvements: Janecek gave a brief overview of what the project entails in order to correct the drainage issues on Orphed Street. He presented an exhibit and cost estimate totaling \$77,875.00. Meyrer reported that Chad Brus, Brus Construction put together a cost estimate with an exhibit totaling approximately \$19,267.00. Discussion was held on locating the lateral in that area; and to have the Engineer check Brus Construction's exhibit and review his grades and report his findings.

15. Lamphere Drive Reconstruction Project: Janecek gave a brief update on the Lamphere Drive Reconstruction Project reporting that the project was complete and that the contractor had addressed all the items listed in the punch list; therefore, the project was now under the 1-year warranty.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER:

16. Report: Building Commissioner Jim Meyrer presented the June 2025 Building Commissioner report.

17. Hazardous building: Meyrer reported that in April he had inspected the home at 302 N. Mississippi Street after the fire that occurred on January 22, 2025 deeming it a dangerous building posting a "do not occupy" notice updating the Council that he has had several conversations with the homeowner as she is unable to financially proceed. Discussion was held. It was the consensus of the Council to have the Attorney consult the City on their next steps.

FINANCIAL ASS'T GRANT:

18. LMI: Meyrer reported that Ms. Debra Peterson had submitted an application to replace her siding and gutters and after verifying that she qualified, he performed an inspection reporting his findings. Council reviewed Mr. Meyrer's findings prioritizing the repairs with the stipulation that the applicant be responsible for 10 percent.

PUBLIC WORKS:

19. Report: Public Works Director Jim Meyrer presented the June 2025 Public Works Department report.

20. Laretta Park: Meyrer previously reported that in order to correct the drainage at Laretta Park costs range from \$25,000-\$35,000. Council agreed not to pursue the project; however, was later brought back to the Council for reconsideration.

Brandenburg reported that he, too had looked at the site and there was very little water after having a significant rainfall; therefore, it was his opinion that the City not pursue the project. Council agreed.

21. Resignation: Brandenburg moved to accept the resignation of Jim Meier effective July 18, 2025, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Bowman-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

22. Advertising: It was the consensus of the Council to advertise for the full-time position with an application deadline of July 25, 2025.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

23. Nuisance Abatement(s): Mayor Schutte reported that several nuisance abatements letters were sent out reporting that Public Works has had to abate several nuisances in regards to the Maintaining Boulevard Ordinance.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:

24. Second reading of Ordinance Amendment 2025-06: Smith moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance Amendment 2025-06 in reference to Section 17.48.080 Off-Street Parking of Vehicles, Recreational Vehicles and Trailers, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Blok. Motion carried.

- 25. Third reading/Adoption of Ordinance Amendment 2025-08:** Brandenburg moved to accept the third reading of Ordinance Amendment 2025-08 in reference to Chapter 10.70 Golf Carts, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Bowman-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.
Brandenburg moved to adopt Ordinance Amendment 2025-08, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.
- 26. Third reading/Adoption of Ordinance Amendment 2025-09:** Bowman moved to accept the third reading of Ordinance Amendment 2025-09 in reference to Chapter 8.04 Nuisances, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Blok-aye, Smith-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.
Bowman moved to adopt Ordinance Amendment 2025-09, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Blok-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- 27. Third reading/Adoption of Ordinance Amendment 2025-10:** Smith moved to accept the third reading of Ordinance Amendment 2025-10 in reference to Chapter 8.20 Maintaining Private Property & Boulevard, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.
Smith moved to adopt Ordinance Amendment 2025-10, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- 28. Strategic Planning & Goal Setting:** This item was deleted from the Agenda as the discussion requires a full Council.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: Brandenburg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Bowman-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS REPORT

ALEX AIR APPARATUS	EQUIP OPER	2,756.19
ALLIED WASTE	OPER SUPPLIES	100.00
AXON ENTERPRISE	EQUIP OPER	23,149.04
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMM.	DUES	283.75
B.G. SAVINGS	FIRE TRUCK PYMT	38,500.00
BP	FUEL	318.78
CASEY'S	FUEL	1,367.76
CENTRAL STATES H & W FUND	HEALTH INS	13,648.00
CENTURYLINK	FAX	160.17
COLUMN SOFTWARE, PBC	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	996.71
INTERGEN	WEBSITE ADMIN	1,155.00
JOHNSON DISTRIB.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	35.00
MACQUEEN	EQUIP OPER	574.00
MARTIN & WHITACRE SURVEYORS	ENGINEERING FEES	2,942.15
MCCULLOUGH, WM	LEGAL SVS	312.50
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	736.04
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	50.97
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	1,878.29
NAPA	EQUIP OPER	192.99
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT	EQUIP OPER	105.00
PS3 ENTERPRISES	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	205.71
QC POWER EQUIP	EQUIP OPER	517.99
R.P. LUMBER CO.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	64.04
RAGAN MECHANICAL	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	935.03
REPUBLIC SVS	GARBAGE/RECYCLING	10,877.25
RNJ DISTRIBUTION	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	16.90
ROB SAND AUDITOR OF STATE	AUDIT SVS	9,542.49
ROSS MEDICAL SUPPLY	EQUIP OPER	12.00
TC AUTO	VEH OPER	55.89
VERIZON	TELEPH/FAX/INTERNET	933.19
VETERINARY AND POULTRY SUPPLY	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	84.08
YMCA	SUMMER PROGRAM	5,396.00
TOTAL:		117,902.91

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	46,049.33
FIRE TOWNSHIP	38,500.00
RESERVES - PARK IMPROV	3,496.00
RESERVES - AUDIT	5,000.00
ROAD USE	232.33
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	13,648.00
SANITATION	10,977.25
TOTAL FUNDS:	117,902.91