THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA OCTOBER 19, 2026

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 19th 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, Brandenburg and Chalupa. Absent was member Bowman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Blok moved to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Chalupa. Roll call: Blok-aye, Chalupa-aye, Brandenburg-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: Brandenburg moved to approve the Consent as presented, seconded by Hermann.

1. **September 21, 2026 minutes**
2. **Resolution 2026-47 ref: authorizing an expenditure from the Low-to-Moderate Tax Increment Reserve**
3. **Payment of claims**

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

INFORMATIONAL:

4. **Troop 26:** Boy Scout Troop 26 introduced themselves individually reporting that they were in attendance to earn their merit badge for Citizenship in the Community. Mayor and Council congratulated Troop 26 on earning their merit badge.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

5. **Report:** Chief Brian Seamer presented the September 2026 Fire Department report.

PARK BOARD:

6. **Report:** Member Ben Finck presented the October 2026 Park Board Report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

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

PUBLIC WORKS:

8. **Winter Maintenance Proposal**: Mayor Schutte presented a 2026-2027 Winter Maintenance Proposal from the Scott County Engineer's Office reporting that in years past, the City has denied their proposal as Public Works Department does all the snowplowing. Chalupa moved to not participate in the proposal, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Chalupa-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

9. **Nuisance Abatement(s):** Mayor Schutte reported that there were no new nuisances reported adding that there were a few outstanding nuisances the City was currently working on.

PLANNING & ZONING:

10. **Resignation:** Brandenburg moved to accept Robert Onken's resignation, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye, Chalupa-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

11. **Appointment:** Hermann moved to appoint Mark Wakefield to fill the term expiring December 31, 2030, seconded by Chalupa. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Chalupa-aye, Blok-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:

12. Resolution 2026-48: Chalupa moved to adopt Resolution 2026-48 acceptance and approval of the Annual Financial Report for FY 2026, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Chalupa-aye, Hermann-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:

13. Clerk's Report: City Clerk Ann Schmidt presented the September 2026 Clerk's report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

14. Strategic Planning & Goal Setting: Mayor Schutte gave an update on the 2026 Street Projects and the drainage issue on Terrace Drive. Brandenburg expressed concerns on filling the Clerk's position at which time Mayor Schutte reported that a meeting was tentatively scheduled in December to further discuss.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Brandenburg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye, Chalupa-aye, and Hermann-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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Mayor Brad Schutte

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

10-19-26 CLAIMS:

AFC INDUSTRIES INC.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	121.68
A-TEAM FRAMING, LLC	PROF FEES (LMI)	6,000.00
ALL SEASONS CARWASH	VEH OPER	68.50
B.G. BUGLE	ADVERT & PUBLICATIONS	200.00
CENTURYLINK	FAX	163.26
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES	1,763.90
IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	DUES	60.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	126.94
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	434.80
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	1,767.38
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT	EQUIP OPER	287.70
REPUBLIC SVS	GARB/RECYCLING	12,031.85
RNJ DISTRIB.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	34.83
VISA	VARIOUS DEPT.	1,225.60
TOTAL:		**24,286.44**

TOTAL FUNDS:	
GENERAL	12,254.59
SANITATION	12,031.85
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