

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 8th day of September 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, Bowman and Chalupa. Absent were members Blok and Hermann.

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

MAYORAL COMMENTS: Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

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

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

1. August 17, 2026 minutes

2. Resolution 2026-41 ref: authorizing a payment from the Tax Increment Reserve

3. Payment of claims

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

INFORMATIONAL:

4. American Legion Post #711: American Legion representative Gary Berndt asked for the City's assistance and permission for use of City Streets for the Legion's Veterans Day 5K Run set for November 14, 2026. Brandenburg moved to approve the use of City streets for the Legion's Veterans Day 5K Run set for November 14, 2026 as presented, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye and Chalupa-aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST:

5. Special Exception Request: Adam Cooper was requesting to obtain a Special Exception Request to bow hunt whitetail deer on the Grunwald property giving the Council a brief history of his experience in managing the City of Davenport's Urban Deer Hunt Program. Council expressed several safety concerns about protecting the residents of Blue Grass and asking for legal advice from the City Attorney. It was the consensus of the Council to wait until a full Council was present and that more information be provided on other City managed deer hunting programs; therefore, Brandenburg moved to table the request until the next meeting, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye and Chalupa-aye. Motion carried.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT:

6. Nuisance Abatement Dispute: Resident Bob Parmentier disputed an invoice he received from the City totaling \$190.00 for the mowing of a 5-foot patch of weeds as he specifically did not mow because there was a pile of rock underneath from Public Works snowplows. He said he never received any notice prior to removal of weeds; therefore, asked the Council to waive the fees. Council reviewed the Nuisance Ordinance pertaining to the maintaining of property and based on the Ordinance, it was the consensus of the Council not to waive the fees that protocol was followed.

ENGINEER REPORT:

7. Report: City Engineer Mike Janecek presented the August 2026 Engineer report.

8. Progress Report: Janecek updated the Council on the 2026 Street Improvement Projects.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER:

9. Report: Building Commissioner Jim Meyrer presented the August 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: Council reviewed a Financial Assistance grant application from Mark Wakefield for the removal of a tree that contained three quotes for the removal of a dead tree, stump and debris. Brandenburg moved to approve Mr. Wakefield's LMI Financial Assistance Grant and accept Big River Tree's bid in the amount of \$700.00 for the tree and stump removal and removal of debris with the City paying 90 percent and the applicant paying 10 percent, seconded by Chalupa. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Chalupa-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

12. LMI: Council reviewed a Financial Assistance grant application from Ms. Tyreacy Muller to reroof her section of the townhouse roofs that contained a quote from Two Brothers Roofing, LLC in the amount of \$14,900.00. Council expressed concerns that three quotes were not obtained; however, based on the fact that this was Ms. Muller's share of the six townhouses; therefore, Brandenburg moved to approve Ms. Tyreacy Muller's LMI Financial Assistance Grant and accept Two Brothers Roofing, LLC's bid in the amount of \$14,900.00 for the reroofing of Ms. Muller's section of the townhouses with the City paying 90 percent and the applicant paying 10 percent, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye and Chalupa-aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

13. Report: Public Works Director Jim Meyrer presented the August 2026 Public Works Department report.

14. Microsurfacing: Meyrer reported that had spoken with Caitlin Kalicak from Microsurfacing Contractors about the microsurfacing of East Telegraph Road since Taylor Ridge Paving had completed the improvements and was quoted \$69,369.30 with the waiving the mobilization fees. Council expressed several concerns on the longevity of the microsurfacing; however, based on the reduction in costs felt that it was such a significant savings that the City had to move forward; therefore, Bowman moved to accept Microsurfacing Contractor's bid in the amount of \$69,369.30, seconded by Chalupa. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Chalupa-aye Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

15. Progress Report: Janecek reported that N.J. Miller, Inc. had completed the drainage project on Lamphere Drive and South Mississippi Street and have successfully completed his punchlist of items.

PUBLIC HEARING:

16. Recommendations: Mayor Schutte referred to the Commission's public hearing meeting minutes that was held on August 26, 2026; whereas, the Commission recommended that the Council approve the Final Plat of Heikens First Addition based on the recommendations from the City Attorney, City Engineer and Fire Chief.

17. Public Hearing: Brandenburg moved to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing, seconded by Chalupa. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Chalupa-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried. Mayor Schutte opened the hearing for discussion reporting that there were no written or oral objections. Steve Heiken reported that he was requesting to subdivide his property into four lots located at 315 W. Mayne Street, Blue Grass, IA as he was proposing to build three single-family residential houses. Council reviewed the letters of recommendation from the City Attorney, Fire Chief and the City Engineer. Mayor Schutte asked for further discussion, since there were none, Brandenburg moved to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye and Chalupa-aye. Motion carried.

18. Resolution 2026-40: Chalupa moved to adopt Resolution 2026-40 approving the Final Plat of Heikens First Addition, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Chalupa-aye, Bowman-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

19. Nuisance Abatement(s): Mayor Schutte reported that three nuisances were abated last week due to noncompliance. Brandenburg reported that he had spoken with owner of Premier Recycling glass company and they are addressing the dust and debris complaints.

LICENSE & RENEWAL(S):

20. Liquor License renewal: Brandenburg moved to approve Two Roads, LLC DBA Tavern 61 liquor license renewal, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye and Chalupa-aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:

21. Third reading/Adoption of Ordinance Amendment 2026-03: Brandenburg moved to accept the third reading of Amendment 2026-03 in reference to Chapter 10.95 Electronic Devices, seconded by Chalupa. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Chalupa-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

Brandenburg moved to adopt Amendment 2026-03 in reference to Chapter 10.95 Electronic Devices, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye and Chalupa-aye. Motion carried.

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:

22. Grant Proposals: It was the consensus of the Council to apply for a joint utility task vehicle for both Police and Public Works and if able to apply for more speed radar feedback signs. Seamer expressed concerns on the replacement costs for the Fire Department's 26 SCBA's estimating approximately \$327,000.00. Mayor Schutte said that more planning would be needed prior to applying for a grant at this time.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

23. Strategic Planning & Goal Setting: Mayor Schutte reported that the 2026 Street Improvement Projects were underway; therefore, other than that, there was nothing new to report at this time.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Chalupa made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Chalupa-aye, Bowman-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS:

AHERN COMPANY	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	304.29
ALL FLAGS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	247.58
ALL SEASONS CARWASH	VEH OPER	28.25
AXON ENTERPRISE	EQUIP OPER	6,809.04
BOWMAN'S CUSTOM	PROF FEES	4,250.00
CASEY'S	VEH OPER FUEL	676.52
CENTRAL STATES H & W FUND	HEALTH INS	17,936.00
CENTURYLINK	FAX	162.03
COLUMN SOFTWARE	ADVERT & PUBLICATIONS	470.09
HUMANE SOCIETY	ANIMAL CONTROL	140.00
IOWA AMERICAN WATER	UTILITIES	392.05
JOHNSON DISTRIB.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	16.00
MARTIN & WHITACRE SURVEYORS	ENGINEERING SVS	4,332.95
MCCULLOUGH, WM.	LEGAL FEES	1,440.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	640.00
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	2,474.94
NAPA	EQUIP OPER	79.96
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT	EQUIP OPER	172.03
RAGAN MECHANICAL	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	390.76
RNJ DISTRIBUTION	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	4.66
R.P. LUMBER CO.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	57.94
SCOTT CO. SHERIFF	JAIL FEES	25.00
TC AUTO	VEH OPER	313.86
TRI STATE FIRE CONTROL	EQUIP OPER	191.75
UNIFORM DEN	UNIFORM ALLOW	101.35
VERIZON	TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET	899.79
WEX BANK	VEH OPER FUEL	1,980.30
TOTAL:		44,537.14

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	26,601.14
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	17,936.00
TOTAL FUNDS:	44,537.14