THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA NOVEMBER 16, 2026

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 16th 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: Chalupa moved to approve the Agenda adding Resolution 2026-54 to the Consent Agenda, and moving Item #3 directly under Item #7, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Chalupa-aye, Hermann-aye and Brandenburg-aye. Motion carried.

MAYORAL COMMENTS: Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

PUBLIC FORUM: Ms. Cashlyn Arndt was in attendance as a requirement for her government class.

CONSENT AGENDA: Brandenburg moved to approve the Consent with the addition of Resolution 2026-54 and removal of Resolution 2026-53, seconded by Hermann.

1. **November 2, 2026 minutes**
2. **Resolution 2026-52 ref: authorizing payment for the '27 Dump Truck**

* ***Added:*** **Resolution 2026-54 ref: authorizing the renewal of a CD at the Blue Grass Bank**

4. **Payment of claims**

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

LICENSE & RENEWAL(S):

5. **Liquor License renewal:** Chalupa moved to approve Naughty's Party Co., DBA Jeff's Market liquor license renewal, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Chalupa-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

6. **New Liquor License:** Chalupa moved to approve Silver Fox Foods, Inc., DBA The Corner Grill new liquor license, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Chalupa-aye, Brandenburg-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

ENGINEER REPORT:

7. **Progress Report:** Janecek recapped that Manatt's was hired to complete Street Projects B and C reporting that they have substantially completed the work; however, they are still needing to complete the punch list which includes repairs to the North end of the overlay on North Mississippi Street, as they have agreed to complete by Thanksgiving. He also reported that Manatt's had submitted an invoice that was over the bid job by $25,791.70 giving a breakdown of the quantity overages. Mayor and Council expressed their disappointment with Manatt's mostly due to the fact that no representative from Manatt's had approached the City prior to the September 30th deadline to avoid the $1,000.00 a day penalty and now learning that Manatt's had not signed Pay Request #1. It was the consensus of the Council to table the payment until a representative from Manatt's contacts either a City representative or the City Engineer.

3. ***(MOVED)*** **Resolution 2026-53 ref: authorizing payment #1 in reference to the 2026 Street Improv Projects:** Brandenburg moved to table Resolution 2026-53 until the next meeting, seconded by Chalupa. Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Chalupa-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

8. **Report:** Chief Brian Seamer presented the October 2026 Fire Department report.

PARK BOARD:

9. **Report:** Mayor Schutte presented the November 2026 Park Board Report prepared by Member Justin Box.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:
10. Report: Mayor Schutte presented the October 2026 Police Department report prepared by Chief Meier.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):
11. Nuisance Abatement(s): Mayor Schutte reported that there were no new nuisances reported.

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:
12. Clerk's Report: City Clerk Ann Schmidt presented the October 2026 Clerk's report.

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

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Resident Mark Wakefield wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Brandenburg asked if Public Works had acquired salt for the upcoming winter. Mayor Schutte reported that the salt was already contracted for the winter.

Mayor Schutte reported that the new 2027 Freightliner Dump Truck was delivered commenting on how well built this truck was as it should last for quite some time.

ADJOURNMENT: Hermann made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Hermann-aye, Brandenburg-aye, and Chalupa-aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Mayor Brad Schutte

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

11/16/26 CLAIMS

ALL SEASONS CARWASH	VEH OPER	6.00
DUCK CREEK TIRE	EQUIP OPER	704.00
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES	1,582.32
EMC INSURANCE COS.	INSURANCE	395.00
HALE PRINTING	EQUIP OPER	140.95
JEFF'S MARKET	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	3.79
MANATT'S	STREET IMPROV	60,303.82
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	126.94
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	49.98
MIDWAY FREIGHTLINER	DUMP TRUCK PURCH	158,465.00
MPH INDUSTRIES	EQUIP OPER	172.75
MUSCATINE LAWN AND POWER	EQUIP OPER	327.67
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT	EQUIP OPER	132.91
PROLINE STRIPING	STREET IMPROV	2,234.00
QUAD CITY TIMES	ADV & PUBLICATIONS	182.66
REPUBLIC SVS	GARB/RECYCLING	12,180.00
RNJ DISTRIBUTION	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	27.84
R.P. LUMBER CO.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	43.92
TRI STATE FIRE CONTROL	EQUIP OPER	1,013.25
VISA	TRAINING/OPER SUPPLIES	143.37
WEX BANK	VEH OPER/FUEL	2,138.28
TOTAL:		**240,374.45**

TOTAL FUNDS:	
GENERAL	115,656.63
MAINT VEH RESERVE	25,000.00
ROAD USE	87,537.82
SANITATION	12,180.00
TOTAL FUNDS:	**240,374.45**