

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA OCTOBER 6, 2025**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 6th day of October 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, Bowman and Smith. Absent were members Blok and Hermann.

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

Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

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

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

1. **September 10, 2025 minutes**
2. **September 15, 2025 minutes**
3. **Resolution 2025-34 ref: authorizing payment from the accumulated TIF Reserve**
4. **Payment of claims**

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

INFORMATIONAL:

5. **American Legion Post #711:** Several American Legion representatives 's asked for the City's assistance and permission for use of City Streets for the Legion's Veterans Day 5K Run/Walk set for November 8, 2025. Brandenburg moved to approve the Legion's Veterans Day 5K Run/Walk set for November 8, 2025 as presented, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

ENGINEER REPORT:

6. **Report:** City Engineer Mike Janecek presented the September 2025 Engineer report.
7. **East Telegraph Road:** Janecek briefly reviewed the TEAM Services Geotechnical Engineer's Report in regards to the East Telegraph Road Reconstruction Project as they had completed the subsurface exploration reporting that based on the conditions observed, it is their opinion that a full-depth replacement be considered. Discussion was held. Council asked that Janecek contact the DOT to see if they can provide a traffic counter to get the daily traffic count.
8. **Orphed Street Improvements:** Chad Brus, owner of Brus Construction, LLC reported that the project was complete and draining as anticipated; however, he cautioned the Council on the dangerous conditions of the sidewalks on West Orphed Street as they will continue to hold water. Discussion was held.
9. **Lamphere Drive Reconstruction Project:** Janecek reported that the project was now under the 1-year warranty and that he would follow up with the contractor on the crack sealing and seeding.

PUBLIC WORKS:

10. **Report:** Public Works Director Jim Meyrer presented the September 2025 Public Works Department report.
11. **Bids:** Meyrer presented a bid to correct the storm drainage issues at Dolan Drive and Danielle Court. Discussion was held as it was consensus of the Council to obtain another bid.

PLANNING & ZONING:

- 12. Recommendations:** Council reviewed the Commission's meeting minutes from their October 1, 2025 meeting that was held on the request from Brus Construction, LLC, representing RLP Properties, LLC's "Genessee Storage" Site Plan. Chad Brus, owner of Brus Construction, LLC briefed the Council on the Site Plan details. McCullough reported that due to the unique existing easements, RLP Properties, LLC was requesting to waive the following requirements: parking, hard surface and landscaping. Discussion was held on the City extending the storm at the same time as a cost savings to the City. Janecek said that it was definitely worth considering.
- 13. Resolution 2025-33:** Brandenburg made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-33 approving RLP Properties, LLC "Genessee Storage" Site Plan based on the recommendations from the Commission, City Engineer, City Attorney, Fire Chief and Building Commissioner, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL ASS'T GRANT:

- 14. LMI Application/Bids:** Council reviewed a Financial Assistance grant application from Ms. Jacquelyn Smith for the demolition of her house stating that she had applied for a building permit to reroof her garage as she would like to keep her garage and chicken coop. A rather lengthy discussion was held. Bowman moved to approve Ms. Jacquelyn Smith's LMI Financial Assistance Grant and accept Brus Construction, LLC's demolition bid plus any additional costs needed to complete the project with an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00 for the demolition of the house, garage and chicken coop with the City paying 90 percent and the applicant paying 10 percent, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER:

- 15. Report:** Building Commissioner Jim Meyrer presented the September 2025 Building Commissioner report.
- 16. Building Permit:** Due to the Council's decision under Item #14, this item was deleted.

HOME OCCUPATION:

- 17. Home Occupation Permit:** Meyrer reported that he had performed a home inspection in reference to Tim and Sally Klindt who were reapplying for their Home Occupation Permit recommending approval only if it was "delivery" only. Discussion was held. Bowman moved to approve Tim and Sally Klindt's Home Occupation Permit with the stipulation that the license be for "delivery only", seconded by Smith. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Smith-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

- 18. Demolition of hazardous building:** Due to the Council's decision under Item #14, this item was deleted.
- 19. Nuisance Abatement(s):** Mayor Schutte reported that several nuisance abatement letters were sent out and that he would follow up with Chief Meier on their status.

SANITATION COMMITTEE:

- 20. Recommendations:** The Clerk reported that the Sanitation Committee had met on July 29, 2025 to review a 7-year rate extension proposal from Republic Services and it was their recommendation, based on the rising fuel costs and economy and in the best interest of its citizens was to accept the proposal and recommended a \$1.00 a year rate increase per household beginning January 1, 2026 and every July 1st starting July 1, 2026 through July 1, 2032.
- 21. 7-Year Contract Extension:** Brandenburg moved to approve the 7-Year Contract Extension from Allied Services, LLC D/B/A Republic Services of Bettendorf beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2033, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

22. Strategic Planning & Goal Setting: There was nothing new to report.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Resident Mark Wakefield questioned whether mini bikes were allowed on the street. The Clerk reported that Chief Meier was putting together an Ordinance regulating e-scooters and e-bikes. Mayor Schutte said that he would confer with Chief Meier.

RECESS: Smith moved to recess for 5 minutes, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Smith-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried. Brandenburg moved to reconvene, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE RELATION COMMITTEE:

23. Review & Select Candidate: Mayor Schutte referred to the Code of Iowa, Section 21.5(i) stating that the Council would be going into executive closed session to review and select a candidate for the Part-Time Public Works position. Brandenburg moved to close the regular meeting and go into closed session, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

Brandenburg moved to reopen the regular meeting, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye and Bowman-aye. Motion carried.

24. Select Candidate: Brandenburg moved to offer Applicant “H” the Part-Time Public Work’s position at \$20.00 per hour as on-call only with the preauthorization of the Mayor, with the stipulation that the applicant pass all the applicable pre-employment test, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Brandenburg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS REPORT:

BI-STATE REG'L COMM.	PROF FEES-DUES	283.75
BP	VEH OPER	707.06
CASEY'S	VEH OPER	2,159.57
CENTRAL STATES H & W FUND	HEALTH INSURANCE	13,648.00
CENTURYLINK	FAX	160.84
CLASSICAL GRAPHICS	SAFETY EQUIP	178.76
COLUMN SUPPORT	ADVERT & PUBLICATIONS	700.76
DECCO	REPAIRS-TRAFFIC	519.50
IOWA AMERICAN WATER	UTILITIES	351.69
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	22.50
JOHNSON DISTRIB.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	35.00
MACQUEEN	EQUIP OPER	2,055.00
MARTIN & WHITACRE SURVEYORS	ENGINEERING	850.73
MCCULLOUGH, WM.	LEGAL SVS.	1,800.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	1,020.23
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	86.37
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	4,536.92
MIDWEST FRAME	CEMETERY CONTRIBUTION	659.40
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT	VEH OPER	8,192.19
PANTHER UNIFORMS	UNIFORM ALLOW	56.95
PETTY CASH	FUNDRAISER	200.00
POOLS WELDING	EQUIP OPER	1,332.50
QUAD CITY SAFETY INC.	SAFETY EQUIP	104.00
RNJ DISTRIBUTION INC.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	6.70
ROSS MED'L SUPPLY	EQUIP OPER	12.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES #400	GARB/RECY	21,196.95
R.P. LUMBER COMPANY INC.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	157.86
TRI STATE FIRE CONTROL	EQUIP OPER	64.50
STOREY KENWORTHY	OPER SUPPLIES	931.97
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET	991.33
VERTIV CORPORATION	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	1,538.00
WALKER, JACOB	UNIFORM ALLOW	400.00
TOTAL:		64,961.03

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	26,850.83
PARK IMPROV RESERVE	200.00
ROAD USE	2,133.28
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	13,648.00
SANITATION	22,128.92
TOTAL FUNDS:	64,961.03