

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of September 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 Smith. Absent was member Blok.

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

Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

PUBLIC FORUM: Resident Brian Seamer expressed several safety concerns in regards to the electric scooters and e-bikes traveling on the bike trail asking that the City address this issue. The Clerk said that several cities are adopting new Ordinances to address the rules and regulations for e-bikes and electric scooters.

Resident Joellen Wuerzburger asked that time limits be defined under the City's Noise Ordinance.

Resident Mark Wakefield complained about the fireworks that were lit off during the Holiday weekend.

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

1. August 18, 2025 minutes

2. Payment of claims

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

ENGINEER REPORT:

3. Report: Mayor Schutte presented the August 2025 Engineer's report prepared by City Engineer Mike Janecek.

4. East Telegraph Road: Mayor Schutte referred to the Engineer's report reporting that TEAM Services was in the process of compiling their tests results on East Telegraph Road.

5. Orphed Street Improvements: Mayor Schutte referred to the Engineer's report reporting that Brus Construction had begun construction and that the project was near completion on the East side.

6. Lamphere Drive Reconstruction Project: Mayor Schutte referred to the Engineer's report as the project was now under the 1-year warranty.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER:

7. Report: Building Commissioner Jim Meyrer presented the August 2025 Building Commissioner report.

8. Hazardous building: Mayor Schutte referred to the City Attorney's letter dated August 19, 2025 that was sent to the homeowner at 302 N. Mississippi Street as final notice of demolition. He said that he had had a verbal from a potential buyer asking that the City hold off temporarily until the closing; however, he did not get a letter of commitment so he would speak to that individual prior to authorizing.

FINANCIAL ASS'T GRANT:

9. LMI Bids: Previously, the Building Commissioner presented a Financial Assistance grant application from Ms. Debra Peterson to the Council at the July 7, 2025 meeting and after reviewing the application, Council requested that bids be obtained.

Meyrer presented several bids; however, not all the bids contained the entire project; therefore, after careful consideration, the Council agreed to give Ms. Peterson options in optimizing the entire grant. Brandenburg moved to accept Sampson Fence's bid in the amount of \$9,406.00 for replacing the existing deck and replacing two doors with the City paying 90 percent and the applicant paying 10

percent, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye, Hermann-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

10. Report: Public Works Director Jim Meyrer presented the August 2025 Public Works Department report.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

11. Nuisance Abatement(s): Mayor Schutte reported that there were no new nuisances reported. The Clerk reported that two nuisance abatement letters were drafted and will be sent out that following day.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:

12. Third reading/Adoption of Ordinance Amendment 2025-11: Smith moved to accept the third reading of Ordinance Amendment 2025-11 in reference to Chapter 2.10 Administrative Expense Policy, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

Smith moved to adopt Ordinance Amendment 2025-11, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

LICENSE & RENEWAL(S):

13. Liquor License renewal: Brandenburg moved to approve MKC Foods, Inc. liquor license renewal, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye, Smith-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Brandenburg referred to the status update from Iowa Codification. The Clerk added that since the City’s Codebook had not been officially updated since 2008, it was taking longer than expected.

The Clerk reminded the Council of the Committee of the Whole meeting set for September 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Brandenburg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye, Bowman-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS REPORT

ALEX AIR APPARATUS	EQUIP OPER	1,340.00
B.G. AUTOMOTIVE	VEH OPER	444.96
BP	VEH OPER	721.47
CASEY'S	VEH OPER	1,684.00
CENTRAL STATES H & W FUND	HEALTH INSURANCE	19,086.00
CENTURYLINK	FAX	160.90
DINGES FIRE CO.	EQUIP OPER	70.51
IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	PROF FEES (DUES)	1,377.00
MARTIN & WHITACRE SURVEYORS	ENGINEERING SVS	283.58
MED-TECH RESOURCE	EQUIP OPER	271.78
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	108.63
PANTHER UNIFORMS	UNIFORM ALLOW	172.00
SYCAMORE PRINTING	OPER SUPPLIES	779.42
TC AUTO	VEH OPER	112.36
UNIFORM DEN	UNIFORM ALLOW	146.92
VERIZON	TELEPHONE FAX INTERNET	922.57
WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP	EQUIP OPER	641.71
TOTAL:		28,323.81

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	9,237.81
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	19,086.00
TOTAL FUNDS:	28,323.81