

**JULY MEETING MINUTES
GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025**

Visitors Present:

- I. Call Meeting to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by 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 June 9, 2025 meeting
 - C. Claims Approval for June 2025: \$138,848.61Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-0
- V. Visitor Recognition and Public Comment
 - a. Jason McCoy – Meeker Co EDA – not present
- VI. Staff and Council Reports
 - A. Staff Reports
 - 1. Rescue - 9 calls for the month
 - 2. Fire – 1 call
 - 3. Sheriff – 35 call, National Night Out – Aug 5th at Windmill Park
 - 4. Clerk – Request to attend LMC Clerk’s Academy; Motion to send Betsy to Clerk’s Academy, including hotel and mileage, Motion by Hieb, seconded by Anderson Bergstrom, vote- 5-0, motion carried.

- Mentioned that a resident of South Grove requested permission to install a walk-in bathtub in their apartment. The Council requested more information on the product and installation.
 - Presented budget with current financial information as of June 30, 2025
 - Informed the Council that the new website is live, but is a work in progress.
5. Public Works – Council requested that the shrubs/trees be pulled out around South Grove building. Request to close the yard gate at end of day.

B. Council Reports

1. Lokken – Shared that the Council has discussed issues concerning the drainage issues along highway 4 (communicating with MNDOT), tiling alley behind 1st street (not enough water to warrant expense), driving on the football field (cannot rope off entrance as it is a City alley), spraying for mosquitos (yes, it is happening), and highway 12 streetlight (wait until 2028).
 - Discussed the Ecumen tree for Christmas. Looking at planting an evergreen tree adjacent to current trees on the south side of highway 12.
2. Sordahl – Inquired if alleys are being graded.
3. Anderson Bergstrom – nothing to report
4. Hieb – nothing to report
5. Houselog – checking on tree for Ecumen, wondering how tall of tree, and received a \$500 donation toward the tree.

VII. Old Business –

- a. Highway 4 drainage – City may have to redirect tile.
- b. Banners – will contact Ramsey printing
- c. New laptop for City office: Motion by Hieb to spend up to \$1,000 to purchase laptop for City office. Seconded by Houselog. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

VIII. New Business

- A. Mowing Fees: Raise mowing fee from \$100 to \$150 or \$80/hour, whichever is greater. Motion by Anderson Bergstrom. Seconded by Hieb. Motion carried.
Vote: Yea - Anderson Bergstrom, Hieb, Houselog, Lokken; Nay -Sordahl

B. Safety Deposit Box: The City will rent an additional safety deposit box at Grove Bank for City documents.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

C. Training for Shannon Roering: Shannon Roering would like to attend two training from MN Rural Water on August 20th in Waconia and September 23rd - 25th in St. Cloud.

The cost of these trainings is \$150 and \$400, plus mileage.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

D. MMDC Energy Strategies Grant: Energy Audit for City buildings. Decided not to pursue.

E. SHIP Grant: Add 1-2 Benches on a concrete pad to the pickleball park. The City agrees to purchase 1-2 Benches for a cost of \$1,600 and a concrete pad for \$1,400.

The grant award is \$3,000.

Motion by Hieb. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

F. Windmill Days Logistics: The Committee offered patio seating to Tequila Town and Honky's for Windmill Days and Tequila Town was interested in the patio seating. The City moves to grant a one day, temporary liquor permit to Tequila Town for outdoor seating area.

Motion by Lokken. Seconded by Hieb. Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

G. OTHER: Create a new Facebook page for Windmill Days.

IX. Announcements – Move next Council meeting to August 6th @ 6:30pm, following scheduled workshop. Motion: Lokken, 2nd: Sordahl. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Houselog. Adjourned: 7:41pm

Mayor: Gabra Lokken City Clerk: Elizabeth Ammermann

Approved: August 6, 2025
Date