

**APRIL MEETING MINUTES
GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 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 March 9, 2026 meeting
 - C. Claims Approval for March 2026: \$136,218.22

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

- V. Visitor Recognition and Public Comment – Mayor Lokken read a statement concerning meeting rules and public comment procedures.
 - a. Jason McCoy: Asked about the alley behind his house and if the Council will address the drainage issues. Mayor Lokken responded that the Council will be working on a City Strategic Plan and will work at addressing such issues citywide.
 - b. Mike Halterman: Thanked the City for purchasing a chipper, noting that it increases the efficiency of the Public Works department. Had some concerns about the crack filling on some streets and offered some advice.

- VI. Staff and Council Reports

- A. Staff Reports

- 1. Rescue/Fire – Working on a grant for a truck, with a 20% City match.
Department has a couple of CRP burns scheduled.

- a. Requested the purchase of 2 new lighted stop signs.
Motion by Anderson Bergstrom. Seconded by Chupp.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

2. Sheriff – Informed the Council that a “problemated” house is being sold. Also anticipates an uptick in youth issues as the weather warms up.
3. Clerk – Reported on the DSI and Blanden Grants, a possible new City Attorney, moving toward ACH payments instead of writing checks, and looking at a new finance/utility program.
 - a. Informed the Council about the option to add Commercial Properties to the DSI Grant Survey, which already includes Owner-Occupied Housing, for an additional \$450.
Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Chupp.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-0
4. Public Works – Shannon will be attending a required training for Interconnectivity for electric utilities. The fee is \$500 for training and \$500 for the license.
Motion by Chupp. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

Was asked about band trailer setup in Windmill Park for WMD and where power was available. Shannon said the trailer is usually set up northeast of the park shelter and there is power available in that area.

B. Council Reports

1. Lokken – Informed the Council that the Lions will serve alcohol for WMD. Had a good report from the Meeker County EDA that good things were happening in Grove City. There is an opening on the board and Councilman Sordahl was interested. Would like a house on 2nd St S cited for ordinance violation per residents’ complaints.
2. Sordahl – Working on the fence around Pickleball Court, need to contact fence company. Will start the process of removing abandoned trailers from Trailer Park. Wants ordinance about fence height.
Request to attend state EDA conference for \$750.
Motion by Anderson Bergstrom. Seconded by Houselog.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-0
3. Anderson Bergstrom – Complemented the Public Works Department on snowplowing!
4. Houselog – No report
5. Chupp – Asked about the ACH options available for utility payments.

VII. Old Business

a. All City Clean-Up Day – April 25

- i. Shannon, Jack and Harvey will be working, Chupp will be the fee collector.

VIII. New Business

- A. Resolution 2026-1: Resolution authorizing Colonial Life Insurance Company as an approved vendor of employee benefits for the City of Grove City.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Chupp.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

- B. Utility Billing Correction: Approve the utility billing corrections for 108 2nd St N. Per MN Statute §7820.3800 subparts 1 and 2; a customer shall receive a refund for the period beginning three years before the date of discovery plus interest. The amount of the refund is \$1,136.00 plus \$69.53 interest (calculated at 2%), totaling \$1,205.53. Mr. Moreno expressed his frustration with the situation.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

- C. Gazebo at South Grove: Approve the replacement of the gazebo, paid with grant money, applied for by the CARE Office.

Motion by Chupp. Seconded by Lokken.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

- D. Conditional Use Permit: Accept the Conditional Use Permit for a six foot fence for 411 3rd St S.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.

Motion carried. Vote:

- E. Resolution 2026-2: Resolution to fly the “old” Minnesota State Flag on city property, as Minnesota Statutes does not require a municipality to fly the redesigned flag.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-0 (Lokken abstaining due to conflict of interest.)

- F. Fire Protection Agreement: Approve the Service Agreement with Northland Fire Protection for fire alarm system service for City Hall and South Grove for \$1,500 annually.

Motion by Chupp. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

G. Clarke Mosquito: Approve the annual mosquito management contract with Clarke Environmental for 9-biweekly treatments for \$5,265.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Chupp.

Motion carried. Vote:5-0

H. OTHER – Lokken requested HR Committee to meet.

IX. Announcements – Upcoming meetings: May 6 - HR Committee at 2:30 pm, Strategic Planning at 3:00 pm with Council Workshop to follow. May 11 – EDA at 5:00 pm, Council Meeting at 6:30 pm.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Sordahl.

Adjourned: 7:35 pm

Mayor: Gabra Lokken City Clerk: Elizabeth Ammermann

Approved: May 11, 2026
Date