

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA OCTOBER 21, 2024**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 21st day of October 2024, 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: Hermann, Smith, Bowman, Blok and Brandenburg.

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

Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

PUBLIC FORUM: Resident Angela Gibbs asked what the status was on reinstalling the streetlight in the 300 block of Lamphere Drive. Mayor Schutte said he would have the Public Works Director contact MidAmerican Energy.

CONSENT AGENDA: Hermann moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Blok.

1. **October 7, 2024 minutes**
2. **August 2024 Clerk's Report**
3. **Payment of claims**

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

4. **Report:** Fire Chief Brian Seamer presented the September 2024 Fire Department report.

PARK BOARD:

5. **Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the October 2024 Park Board report prepared by Chair Ryan Powers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

6. **Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the September 2024 Police Department report prepared by Chief Mike Meier.

BID OPENING:

7. **Bush Hog 286:** Mayor Schutte publicly opened the following bids: Lee Hermeier \$605.00 and Richard Roenfeldt \$350.00.
8. **Acceptance: Acceptance:** Smith moved to award the bid to Lee Hermeier in the amount of \$605.00 for the purchase of the City's Bush Hog 286 in "as is, no warranty" condition, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Smith-aye, Blok-aye, Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:

9. **First reading of Amendment 2024-05:** Blok moved to accept the first reading of Amendment 2024-05 in reference to Chapter 2.10 the Administration Expense Policy, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Blok-aye, Hermann-aye, Bowman-aye, Smith-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.
10. **First reading of Amendment 2024-06:** Bowman moved to accept the first reading of Amendment 2024-06 in reference to Chapter 15.04 Building Code, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye, Smith-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.
11. **First reading of Amendment 2024-07:** Smith moved to accept the first reading of Amendment 2024-07 in reference to Chapter 17.24 R-1 Single-Family Residence District, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Smith-aye, Hermann-aye, Blok-aye, Bowman-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

12. Resolution 2024-57: Brandenburg moved to adopt Resolution 2024-57 removing certain Tax Increment Financing properties as of June 30, 2025, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye, Blok-aye, Hermann-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried.

13. Resolution 2024-59: Hermann moved to adopt Resolution 2024-59 authorizing the City Clerk to certify the City’s Debt Certificate for FY 2026, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Blok-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

14. Nuisance Abatement(s): Mayor Schutte reported that there was no new nuisance abatements filed.

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:

15. Request for dumpster: The Clerk referred to Section 8.14 Refuse Disposal in regards to residential family dwelling units as landlord Mike Arp was requesting to have a dumpster at his 4-plex apartment building to eliminate having 8 carts as it was becoming a nuisance; however, according to the Code in order to have a dumpster, the unit must have more than four units. Discussion was held. Brandenburg moved to allow Mike Arp to have a dumpster due to his lot size, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

16. Clerk’s Report: City Clerk Ann Schmidt presented the August 2024 Clerk’s Report.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Smith inquired about having a fire pit since Scott County was under a burn ban. Chief Seamer said yes as long as the fire pit has a wire mesh over it and there was water near the vicinity.

ADJOURNMENT: Bowman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Smith-aye, Blok-aye, Hermann-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

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

CLAIMS REPORT

3E ELECTRICAL	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	140.00
424 WARNING SYSTEMS	EQUIP OPER	320.00
AXON ENTERPRISES	EQUIP OPER	2,940.00
B.G. BUGLE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	200.00
CCP INDUSTRIES	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	176.48
COURTESY FORD	EQUIP OPER	160.05
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES	1,664.89
IA ASSO OF MUNI UTILITIES	SAFETY DUES	657.00
INTOXIMETERS	EQUIP OPER	56.00
MACQUEEN	EQUIP OPER	2,316.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	451.80
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	4,183.21
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	1,693.83
MIDWEST WHEEL COS.	EQUIP OPER	47.60
NAPA	EQUIP OPER	91.96
PS3 ENTERPRISES	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	340.00

Q.C. TRANSPORT	EQUIP OPER	1,260.87
QUAD CITY TIMES	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	172.79
ROSS MEDICAL SUPPLY	EQUIP OPER	12.00
SCHMIDT, ANN	OFFICE OPER	360.35
SCOTT CO. LIBRARY SYSTEM	LIBRARY TAXES	34,465.00
TITAN MACHINERY	EQUIP OPER	5,869.07
TRI STATE FIRE CONTROL	EQUIP OPER	125.00
VISA	OPER SUPPLIES	452.04
WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP	EQUIP OPER	386.91
TOTAL:		58,542.85

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	18,158.84
LIBRARY MAINTENANCE	34,465.00
ROAD USE	5,874.01
SANITATION	45.00
TOTAL FUNDS:	58,542.85

ADD'L BILLS PAID – AUGUST 2024

PAYROLL	43,803.69
BG SAVINGS (FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE W/H)	14,296.49
TREASURER, STATE OF IA (STATE W/H)	2,030.74
IPERS (PENSION W/H)	9,380.22
AMERICO (457 PLAN W/H)	450.00
AFLAC (INS W/H)	106.74
CENTRAL STATES INS (EMPLOYEE CONTR)	760.00
POSTMASTER-POSTAGE	357.56
TOTAL:	71,185.44

FUND TOTALS

GENERAL	66,933.81
ROAD USE	3,991.50
SANITATION	260.13
TOTALS:	71,185.44

REVENUES – AUGUST 2024

GENERAL	290,134.24
FIRE TOWNSHIP	162.09
ROAD USE	17,496.61
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	777.30
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	31,042.13
MONEY MARKET	844.53
SANITATION	11,991.06
TOTAL:	352,447.96

FUND TOTALS

GENERAL	39,129.57
ROAD USE	2,839.32
SANITATION	263.61
TOTALS:	42,232.50

