

**MAY MEETING MINUTES
GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 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 April 13, 2026 meeting
 - C. Claims Approval for April 2026: \$189,689.24Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.
Motion carried. Vote:5-0
- V. Visitor Recognition and Public Comment –
 - a. Michael Otto: Brought up his concerns about the corner of Axel, 5th St and Sunset. He discussed the traffic issues he has witnessed such as speeding, racing and not stopping at the stop sign. Also noted that there are semis on streets where not allowed.
- VI. Staff and Council Reports
 - A. Staff Reports
 1. Rescue/Fire – Chief Jans talked about the work needed done on the Tanker because of a hole in the liner, fixed tires on the Tanker. Fire Dept had a training last week.
 2. Sheriff – Deputy Swisher noted that there were 40 calls last month with an increase in traffic stops; working with Shannon on getting an estimate on the damage done to the park; commented that he does watch the corner previously mentioned and discussed the semis driving in town.
 3. Clerk – Informed the Council that there are paper copies of the Strategic Plan Survey available in the office; will have fence ordinance available in June for

discussion; looking for election judges, training in July; has added an EDA section to the City website.

4. Public Works – no report. Mayor Lokken requested that lights could be installed on the Windmill; Anderson Bergstrom asked about an RV parked on the west side of South Grove.

B. Council Reports

1. Lokken – Informed the Council of the request from ACGC to have a Council Member attend the Superintendent interviews. Lokken will attend.
2. Sordahl – EDA requested the Public Works employees work during WMD; asked about the possibility of moving utility storage out of park area and clearing brush around Grove Lake.
3. Anderson Bergstrom – no report
4. Houselog – no report
5. Chupp – Reported that the City Clean-Up day went well, more items collected than in the past.

VII. Old Business - none

VIII. New Business

- A. New City Attorney: Approve hiring the law firm of Willenbring, Dahl, Wocken & Zimmermann, PLLC to serve as the City Attorney.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote:5-0

- B. Colonial Life added to Personnel Policy: Add Colonial Life as an employee benefit to Grove City's Personnel Policy.

Motion by Chupp. Seconded by Sordahl.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

- C. Personnel Policy Addition: To add a Confidentiality & References Section to the Personnel Policy, (as presented) with changes].

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

D. Leave/Vacation Request Form: To approve a Leave/Vacation Request form for employees, as presented / ~~with changes~~.

Motion by Anderson Bergstrom. Seconded by Chupp.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

E. City Clerk hours adjustment: To approve the request made by the Clerk, to reduce weekly hours to 32 hours, beginning July 1, 2026, with a trial period of 90 days and the City Office closed on Fridays.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

F. New Finance Program: **TABLE FOR NEXT MEETING**

G. Flowers for South Grove: To authorize up to \$300 for the purchase of flowers for South Grove and to continue this allocation annually.

Motion by Houselog. Seconded by Chupp.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

H. AED Fundraiser: Approve fundraising for an additional outdoor AED for the City to be located on the south side of the railroad tracks.

Motion by Lokken. Seconded by Chupp.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

I. OTHER –

IX. Announcements – Next meetings: Workshop – June 3, starting with City Planning; Regular Council Meeting – June 8 @ 6:30 pm, EDA @ 5:00 pm

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Sordahl.

Adjourned: 7:12 pm

Mayor: Gabra Lokken City Clerk: Elizabeth Ammermann

Approved: June 8, 2026
Date