

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 15th 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, Blok, Hermann, Bowman and Smith.

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

Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

PUBLIC FORUM: Resident Steve Pettett inquired about the City's Ordinance in regards to weeds and uncut grass reporting that he had filed four complaints on the neighboring property and there has been no progress. Mayor Schutte said that he would follow up with Chief Meier.

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

1. September 2, 2025 minutes

2. Resolution 2025-32 ref: authorizing payment from the accumulated TIF Reserve

3. Payment of claims

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

INFORMATIONAL:

4. Mike McCain: Mike McCain representing Geneseo Communications, Inc. gave a brief history of the Company asking if the Council was interested in them bringing in fiber optics to Blue Grass reporting that they provide 24/7/365 support with excellent customer service and have competitive pricing. He reported that they offer 100% fiber symmetrical internet speeds with the ability to carry much higher bandwidths. Council asked the Mr. McCain proceed with his proposal and report back.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

5. Report: Fire Chief Brian Seamer presented the August 2025 Fire Department report.

6. Roof repairs: Meyrer presented a quote from White Roofing in the amount of \$12,840.00 to do the necessary repairs to the Public Safety Building as there are several areas that show signs of leaking. Discussion was held on retaining another quote at which time Meyrer reported that he had contacted other contractors; however, there was no interest; therefore, Bowman moved to accept White Roofing's quote in the amount of \$12,840.00, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Blok-aye, Smith-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

7. Back Flow testing: Chief Seamer presented a quote from Ahern Fire Protection in the amount of \$1,744.00 to perform the backflow preventer test on the Public Safety Building's sprinkler system as the City is required to have this test performed every 5 years. Discussion was held. Brandenburg moved to approve Ahern Fire Protection's quote in the amount of \$1,744.00 to perform the backflow preventer test on the building's sprinkler system, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

PARK BOARD:

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

- 10. Nuisance Abatement(s):** Bowman reported that the City needs to enforce the Code on campers being occupied. Brandenburg asked if there were any new developments in the property on West Meuse. Mayor Schutte reported that he would follow up with Chief Meier on both issues.
- 11. Demolition of hazardous building:** The Clerk reported that the City Attorney had sent the resident a certified letter dated August 19, 2025 as final notice on the City's intentions to proceed with demolition reporting that the letter had come back unclaimed; therefore, according to the City Attorney, the Council can proceed with demolition. Ms. Jacqueline Smith reported that she did not get the letter until the Building Commissioner had delivered a copy that day asking that the Council allow her additional time to get her personal belongings as her intentions were to apply for the City's Financial Assistance Grant as she has already received one quote for demolition as she, too was planning on demolishing the house and rebuild, keeping the garage and chicken coop in the rear of the property. Hermann explained that the City, too, had obtained a very qualified quote on demolition. Discussion was held. Brandenburg moved to table the Council's decision to demolish the buildings at 302 N. Mississippi until the October 6, 2025 meeting, allowing Ms. Smith adequate time to obtain her personal belongings and apply for a Financial Assistance Grant, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye, Blok-aye, Smith-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

LICENSE & RENEWAL(S):

- 12. Liquor License renewal:** Smith moved to approve Two Roads, LLC liquor license renewal, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Smith-aye, Blok-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:

- 13. Clerk's Report:** City Clerk Ann Schmidt presented the July 2024 Clerk's Report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- 14. Strategic Planning & Goal Setting:** Brandenburg reported that he had sent out an email containing his notes from the September 10, 2025 meeting asking that everyone read. The Clerk reported that she and the City Attorney would be putting together a bullet point worksheet from the meeting discussions.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Bowman asked what the status was on East Telegraph Road. Mayor Schutte reported that the City Engineer would present the test results and findings at the October 6, 2025 meeting. Bowman also questioned the reporting of estimated gallons at the Public Safety Building. Mayor Schutte said that a meter was installed for the usage of the building and that Iowa American Water provided the Department with a worksheet for reporting estimated usage on gallons not metered. Hermann asked what the status was on Republic Services extending their contract. The Clerk said that she would follow up with their Municipal Manager. Bowman asked why there were approximately 6 garbage trucks picking up garbage that day. The Clerk reported that Republic Services had reported that they had truck issues; therefore, services were delayed.

ADJOURNMENT: Brandenburg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye, Hermann-aye, Blok-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS REPORT:

AHERN COMPANY	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	289.80
AFC INDUSTRIES	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	113.72
ALL SEASONS CARWASH	VEH OPER	124.75
B.G. BUGLE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	200.00
DSI	DRUG TESTING	49.50
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES	1,118.88
FRED'S TOWING	VEH OPER	125.00
IA AMERICAN WATER	UTILITIES	43.73
IA ONE CALL	LOCATES	18.00
MCCULLOUGH, WM.	LEGAL SVS	1,125.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	942.93
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	529.41
NELSON ELECTRIC	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	110.00
OTERO DOOR WORKS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	3,430.00
PS3 ENTERPRISES	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	360.00
Q.C. TRANSPORT	EQUIP OPER	60.22
Q.C. SAFETY	SAFETY EQUIP	19.74
REPUBLIC SVS	GARBAGE/RECYCLING	1,196.95
ROSS MEDICAL SUPPLY	EQUIP OPER	12.00
R.P. LUMBER CO.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	67.90
TC AUTO	VEH OPER	56.38
TITAN MACHINERY	EQUIP OPER	2,094.45
VISA	OFFICE OPER	444.91
COLUMN SOFTWARE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	1,836.75
HUMANE SOCIETY	ANIMAL CONTROL	460.00
NAPA	EQUIP OPER	297.91
T&M SMALL ENG REPAIR	EQUIP OPER	45.00
YMCA OF IA MISS VALLEY	YMCA CAMP REG	4,260.00

TOTAL: 19,432.93

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	13,312.73
PARK IMPROV RESERVE	2,760.00
ROAD USE	2,163.25
SANITATION	1,196.95
TOTAL FUNDS:	19,432.93