

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

Visitors Present: 0

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 January 12, 2026 meeting
- C. Claims Approval for January 2025: \$365,474.25

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

V. Visitor Recognition and Public Comment – none

VI. Staff and Council Reports

A. Staff Reports

- 1. Rescue/Fire: no report
- 2. Sheriff – 30 calls in January, multiple calls from the school, one domestic with an arrest
- 3. Clerk – Currently working on updating the website: forms, adding camping information, annexation, and planning/grants (including DSI mailing in February). Working with Shannon on updating service lines data collection.
- 4. Public Works – no report; Mayor Lokken requested looking for a possible ice rink location

## B. Council Reports

1. Lokken – Update on Aging Grant, need to submit final request by April 1 for AED and bench, city celebration on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30-7:00 pm, information sent with next utility billing. Taking webinar from LMC about how the City can deal with blighted properties.
2. Sordahl – Request for names for a new city attorney
3. Anderson Bergstrom – Update on FIKA – March 16, 9:00-10:30 am, will be adding door prizes
4. Houselog – no report
5. Chupp – no report

## VII. Old Business - none

## VIII. New Business

- A. DSI Application Service Agreement: Approve contract with Development Services Inc. (DSI) for administering the Small Cities Development Program Grant that will focus on owner-occupied housing rehab, multi-family and/or mixed use rental rehab, commercial rehab and streetscape (lighting). Preliminary proposal has a Fall of 2026 deadline with work to be done in 2027. [Amended motion to pay only the initial \$1,950 for assessment.]  
Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Chupp.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-0
- B. CIP Funds Rebate: Approve a \$50 rebate, for electric customers, for the purchase of a programable thermostat. [Amended motion to approve purchase of thermostat between the dates of March 1 – June 1, 2026.]  
Motion by Lokken. Seconded by Sordahl.  
Motion carried. Vote: 4-1, dissenting vote: Houselog.
- C. Spring Clean Up Day: Set April 25, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, as the Spring Clean Up Day.  
Motion by Anderson Bergstrom. Seconded by Houselog.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

- D. Artisan Market: Approve the use of the Community Center for an Artisan Market on April 25, the same day as the City Clean Up Day.  
Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-0
- E. Windmill Days 2026: Approve August 14 – 15, 2026 for Windmill Days.  
Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-0
- F. MN Beer Co Brew Pub License: Approve renewal of Brew Pub license.  
Motion by Houselog. Seconded by Chupp.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-0
- G. Heartland Security: ~~Continue~~ Discontinue contract with Heartland Security.  
Motion by Chupp. Seconded by Houselog.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-0
- H. Park Reservations: Extend park reservations to include all city parks, with a \$50 reservation fee.  
Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Chupp.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-0
- I. Land Rent Agreement: Approve land rental agreements with Paul Martin and Matt Weseman for 2026 at the rate of \$240 per acre.  
Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-0
- J. Land Exchange: (see included information) Approve 1 acre of land to be removed from land rent agreement for future land swap. \*\*Tabled for further information\*\*
- K. FIKA – Community Coffee Time – March 16<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 10:30 am, at the Community Center

L. Water Conference: Approve Shannon Roering to attend MRWA Technical Conference, March 3-5, in St. Cloud, for \$350 plus mileage.

Motion by Anderson Bergstrom. Seconded by Chupp.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

M.OTHER –

IX. Announcements - Next Council Workshop – March 4 at 3pm

- Council HR Meeting – March 4 at 2pm

- Council Meeting – March 9 at 6:30 pm

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Anderson Bergstrom.

Adjourned: 7:40 pm

Mayor: Gabra Lokken City Clerk: Elizabeth Ammermann

Approved: March 9, 2026  
Date