

**AUGUST MEETING MINUTES  
GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025**

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. Jared Hieb: Present
  - c. William Houselog: Present
  - d. Gabra Lokken: Present
  - e. Michael Sordahl: Present
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - A. Agenda
  - B. Minutes of July 14, 2025 meeting
  - C. Claims Approval for July 2025: \$185,517.05Motion by Houselog. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-0
- V. Visitor Recognition and Public Comment –
  - a. David Euerle – Westberg Eischens, PLLP
    - i. 2024 Audit, Mr. Euerle presented the audit and requested to attend the September workshop to go into greater detail with the audit.
- VI. Staff and Council Reports
  - A. Staff Reports
    - 1. Rescue/Fire - no report
    - 2. Sheriff – no report
    - 3. Clerk – Reported that she will be gone for FIKA on the 18<sup>th</sup>; will be attending Clerk's Academy sponsored by LMC; reminded the Council that the next workshop will include a meeting with fire/rescue and the townships.

4. Public Works – Mentioned that the shrubs have been pulled out around South Grove.

#### B. Council Reports

1. Lokken – Mentioned complaints concerning property on 4th St N, Aging Grant approval of outdoor AED, has heard positive feedback on WMD.
2. Sordahl – Asked Public Works if they are working on the alleys and adding gravel.
3. Anderson Bergstrom – Inquired if the city is pursuing a different auditor for 2025.
4. Hieb – no report
5. Houselog – no report

#### VII. Old Business

- a. Highway 4 drainage – Mayor Lokken reported that she had heard from the MNDOT Hydrologist that the area is draining to the east and the tiles are full of tree roots. Not sure if the solution is to add fill to the area or changing the drainage direction. City should get quotes on what could be done.

#### VIII. New Business

- A. Ecumen Tree – Motion to purchase a 10 foot evergreen, plant along Hwy 12 and decorate with lights using a \$400 donation.  
Motion by Anderson Bergstrom. Seconded by Lokken.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-0
- B. Ordinance Violation – Council discussed the recent violation notifications and had questions on a couple addresses.
- C. Windmill Days Planning – Discussed prizes and blocking off the first block of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> St N.
- D. EDA Board – Nominate Tammy Jablonski to the EDA Board.  
Motion by Hieb. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

E. Strategic Planning – Planning will continue at next meeting and would like to invite community input.

F. 2026 Budget – Items to add to budget: 2028 street lighting, bond payments for street assessments, water tower painting.

IX. Announcements –

- a. Next meeting with Townships and Fire/Rescue, September 3rd, 5:30 pm (following regular workshop)
- b. FIKA – August 18
- c. Next Council Meeting – September 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Sordahl.

Adjourned: 7:59 pm

Mayor: Gabra Lokken City Clerk: Elizabeth Ammermann

Approved: Sept 8, 2025  
Date