

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA DECEMBER 10, 2018**

The Blue Grass City Council met in special session at 6:30 p.m. on the 10th day of December, 2018 in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Mississippi Street, pursuant to law, with Mayor Larry Guy presiding, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of reflection. The following Council members were present: Brad Schutte, Lisa Smith, Bonnie Strong and Donna Kinzer. Absent was Council member Emilyne Slagle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Council member Schutte moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Council member Smith. A roll call vote was taken: Schutte-aye, Smith-aye, Kinzer-aye and Strong-aye. Motion carried.

MAYORAL COMMENTS: Mayor Guy announced the following: “We would like to welcome all of you to your Special Blue Grass City Council meeting. We hope the meeting will be informative and beneficial. We do ask that you silence your cell phones and/or pagers. We want to hear from you but we ask that you wait to be recognized. Please state your name and address and make your comments brief so we can keep the meeting on task. In an effort to keep the meeting on task, please limit your comments or concerns to several minutes. Please allow the person speaking to finish uninterrupted. Thank you”.

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

SEWER:

- 1. South Mississippi Street Drainage Tile Project ref: review and approve:** The Council, at the December 3, 2018 meeting requested that the Public Works Director obtain two bids on the South Mississippi Street drainage tile project and once he has successfully obtained two bids, set a special meeting to expedite the project due to the fact that the City is taking on excessive surface water since the completion of the North Mississippi Street Rehabilitation Project.

Public Works Director Lonnie Robertson reported that he had received two bids as follows: Langman Construction Inc. in the amount of \$57,367.00 and McCleary Excavating Company in the amount of \$53,440.00 listing three alternates to the project. He said that both the City Engineer and City Attorney have reviewed and approved both bids; however, according to the City Attorney, Langman Construction Inc. exceeded the bid threshold of \$57,000.00 and that the City Engineer recommended that the City not include any of the alternates listed on McCleary Excavating Company’s bid. Council reviewed both bids. Council member Smith moved to approve McCleary Excavating Company’s bid in the amount of \$53,440.00, seconded by Council member Schutte. A roll call vote was taken: Smith-aye, Schutte-aye, Kinzer-aye and Strong-aye. Motion carried. Robertson reported that the project will begin on Monday, December 17, 2018 and is projected to be complete by December 21, 2018.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Council member Strong referred to an article that was printed in the Bugle about a restaurant opening in Blue Grass. Mayor Guy replied that he had heard that also over a year ago. The Clerk added that a gentleman came into City Hall and briefly spoke with the Building Commissioner over a year ago about opening a restaurant but has had no contact since then or applied for a building permit. Resident Mark Wakefield asked what the status was on the vacated gas station. Robertson reported that the sale is pending once the Iowa Department of Natural Resource’s well tests come back clean and clear.

Robertson asked the Council if they wanted Public Works Employee Bob Downing to attend the next Council meeting as two residents have come forward requesting to be on the Agenda in regards to snow removal. It was the consensus of the Council to trust their employees in their judgement and that Mr. Downing did not have to attend. Council member Schutte added that residents are going to have realize that the City had over 14 inches of snow and there simply was no place to put the snow. Council member Kinzer reported that

she had spoken with the Blue Grass Community Club in reference to their snow removal and apparently that specific sidewalk near the park was inadvertently missed as there is a new person doing the Club's snow removal this year and was not aware of the particular sidewalk and thanked the City for their consideration.

Council member Smith inquired about the parking of trailers as it was her understanding that after 48 hours, the trailer had to be moved. Further discussion was held in regards to the parking of recreational vehicles and trailers that became into effect November 1st. Council member Smith asked that the City enforce the rules.

Mayor Guy asked the Council how they prefer to be notified in the future of meeting notices, notifications, etc. as he had asked that the Clerk send out a group text when setting this specific meeting and apparently some did not receive the notification. Council member Strong reported that she is unable to receive group texts on her cell phone; therefore, she prefers that she be contacted via email. Council member Smith agreed that she, too receive notification via email and follow up with a telephone call. Mayor Guy stated that from now on all notifications will be sent via email and if no response, followed up by a telephone call.

ADJOURNMENT: Council member Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council member Schutte. A roll call vote was taken: Smith-aye, Schutte-aye, Kinzer-aye and Strong-aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Larry Guy

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