

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA OCTOBER 20, 2025**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 20th 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, Blok, Hermann and Smith. Absent was member Bowman.

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

Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

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

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

1. October 6, 2025 minutes

2. Payment of claims

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

INFORMATIONAL:

3. Tom Egolf ref: Property Concerns: Council proceeded with Agenda as Mr. Egolf was not present and prior to adjourning, would discuss.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

4. Report: Mayor Schutte presented the September 2025 Fire Department report prepared by Fire Chief Brian Seamer.

PARK BOARD:

5. Report: Member Dawn Greer presented the October 2025 Park Board report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

7. Nuisance Abatement(s): Mayor Schutte reported that there were no new nuisance abatements reporting that the demolition project was delayed for approximately two weeks.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:

8. First reading of Ordinance Amendment 2025-12: Smith moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance Amendment 2025-12 in reference to Chapter 8.14 Refuse Disposal Service Charges, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Smith-aye, Blok-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann. Motion carried.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

9. Variance Request: Council reviewed the Board's minutes from their October 15, 2025 meeting approving a Variance for Kyle Morrison to construct a 10 feet x 20 feet accessory building. It was the consensus of the Council that there were no issues of concern with the Variance and agreed with the Board's decision.

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:

10. Clerk's Report: City Clerk Ann Schmidt presented the August 2025 Clerk's Report.

MEDIACOM:

11. Business Accounts: The Clerk reported that three contract's with Mediacom had expired and Mediacom had stated that they no longer offer contract renewals; therefore, they would continue to bill on a month-to-month basis reporting the new increased rates. It was the consensus of the Council to cancel the Public Safety Building's account since they have fiber-optic and to leave City Hall as is and research internet services with Public Works.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

12. Request for Tax Abatement: Council reviewed a letter from Brus Construction, LLC requesting financial assistance. It was the consensus of the Council to have the City Clerk and the City Attorney further discuss the City's options with the City's Bonding Attorney.

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

INFORMATIONAL:

3. Tom Egolf ref: Property Concerns: Mr. Egolf was still not present; therefore, Council reviewed copies of Mr. Egolf's property in the Prairie Woods Estate subdivision as he complained that residents are encroaching on his property; however, Council determined that it was a civil issue and that the City would not get involved.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Smith-aye, Blok-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS REPORT:

3E ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	EQUIP OPER	700.00
ALL SEASONS CARWASH	VEH OPER	140.00
B.G. BUGLE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	200.00
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES	1,704.58
IA ASSO OF MUNI UTILITIES	DUE	676.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	531.80
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	1,731.35
NAPA	VEH OPER	766.79
PS3 ENTERPRISES	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	360.00
RAGAN MECHANICAL	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	3,170.22
RED WING SHOE STORE	SAFETY EQUIP	539.98
VISA	VARIOUS DEPT	2,282.20
		12,802.92
TOTAL FUNDS:		
GENERAL		12,404.68
ROAD USE		398.24
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