THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA NOVEMBER 2, 2026

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of November 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: Hermann, Brandenburg and Chalupa. Absent were members Blok and Bowman.

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

1. **October 19, 2026 minutes**
2. **Resolution 2026-51 ref: authorizing an expenditure from the TIF Reserve**
3. **July 2026 Clerk's Report**
4. **August 2026 Clerk's Report**
5. **Payment of claims**

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

ENGINEER REPORT:

6. **Report:** City Engineer Mike Janecek presented the October 2026 Engineer report. A brief discussion was held regarding an erosion control issue at 302 Terrace Drive referring to the City Attorney's letter and the status of Lot #14 in the Prairie Woods Estates 3rd Addition.

7. **Progress Report:** Janecek updated the Council on the 2026 Street Improvement Projects. Mayor and Council expressed their disappointment in the street repairs performed by Manatts asking that the City Engineer stay onto of it to get the improvements satisfactory.

PUBLIC WORKS:

8. **Report:** Public Works Director Jim Meyrer presented the October 2026 Public Works Department report.

9. **Republic Services:** Meyrer presented several pictures of stained fluid on the City streets from Republic Services trucks reporting that he has addressed this issue several times with Republic Services and would like to see this issue get resolved. Municipal Services Manager, Matt Pivot acknowledged the fact that fluids have been leaked onto the streets from their trucks reassuring the Council that when it is reported, that truck is then pulled in for servicing reminding the Council that the trucks are not 100% leak-proof. He believes that most of the fluids are seepage from the garbage but there may be a situation where certain residents are dumping oil and/or some type of fluid in their carts causing leakage. Mr. Pivot agreed to continue to monitor the situation.

10. **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 presenting the following quotes: 1) Sampson Fence LTD $32,860.00 and 2) A-Team Framing $38,713.00. Council compared the quotes. Hermann moved to accept Sampson Fence LTD's quote in the amount of $32,860.00 utilizing monies to assist with the funding from the Local Option Sales Tax Reserve, seconded by Chalupa. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Chalupa-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER:

11. **Report:** Building Commissioner Jim Meyrer presented the October 2026 Building Commissioner report.

FINANCIAL ASS'T GRANT:

12. LMI: Council reviewed a Financial Assistance grant application requesting to replace windows; gas shutoff valve; exterior doors; watermain shutoff valve and install hand railings. Meyrer reported that he had performed a home inspection and found that the homeowner has gutted the entire house without permits; therefore, he recommends that the Council not award a grant at this time. Council agreed.

13. LMI: Council reviewed a Financial Assistance grant application requesting to replace the front door; garage gutters, windows and gutters and downspouts. Meyrer reported that he had performed a home inspection and found that these items were all in need of replacement. Council requested that quotes be obtained prioritizing any safety issues.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

14. Nuisance Abatement(s): Mayor Schutte reported that there were no new nuisances reported. Chalupa reported weeds at East Meuse and South Mississippi Street.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:

15. Resolution 2026-49: Hermann moved to adopt Resolution 2026-49 authorizing the City Clerk to certify the City's Debt Certificate for FY 2028, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Chalupa-aye. Motion carried.

16. Resolution 2026-50: Chalupa moved to adopt Resolution 2026-50 in reference to approving the FY 2026 Annual Urban Renewal Report, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Chalupa-aye, Hermann-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

17. Strategic Planning & Goal Setting: There was nothing new to report from those in attendance.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Mark Wakefield inquired about whether the City adopted a Scooter Ordinance or not. Mayor Schutte replied that the City had adopted an Ordinance for e-scooters, e-bikes, etc. in September of 2026.

Hermann reported that the Little League was asking if the City could assist in the purchase of a drag field machine at which time Mayor Schutte reported that the City was unable to assist in the purchase as the Little League was a private organization.

ADJOURNMENT: Brandenburg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye and Chalupa-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Mayor Brad Schutte

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

11-02-26 CLAIMS:

ALEX AIR APPARATUS	EQUIP OPER	2,832.00
CASEY'S	VEH OPER	1,149.40
CCP DIRECT	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	180.87
CENTRAL STATES H & W FUND	HEALTH INS	17,936.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE	ADVERT & PUBLICATIONS	2,168.24
EMS LEARNING RESOURCES	TRAINING	1,200.00
IA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	DUES	710.00
IA AMERICAN WATER	UTILITIES	364.69
IA ONE CALL	LOCATES	44.10
J & J ACCESS & SECURITY	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	273.84
MARTIN & WHITACRE SURVEYORS	ENGINEERING SVS	1,751.79
MCCULLOUGH, WM.	LEGAL SVS	2,655.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	640.00
MED-TECH RESOURCE	EQUIP OPER	977.89
MEIER, MIKE	TRAINING/TRAVEL	247.95
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	907.71
NELSON ELECTRIC	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	2,800.24
OTERO DOOR WORKS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	150.00
PS3 ENTERPRISES	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	372.00
ROSS MEDICAL SUPPLY	EQUIP OPER	266.24
SCOTT CO. LIBRARY	LIBRARY TAXES	36,920.00
VERIZON	TELEPH/FAX/INTERNET	902.16
TOTAL:		**75,450.12**

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	20,594.12
LIBRARY MAINT	36,920.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	17,936.00
TOTAL FUNDS:	**75,450.12**

JULY 2026 ADD'L CLAIMS PAID:

PAYROLL		48,049.57
E.F.T.P.S.	FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE TAXES	16,242.64
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE W/H	1,680.71
IPERS	PENSION W/H	10,433.38
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	390.27
MUSC. CO. RECORDER	FEES	12.00
J & J ACCESS & SECURITY	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	8,555.87
IL DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	11.31
IA WORKFORCE DEV	UNEMPLOYMENT	50.86
TOTAL:		**87,197.09**

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	82,586.74

ROAD USE		4,224.03
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		62.17
SANITATION		324.15
TOTAL FUNDS:		**87,197.09**
JULY 2026 REVENUES:		
GENERAL		15,207.04
FIRE TWN		10.92
CITY HALL BLDG		1,200.00
ROAD USE		19,638.43
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		1,920.63
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX		32,858.90
MONEY MARKET		874.63
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING		957.41
SANITATION		13,029.26
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED:		**85,697.22**
AUGUST 2026 ADD'L CLAIMS PAID:		
PAYROLL		32,649.00
E.F.T.P.S.	FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE TAXES	11,284.42
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE W/H	1,136.80
IPERS	PENSION W/H	7,027.95
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	547.55
SCOTT CO. RECORDER	FEES	7.00
TOTAL:		**53,833.04**
TOTAL FUNDS:		
GENERAL		50,573.68
ROAD USE		2,943.23
SANITATION		316.13
TOTAL FUNDS:		**53,833.04**
AUGUST 2026 REVENUES:		
GENERAL		6,089.64
FIRE TWN		4.73
PARK IMPROV		25.00
CITY HALL BLDG		1,200.00
ROAD USE		24,443.34
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX		26,736.53
MONEY MARKET		877.05
SANITATION		12,972.03
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED:		**72,348.32**