

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA JULY 23, 2025**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 23rd 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: Brandenburg, Hermann, Bowman and Blok. Absent was member Smith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Brandenburg moved to approve the Agenda with the tabling of Item #6 and Item #16, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye, Hermann-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

PUBLIC FORUM: Walcott Day representative Scott Chalupa thanked both the Fire Department and Mike Hermann for all their assistance in the Walcott Day Event.

CONSENT AGENDA: Brandenburg moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Hermann.

1. July 7, 2025 minutes

2. Payment of claims

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

ENGINEER REPORT:

3. East Telegraph Road: Janecek presented two proposals for pavement cores and soil borings for Telegraph Road and Mayne Street as follows: Terracon \$13,250.00 and TEAM Services \$8,870.00 recommending the Council approve TEAM Services. Council reviewed and compared the two proposals. Blok moved to accept TEAM Services quote in the amount of \$8,870.00 for the geotechnical exploration for Telegraph Road and Mayne Street, based on the recommendations from the City Engineer, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Blok-aye, Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

4. Orphed Street Improvements: Previously, the City Engineer presented an exhibit and cost estimate to correct the drainage issues on Orphed Street at which time the Council requested that the Engineer contact Brus Construction in regards to his exhibit and grades that were previously submitted.

Janecek reported that he had reviewed Brus Construction's exhibit with Chad Brus as his proposal had asphalt with concrete curbs and gutter on the East side; however, he would recommend using concrete which would be an additional \$3,000 to \$4,000. Discussion was held. Brandenburg moved to accept Brus Construction's proposal using concrete in regards to correcting the drainage issues at Orphed Street, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye, Hermann-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL:

5. PTA: PTA representative Kristyn Hildebrand briefed the Council on an event sponsored by the Blue Grass PTA on September 7, 2025 from 1-4:00 p.m. called the "Wildcat Dash Family Fest" event to be held at Gless Field that includes face painting, fun run and a touch-a-truck with several food trucks. Discussion was held on the closing of streets. Hermann moved to allow the Blue Grass PTA to hold their special event at Gless Field and close off the requested streets, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Bowman-aye, Blok-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

HOME OCCUPATION:

6. Home Occupation Permit: Deleted from Agenda.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- 7. Report:** Fire Chief Brian Seamer presented the June 2025 Fire Department report.

PARK BOARD:

- 8. Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the July 2025 Park Board report prepared by Chair Ryan Powers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- 9. Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the June 2025 Police Department report prepared by Chief Mike Meier.

PLANNING & ZONING:

- 10. Recommendations:** Janecek reported that the Commission had met on July 9, 2025 at which meeting Rhyne Land Co., LLC representing Southern Mud presented Phase I of their proposed Site Plan and after much discussion and consideration and based on the recommendations from the Fire Chief, City Attorney and City Engineer, recommended that the City Council approve. Council reviewed Phase I of the proposed Site Plan.
- 11. Resolution 2025-29:** Brandenburg moved to adopt Resolution 2025-29 Approving Phase I of Rhyne Land Co., LLC's Site Plan Development based on the recommendations from the Fire Chief, City Attorney, Commission and City Engineer, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye, Hermann-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

- 12. 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. The Clerk reported that she had placed three liens in regards to nuisance abatement charges. Brandenburg complained of the property on East Meuse Street asking that the Chief follow through as he has received numerous complaints.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:

- 13. Third reading/Adoption of Ordinance Amendment 2025-06:** Blok moved to accept the third reading of Ordinance Amendment 2025-06 in reference to Section 17.48.080 Off-Street Parking of Vehicles, Recreational Vehicles and Trailers, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Blok-aye, Hermann-aye, Bowman-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.
- Hermann moved to adopt Ordinance Amendment 2025-06, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Blok-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.
- 14. DRAFT Ordinance Amendment 2025-11:** Council reviewed DRAFT Amendment in reference to Chapter 2.10 Administrative Expense Policy requesting that the DRAFT be prepared for its first reading.

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:

- 15. Clerk's Report:** City Clerk Ann Schmidt presented the April and May 2025 Clerk's Report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

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

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The Clerk asked to meet with the Sanitation Committee to review the City's current rates and look at extending the current contract with Republic Services.

ADJOURNMENT: Bowman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Blok Roll call: Bowman-aye, Blok-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS REPORT

ALL SEASONS CARWASH	VEH OPER	99.00
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES	2,088.53
IA ASSO OF MUNI UTILITIES	TRAINING	676.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	451.80
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	6.98
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITES	1,831.82
PS3 ENTERPRISES	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	360.00
Q.C. TRANSPORT	EQUIP OPER	310.89
QC POWER EQUIPMENT	EQUIP OPER	420.00
SINCLAIR TRACTOR	EQUIP OPER	57.98
SYCAMORE PRINTING	OFFICE SUPPLIES	399.50
VISA	OPER SUPPLIES	364.45
TOTAL:		7,066.95

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	6,907.62
ROAD USE	159.33
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