

**MARCH MEETING MINUTES
GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026**

Visitors Present:

- I. Call Meeting to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Lokken.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call –
 - a. Debra Anderson Bergstrom: Present
 - b. Joseph Chupp: Present
 - c. William Houselog: Present
 - d. Gabra Lokken: Present
 - e. Michael Sordahl: Present
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Agenda
 - B. Minutes of February 9, 2026 meeting
 - C. Claims Approval for February 2026: \$146,375.63
Motion by Houselog. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-0
- V. Visitor Recognition and Public Comment – none
- VI. Staff and Council Reports
 - A. Staff Reports
 1. Rescue/Fire – Mike Dahl announced his resignation as Chief of the Fire Department and the Rescue Squad. Joe Jans is serving as the interim Chief. The Rescue Squad is receiving a donated ambulance from CentraCare. Mike asked to use the Community Center on April 15 for a meeting.
 2. Sheriff – no report
 3. Clerk – Reported on the DSI Grant and will have further discussions at the next Council Workshop. Will be gone the last week in March at the MCFOA Conference.
 4. Public Works – no report

B. Council Reports

1. Lokken – Requested that cat traps be put out again due to an increase in citizen complaints. Mentioned the upcoming City activities: March 23rd, Grant Celebration; April 25th, City Clean Up Day and Artisan Market; WMD committee with meet to begin planning.
2. Sordahl – Update from EDA – Trailer Park sale is closing on March 13; EDA will help pay for a strategic plan.
3. Anderson Bergstrom – Asked about what can be done with all the barking dogs in town. Mentioned the donations for a door prize at the upcoming FIKA on March 16.
4. Houselog – No report
5. Chupp – No report

VII. Old Business - none

VIII. New Business

- A. Chloe Richardson presentation – 4-H Project for Dog Park. Motion to allow Chloe to continue with the Dog Park Planning.

Motion by Chupp. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

- B. Strategic Plan for City – Approve MMDC ~~CEDA~~ to serve as the planning service in creating a strategic plan for the City of Grove City.

Motion by Anderson Bergstrom. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-0 (Lokken abstaining.)

- C. Summer Recreation for 2026 – Community recreation programs will not be offered by the City this summer.

- D. Basketball Hoop - Move to approve the purchase and installation of a basketball hoop and fencing at the Maple Lane Park, not to exceed \$3,500, which is the approved budgeted amount for Summer Recreation.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Chupp.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

Motion to establish a subcommittee for planning, with Chupp and Sordahl serving on the committee. Motion: Lokken. Second: Sordahl. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

E. Subletting of Rented Farmland – Approve the subletting of the farmland rented to Paul Martin to Brian Martin for 2026.

Motion by Anderson Bergstrom. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

F. Water Meter Charge – To approve the discontinuation of two meter charges for the property at 108 N 2nd Street, effective with the next billing cycle. The house is no longer a rental property with two separate units.

Motion by Chupp. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

G. Community Parks Board – Tabled until April meeting.

H. Water Tower History – To reimburse David Martin for the conversion of VHS tapes to DVD, of the recordings of the 1991 construction of the water tower, not to exceed \$100.

Motion by Anderson Bergstrom. Seconded by Chupp.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

I. Revisions to Personnel Policy – Approve the revisions to the City's Personnel Policy, (see attached document), to include recent changes to State and Federal laws; including but not limited to the MN Paid Family and Medical Leave Act, the MN Earned Sick and Safe Time, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the American with Disabilities Act, the MN Human Rights Act and the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Chupp.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

J. OTHER –

- IX. Announcements – Next Workshop April 8 at 3:00 pm, next Council Meeting April 13 at 6:30 pm.
- X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Anderson Bergstrom.

Adjourned 7:39 pm

Mayor: Gabra Lokken City Clerk: Elizabeth Ammermann

Approved: April 13, 2026
Date