

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA OCTOBER 5, 2026**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 5th day of October 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: Blok, Hermann, Bowman and Chalupa. Absent was member Brandenburg.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Blok moved to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Blok-aye, Bowman-aye, Chalupa-aye and Hermann-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. **September 21, 2026 minutes**
2. **Resolution 2026-43 ref: authorizing an expenditure from the Low-to-Moderate Tax Increment Reserve**
3. **Resolution 2026-44 ref: acceptance of the official Street Financial Report for FY '25-'26**
4. **Resolution 2026-45 ref: authorizing a transfer from the Local Option Sales Tax**
5. **Resolution 2026-46 ref: authorizing a payment from the Tax Increment Financing Reserve**
6. **September 2025 Clerk's Report**
7. **October 2025 Clerk's Report**
8. **November 2025 Clerk's Report**
9. **December 2025 Clerk's Report**
10. **January 2026 Clerk's Report**
11. **February 2026 Clerk's Report**
12. **March 2026 Clerk's Report**
13. **April 2026 Clerk's Report**
14. **May 2026 Clerk's Report**
15. **June 2026 Clerk's Report**
16. **Payment of claims**

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

ENGINEER REPORT:

17. **Report:** City Engineer Mike Janecek presented the September 2026 Engineer report.
18. **Progress Report:** Janecek updated the Council on the 2026 Street Improvement Projects. Discussion was held on Manatts not completing the job that was to be completed by September 30, 2026.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER:

19. **Report:** Building Commissioner Jim Meyrer presented the September 2026 Building Commissioner report.
20. **Resurfacing Project FY '31:** Meyrer reported that there was nothing new to report at this time. Council agreed to remove from the Agenda until there was something new to report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

21. **Report:** Public Works Director Jim Meyrer presented the September 2026 Public Works Department report.
22. **Park Renovations:** Meyrer reported that the City had received a grant for \$15,000.00 from the Regional Development Authority for renovations to the pavilion at Fridley Park. Council agreed to receive competitive quotes for the project prioritizing the safety items.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

23. Nuisance Abatement(s): Mayor Schutte reported that there were no new nuisances reported.

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:

24. City Hall: The Clerk reported that electrical was needed to the building in order to put security cameras and Christmas lights up presenting a quote from Nelson Electrical with an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00. Meyrer gave a brief description of the outlets needed. Discussion was held. Bowman moved to approve Nelson Electric, Inc. bid in the amount not to exceed \$3,500.00, seconded by Chalupa. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Chalupa-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

25. GASB 77: The Clerk reported that in August 2015 the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 77 requiring cities to disclose their fiscal year's qualifying tax abatements to other governmental entities that are impacted by their taxing authority by October 1st of each year reporting that letters were sent to Scott County, Muscatine County, Eastern Iowa Community College and the Davenport Community School District.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

26. Strategic Planning & Goal Setting: Bowman reported that he had spoken with a representative from a fiber optic company and they reported that they were already in the process of installing fiber optics. He then expressed concerns on filing the City Clerk's position as it was his opinion to begin searching for her replacement now. A rather lengthy discussion was held on filing the Clerk's position and possibly filling both the Assistant Clerk and Building Commissioner positions as well.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Chalupa made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Chalupa-aye, Bowman-aye, Chalupa-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

10-05-26 CLAIMS:

BI-STATE REGIONAL COMM.	DUES	283.75
CASEY'S	VEH OPER	705.55
CENTRAL STATES H & W FUND	HEALTH INS	14,220.80
CENTURYLINK	FAX	162.19
ELIJAH ENTERPRISES	EQUIP OPER	269.57
GUARDIAN MACHINERY	EQUIP OPER	705.00
IA WORKFORCE DEV	UNEMPLOYMENT	5.39
IA AMERICAN WATER	UTILITIES	496.68
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	40.50
JOHNSON DISTRIB.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	29.00
KNOX COMPANY	EQUIP OPER	1,650.00
MARTIN & WHITACRE SURVEYORS	ENGINEERING SVS	3,971.00
MCCULLOUGH, WM.	LEGAL SVS	1,485.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	640.00
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	622.98

NJ MILLER	STREET IMPROV	69,890.00
PANTHER UNIFORMS	UNIFORM ALLOW	45.95
PETTY CASH	PUMPKIN DASH	200.00
PS3 ENTERPRISES	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	372.00
RAGAN MECHANICAL	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	254.00
SINCLAIR TRACTOR	EQUIP OPER	864.97
VERIZON	TELEPH/FAX/INTERNET	899.85
WEX BANK	VEH OPER	2,391.92
TOTAL:		100,206.10
TOTAL FUNDS:		
GENERAL		84,786.59
PARK IMPROV		200.00
ROAD USE		993.32
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		14,226.19
TOTAL FUNDS:		100,206.10
SEPT 2025 ADD'L CLAIMS PAID:		
PAYROLL	SEPT '25 PAYROLL	32,957.07
E.F.T.P.S.	FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE TAXES	10,675.82
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE W/H	1,106.72
IPERS	PENSION W/H	7,024.91
AMERICO	457 PLAN W/H	300.00
AFLAC	EMPLOYEE W/H	33.12
CENTRAL STATES INSURANCE	EMPLOYEE W/H	640.00
GLOBE NAT'L LIFE	EMPLOYEE W/H	207.20
B.G. POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	279.86
IA WORKFORCE DEV	UNEMPLOYMENT	30.57
MICROSOFT	COMP MAINT	316.80
CLASSIC GRAPHICS	VOID CK#37	(178.76)
OTERO DOOR WORKS	VOID CK#14	(3,430.00)
TOTAL:		49,963.31
TOTAL FUNDS:		
GENERAL		48,122.85
ROAD USE		1,530.03
SANITATION		279.86
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		30.57
TOTAL FUNDS:		49,963.31
SEPT 2025 REVENUES:		
GENERAL		126,593.29
FIRE TWN		7.85
CITY HALL BLDG		1,000.00
PARK IMPROV		900.00
ROAD USE		25,636.77
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		38,168.56
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX		29,018.22
MONEY MARKET		833.66
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING		22,599.31
SANITATION		12,044.16
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED:		256,801.82

OCT 2025 ADD'L CLAIMS PAID:

PAYROLL	OCT '25 PAYROLL	31,757.12
E.F.T.P.S.	FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE TAXES	10,658.76
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE W/H	1,255.88
IPERS	PENSION W/H	6,806.99
AMERICO	457 PLAN W/H	300.00
AFLAC	EMPLOYEE W/H	33.12
CENTRAL STATES INSURANCE	EMPLOYEE W/H	640.00
GLOBE NAT'L LIFE	EMPLOYEE W/H	207.20
B.G. POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	594.36
VISA	VARIOUS DEPT	620.83
VISA	VOID CK#80	(2,282.20)
TOTAL:		50,592.06

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	47,649.51
ROAD USE	2,647.71
SANITATION	294.84
TOTAL FUNDS:	50,592.06

OCT 2025 REVENUES:

GENERAL	321,952.32
FIRE TWN	7.62
LIBRARY TAXES	35,671.50
CITY HALL BLDG	1,000.00
PARK IMPROV	3,454.00
ROAD USE	18,611.20
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	111,686.56
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	30,072.13
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	19,316.32
MONEY MARKET	862.75
SANITATION	12,232.08
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED:	554,866.48

NOV 2025 ADD'L CLAIMS PAID:

PAYROLL	NOV '25 PAYROLL	31,891.23
E.F.T.P.S.	FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE TAXES	10,078.29
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE W/H	1,101.00
IPERS	PENSION W/H	6,830.65
AMERICO	457 PLAN W/H	300.00
AFLAC	EMPLOYEE W/H	33.12
CENTRAL STATES INSURANCE	EMPLOYEE W/H	640.00
GLOBE NAT'L LIFE	EMPLOYEE W/H	207.20
B.G. POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	449.90
SCOTT CO. RECORDER	FEES	7.00
VISA	VARIOUS DEPT	1,685.71
TOTAL:		53,224.10

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	50,282.49
ROAD USE	2,647.71

SANITATION		293.90
TOTAL FUNDS:		53,224.10
NOV 2025 REVENUES:		
GENERAL		39,452.34
FIRE TWN		6.91
CITY HALL BLDG		1,000.00
ROAD USE		19,822.84
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		8,561.72
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX		22,649.37
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING		1,476.76
MONEY MARKET		836.21
SEWER CD		57,668.31
SANITATION		12,770.00
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED:		164,244.46
DEC 2025 ADD'L CLAIMS PAID:		
PAYROLL	DEC '25 PAYROLL	47,609.95
E.F.T.P.S.	FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE TAXES	15,330.64
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE W/H	1,616.02
IPERS	PENSION W/H	10,058.97
AMERICO	457 PLAN W/H	450.00
AFLAC	EMPLOYEE W/H	49.68
CENTRAL STATES INSURANCE	EMPLOYEE W/H	960.00
GLOBE NAT'L LIFE	EMPLOYEE W/H	310.80
B.G. POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	297.65
NELSON ELECTRIC	EQUIP OPER	4,000.00
HOSTWAY	COMP MAINT	59.40
VISA	VOID CK#173	(1,239.03)
VISA	VARIOUS DEPT	1,232.06
TOTAL:		80,736.14
TOTAL FUNDS:		
GENERAL		76,297.83
ROAD USE		4,140.66
SANITATION		297.65
TOTAL FUNDS:		80,736.14
DEC 2025 REVENUES:		
GENERAL		34,928.92
FIRE TWN		50,735.05
PARK IMPROV		700.00
POLICE DEPT		1,500.00
CITY HALL BLDG		1,000.00
ROAD USE		18,487.18
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		8,057.93
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX		28,712.83
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING		711.02
MONEY MARKET		865.38
SANITATION		13,144.00
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED:		158,842.31

JAN 2026 ADD'L CLAIMS PAID:

PAYROLL	JAN '26 PAYROLL	29,739.09
E.F.T.P.S.	FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE TAXES	9,220.52
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE W/H	930.61
IPERS	PENSION W/H	6,287.29
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	299.52
NELSON ELECTRIC	EQUIP PURCHASE	500.00
TOTAL:		48,077.36

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	45,114.61
ROAD USE	2,663.22
SANITATION	299.52
TOTAL FUNDS:	48,077.35

JAN 2026 REVENUES:

GENERAL	9,638.02
FIRE TWN	14.76
CITY HALL BLDG	1,000.00
ROAD USE	19,183.30
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	9,893.33
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	36,598.82
MONEY MARKET	866.73
SANITATION	13,248.00
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED:	90,442.96

FEB 2026 ADD'L CLAIMS PAID:

PAYROLL	FEB '26 PAYROLL	28,368.51
E.F.T.P.S.	FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE TAXES	8,882.54
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE W/H	913.98
IPERS	PENSION W/H	6,003.39
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	530.73
CASEY'S	VEH OPER	1,213.92
TOTAL:		47,013.39

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	44,060.48
ROAD USE	2,663.22
SANITATION	289.69
TOTAL FUNDS:	47,013.39

FEB 2026 REVENUES:

GENERAL	13,217.52
FIRE TWN	8.49

CITY HALL BLDG	1,000.00
ROAD USE	15,131.56
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,816.96
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	24,115.21
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	21.55
MONEY MARKET	784.07
SANITATION	13,184.00
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED:	69,279.36

MARCH 2026 ADD'L CLAIMS PAID:

PAYROLL	MARCH'26 PAYROLL	28,743.65
E.F.T.P.S.	FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE TAXES	8,948.90
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE W/H	913.98
IPERS	PENSION W/H	6,066.22
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	293.90
SCOTT CO. RECORDER	FEES	12.00
TOTAL:		46,078.97

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	43,083.35
ROAD USE	2,701.72
SANITATION	293.90

TOTAL FUNDS: 46,078.97

MARCH 2026 REVENUES:

GENERAL	47,626.13
FIRE TWN	9.40
CITY HALL BLDG	1,000.00
ROAD USE	15,813.09
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	12,587.27
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	26,504.06
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	4,111.56
MONEY MARKET	869.30
SANITATION	12,164.00

TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED: 120,684.81

APRIL 2026 ADD'L CLAIMS PAID:

PAYROLL	APRIL '26 PAYROLL	32,944.83
E.F.T.P.S.	FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE TAXES	10,481.08
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE W/H	1,099.61
IPERS	PENSION W/H	6,994.39
AMERICO	457 PLAN W/H	300.00
AFLAC	EMPLOYEE W/H	33.12
CENTRAL STATES INSURANCE	EMPLOYEE W/H	640.00
GLOBE NAT'L LIFE	EMPLOYEE W/H	207.20
B.G. POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	601.22
B.G. SAVINGS	OPER SUPPLIES	58.43
IA WORKFORCE DEV	UNEMPLOYMENT	117.13

TOTAL:		53,477.01
TOTAL FUNDS:		
GENERAL		50,143.86
ROAD USE		2,926.80
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		117.13
SANITATION		289.22
TOTAL FUNDS:		53,477.01
APRIL 2026 REVENUES:		
GENERAL		331,258.12
FIRE TWN		9.11
LIBRARY TAXES		35,670.50
CITY HALL BLDG		1,000.00
ROAD USE		19,154.72
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		108,886.65
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX		29,438.65
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING		19,282.30
MONEY MARKET		842.56
SANITATION		13,104.97
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED:		558,647.58
MAY 2026 ADD'L CLAIMS PAID:		
PAYROLL	MAY '26 PAYROLL	31,379.84
E.F.T.P.S.	FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE TAXES	10,264.63
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE W/H	1,060.21
IPERS	PENSION W/H	6,714.47
AMERICO	457 PLAN W/H	300.00
AFLAC	EMPLOYEE W/H	33.12
COLLECTION SVS	EMPLOYEE W/H	90.00
CENTRAL STATES INSURANCE	EMPLOYEE W/H	640.00
GLOBE NAT'L LIFE	EMPLOYEE W/H	207.20
B.G. POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	295.78
TOTAL:		50,985.25
TOTAL FUNDS:		
GENERAL		48,003.29
ROAD USE		2,686.18
SANITATION		295.78
TOTAL FUNDS:		50,985.25
MAY 2026 REVENUES:		
GENERAL		37,860.90
FIRE TWN		9.41
CITY HALL BLDG		1,600.00
PARK IMPROV		25.00
ROAD USE		22,188.97
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		5,095.88
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX		27,711.75
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING		17,011.72
MONEY MARKET		871.95
SANITATION		11,988.00
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED:		124,363.58

JUNE 2026 ADD'L CLAIMS PAID:

PAYROLL		33,744.45
E.F.T.P.S.	FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE TAXES	11,247.01
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE W/H	1,155.26
IPERS	PENSION W/H	7,213.14
AMERICO	457 PLAN W/H	300.00
AFLAC	EMPLOYEE W/H	33.12
CENTRAL STATES INSURANCE	EMPLOYEE W/H	640.00
GLOBE NAT'L LIFE	EMPLOYEE W/H	207.20
B.G. POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	1,190.44
B.G. SAVINGS	BANK ERROR	1.07
TOTAL:		55,731.69

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	53,292.88
ROAD USE	2,146.18
MONEY MARKET	1.07
SANITATION	291.56
TOTAL FUNDS:	55,731.69

JUNE 2026 REVENUES:

GENERAL	16,751.19
FIRE TWN	39,276.81
POLICE DEPT.	500.00
CITY HALL BLDG	1,200.00
PARK IMPROV	175.00
FIRE DEPT.	50.00
ROAD USE	23,255.66
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,741.68
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	24,719.82
MONEY MARKET	845.14
SANITATION	12,676.65
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED:	122,191.95