

**THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL  
BLUE GRASS, IOWA                      SEPTEMBER 21, 2026**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 21<sup>st</sup> 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, Blok, Hermann, Bowman and Chalupa.

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

**MAYORAL COMMENTS:** Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

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

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

1. September 8, 2026 minutes
2. Resolution 2026-42 ref: authorizing payment #1 to Talor Ridge Paving
3. July 2025 Clerk's Report
4. August 2025 Clerk's Report
5. Payment of claims

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

**SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST:**

6. **Special Exception Request:** Adam Cooper previously requested to obtain a Special Exception Request to bow hunt whitetail deer on the Grunwald property; however, Council tabled the request until a full Council was present and that more information be provided on other City managed deer hunting programs.

Council discussed the Special Exception Request expressing several safety concerns as they felt there was not enough time to put together an Ordinance and in the best interest of their citizens, was to put together an Ordinance establishing rules and regulations designating specific hunting zones and present for public input. The Ordinance Committee agreed to review and put together a draft and present at a later date.

**HOBBY FARM PERMIT:**

7. **Permit:** Council reviewed the Building Commissioner's report as the City had received a Hobby Farm application from Harrison and Rebecca March; therefore, Meyrer inspected the property and zoning and after a complete inspection, Mr. and Mrs. March meet the Permit requirements, giving the Council his recommendation to approve. Chalupa moved to approve Mr. and Mrs. March's Hobby Farm Permit for a one-year period, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Chalupa-aye, Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

8. **Report:** Chief Brian Seamer presented the August 2026 Fire Department report.

**PARK BOARD:**

9. **Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the September 2026 Park Board Report prepared by member Tonya Strong.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

10. **Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the July 2026 Police Department report prepared by Chief Meier.

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):**

**11. Nuisance Abatement(s):** Mayor Schutte reported that there were a few nuisances remaining and that with the recent heavy rain accumulations, the City will be lenient on the grass Ordinance.

**LICENSE & RENEWAL(S):**

**12. Liquor License renewal:** Chalupa moved to approve MKC Foods, Inc. DBA The Corner Grill liquor license renewal, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Chalupa-aye, Bowman-aye, Blok-aye, Hermann-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

**POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:**

**13. Clerk’s Report:** City Clerk Ann Schmidt presented the August 2026 Clerk’s report.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

**14. Strategic Planning & Goal Setting:** Mayor Schutte reported that there was nothing new to report at this time.

**COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Resident Mark Wakefield inquired about the speed radar signs. Discussion was held. Mayor Schutte reported that Manatt’s has yet to complete the street improvements as the project deadline was September 30, 2026. He also informed the Council that a Historical Society Committee was being formed as the meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.

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

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Mayor Brad Schutte

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

**09-21-26 CLAIMS:**

|                           |                    |          |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| 3E ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING | BLDG & GRNDS MAINT | 685.00   |
| ALL SEASONS CARWASH       | VEH OPER           | 45.25    |
| ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY       | BLDG & GRNDS MAINT | 908.52   |
| BIG RIVER TREE SERVICE    | PROF FEES (LMI)    | 700.00   |
| B.G. BUGLE                | ADV & PUBLICATIONS | 200.00   |
| DSI                       | DRUG TESTING       | 101.00   |
| EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER  | UTILITIES          | 543.59   |
| IA LEAGUE OF CITIES       | DUES               | 1,430.00 |
| MEDIACOM                  | INTERNET SVS       | 126.94   |
| MENARDS                   | BLDG & GRNDS MAINT | 157.82   |
| MIDAMERICAN ENERGY        | UTILITIES          | 3,629.20 |

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|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT  | EQUIP OPER         | 122.45            |
| PANTHER UNIFORMS        | UNIFORM ALLOW      | 116.79            |
| PS3 ENTERPRISES         | BLDG & GRNDS MAINT | 370.00            |
| QUINT CITY STONE CENTER | BLDG & GRNDS MAINT | 106.61            |
| REPUBLIC SVS            | GARB/RECYCLING     | 12,180.00         |
| RNJ DISTRIB.            | EQUIP OPER         | 27.84             |
| ROSS MEDICAL SUPPLY     | EQUIP OPER         | 35.28             |
| SCOTT CO. SHERIFF       | JAIL EXP           | 125.00            |
| STANWOOD, CITY OF       | CHRISTMAS LIGHTS   | 567.00            |
| STRYKER SALES           | EQUIP OPER         | 174.00            |
| TAYLOR RIDGE PAVING     | STREET CONSTR      | 83,043.49         |
| VISA                    | VARIOUS DEPT.      | 71.63             |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>           |                    | <b>105,467.41</b> |

**TOTAL FUNDS:**

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| GENERAL             | 10,243.92         |
| ROAD USE            | 83,043.49         |
| SANITATION          | 12,180.00         |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b> | <b>105,467.41</b> |

**JULY 2025 ADD'L CLAIMS PAID:**

|                          |                           |                  |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| PAYROLL                  | JULY '25 PAYROLL          | 48,102.29        |
| E.F.T.P.S.               | FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE TAXES | 15,323.37        |
| TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA | STATE W/H                 | 1,561.42         |
| IPERS                    | PENSION W/H               | 10,239.55        |
| AMERICO                  | 457 PLAN W/H              | 450.00           |
| AFLAC                    | EMPLOYEE W/H              | 87.72            |
| CENTRAL STATES INSURANCE | EMPLOYEE W/H              | 940.00           |
| GLOBE NAT'L LIFE         | EMPLOYEE W/H              | 310.80           |
| B.G. POSTMASTER          | POSTAGE                   | 285.01           |
| CASEY'S                  | VEH OPER                  | 2,096.29         |
| VOID CK#42499 YMCA       | SUMMER PROGRAM            | (5,396.00)       |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>            |                           | <b>74,000.45</b> |

**TOTAL FUNDS:**

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| GENERAL             | 70,981.94        |
| ROAD USE            | 2,733.50         |
| SANITATION          | 285.01           |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b> | <b>74,000.45</b> |

**JULY 2025 REVENUES:**

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| GENERAL        | 10,347.45 |
| FIRE TWN       | 14.24     |
| CITY HALL BLDG | 1,000.00  |
| ROAD USE       | 18,200.12 |

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| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS              | 1,173.73         |
| LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX         | 33,906.10        |
| MONEY MARKET                   | 858.78           |
| TAX INCREMENT FINANCING        | 170.37           |
| SANITATION                     | 12,873.18        |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED:</b> | <b>78,543.97</b> |

**AUGUST 2025 ADD'L CLAIMS PAID:**

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| PAYROLL                  | AUG '25 PAYROLL           | 30,096.82        |
| E.F.T.P.S.               | FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE TAXES | 9,781.92         |
| TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA | STATE W/H                 | 1,027.50         |
| IPERS                    | PENSION W/H               | 6,423.23         |
| AMERICO                  | 457 PLAN W/H              | 300.00           |
| AFLAC                    | EMPLOYEE W/H              | 33.12            |
| CENTRAL STATES INSURANCE | EMPLOYEE W/H              | 560.00           |
| GLOBE NAT'L LIFE         | EMPLOYEE W/H              | 207.20           |
| B.G. POSTMASTER          | POSTAGE                   | 512.93           |
| VOID CK#42459 CASEY'S    | VOID                      | (2,096.29)       |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>            |                           | <b>46,846.43</b> |

**TOTAL FUNDS:**

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| GENERAL             | 45,113.09        |
| ROAD USE            | 1,220.41         |
| SANITATION          | 512.93           |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b> | <b>46,846.43</b> |

**AUGUST 2025 REVENUES:**

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| GENERAL                        | 29,069.72        |
| FIRE TWN                       | 8.24             |
| CITY HALL BLDG                 | 1,000.00         |
| PARK IMPROV                    | 160.00           |
| ROAD USE                       | 19,052.31        |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS              | 607.71           |
| LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX         | 24,655.01        |
| MONEY MARKET                   | 860.11           |
| SANITATION                     | 11,368.47        |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED:</b> | <b>86,781.57</b> |