

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA AUGUST 3, 2026**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of August 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 and Chalupa. Absent were members Blok and Bowman.

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

MAYORAL COMMENTS: Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

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

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

1. July 20, 2026 minutes

2. Resolution 2026-36 ref: authorizing a payment from the Tax Increment Reserve

3. Payment of claims

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

ENGINEER REPORT:

4. Report: City Engineer Mike Janecek presented the July 2026 Engineer report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER:

5. Report: Building Commissioner Jim Meyrer presented the July 2026 Building Commissioner report.

6. 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:

7. LMI: Previously, an LMI application was received; however, it was unclear whether the applicant was able pay the required 10 percent match. Meyrer reported that he had spoken with the applicant and she is unable to pay the required 10 percent match at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS:

8. Report: Public Works Director Jim Meyrer presented the July 2026 Public Works Department report.

9. Drainage Bids: Janecek 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 desperate need of replacement before the City loses part of the street. He presented two bids as follows: Brus Construction \$63,310.00 and N.J. Miller, Inc. Alternate #1: \$52,000.00 and Alternate #2: \$60,750.00. Janecek broke down the bids recommending that the Council accept N.J. Miller, Inc. Alternate #2 bid. A rather lengthy discussion was held. Brandenburg moved to accept N.J. Miller, Inc. Alternate #2 bid in the amount of \$60,750.00 based on the City Engineer's recommendation, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye and Chalupa-aye. Motion carried.

10. 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 had completed the project.

11. Mowing of properties: Meyrer presented photos of the areas that Public Works currently mows requesting that the City cut back even further. He said that the reason Public Works mows these properties is to beautify the City; however, three years ago, the Council reduced some of the mowing but he feels it can be cut back even further. Meyrer also expressed safety concerns on the grade Public Works was mowing as the equipment states “not to mow over 15 percent grade” and that Public Works is mowing grades as high as 62 percent. Council agreed to cut back on the mowing with the stipulation that property owners be notified and that, at the discretion of the Public Works Director, to oversee the mowing of ditches to a grade that is safe.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

12. Nuisance Abatement(s): Mayor Schutte reported that letters had been sent to several property owners throughout the City; therefore, the City will be moving forward with the abatement if necessary.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:

13. First reading of Ordinance Amendment 2026-03: Brandenburg moved to accept the first reading of Amendment 2026-03 in reference to Chapter 10.95 Electronic Devices, seconded by Chalupa. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Chalupa-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

14. Strategic Planning & Goal Setting: Mayor Schutte reported that the Street Improvements Project for 2026 was progressing and upgrades/repairs to the storm sewer on Lamphere Drive and South Mississippi Street was in motion.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: From those in attendance, there were none.

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

15. 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. Brandenburg moved to close the regular meeting and go into closed session, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye and Chalupa-aye. Motion carried.

Hermann moved to reopen the regular meeting, seconded by Chalupa. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Chalupa-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

16. Select Candidate: Hermann moved to offer Applicant “A” the Part-time Public Works position at \$16.00 per hour with the stipulation that the applicant pass all the applicable pre-employment tests, seconded by Chalupa. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Chalupa-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Chalupa made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Chalupa-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS:

CASEY'S	VEH OPER	402.47
CENTRAL STATES H & W FUND	HEALTH INS	13,900.80
CENTURYLINK	FAX	162.10
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	17.10
MARTIN & WHITACRE SURVEYORS	ENGINEER FEES	2,166.95
MCCULLOUGH, WM.	ATTY FEES	1,890.00
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	172.65
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	1,856.74
PROLINE STRIPING	STRIPING OF STREETS	35,404.00
ROSS MEDICAL SUPPLY CO.	EQUIP OPER	181.70
R.P. LUMBER CO.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	22.99
SAMPSON FENCE	EQUIP OPER	168.96
SCOTT CO. SHERIFF	JAIL EXP	75.00
SHEEDER HEATING & AIR	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	189.00
VERIZON	TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET	899.73
TOTAL:		57,510.19

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	8,205.39
ROAD USE	35,404.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	13,900.80
TOTAL FUNDS:	57,510.19