

**JUNE MEETING MINUTES  
GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026**

Visitors Present: J. McCoy, E. Krantz

- 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: Absent
  - c. William Houselog: Present
  - d. Gabra Lokken: Present
  - e. Michael Sordahl: Present
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - A. Agenda
  - B. Minutes of May 11, 2026 meeting
  - C. Claims Approval for May 2026: \$161,134.24Motion by Houselog. Seconded by Sordahl.  
Motion carried. Vote: 4-0
- V. Visitor Recognition and Public Comment –
  - a. Emily Krantz – Had questions about the front of her property that is adjacent to city owned property.
  - b. Jason McCoy – Commented on item H of the agenda and why the city doesn't need to provide shredding services to city residents.
- VI. Staff and Council Reports
  - A. Staff Reports
    1. Rescue/Fire: Chief Jans notified the Council that the Fire Department had submitted a grant for 10 new handheld radios and a cascade filler for the tanker. Jans also informed the Council that some of the trucks had not been serviced for a while and his plan to put them on a service schedule. Requested permission to pay rescue squad for time during EMR training. Motion by Sordahl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Houselog, vote carried, to pay during training.

Mayor Lokken went over the WMD Parade and asked if Fire and Rescue were planning hot dogs and truck rides after the parade. Also asked about FireFest on October 24 and if the Fire Department would participate.

2. Sheriff: 28 calls from last month, down from the previous month.
3. Clerk: Informed the Council of a Reg 3 MCFOA Training on June 10. Asked about creating some incentives for residents to provide information concerning lead service lines. Told the Council that a house that has had multiple ordinance violations is now under an eviction agreement.
4. Public Works: Informed the Council about the campground signs and working on alleys in town to remove potholes.

#### B. Council Reports

1. Lokken – Asked the Clerk about nuisance properties and residents complaints. Inquired about the recent incident at local establishment.
2. Sordahl – Attended the state EDA Conference and learned that Excel Energy wants to come through town. Asked about the annexation. Clerk said that they need to talk to the attorney. Motion by Anderson Bergstrom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Houselog to allow the EDA President and Mayor be allowed to contact the attorney. Motion carried.

Informed the Council that the EDA should have lease agreements to Mobile Park residents soon and they approved a new application for South Grove.

3. Anderson Bergstrom – Informed the Council that the Centerpoint Energy grant was received for the Outdoor AED. Also shared the information concerning fireworks for WMD and stated they are expensive.
4. Houselog – no report
5. Chupp – absent

#### VII. Old Business

#### VIII. New Business

- A. Traffic Concerns on Sunset Ridge: To use removable speed bumps on Sunset Ridge to slow down traffic. Bids for two 6 foot speed bumps and shipping: Uline - \$614.51 and EFA - \$406.10 (with estimated shipping).

Motion by Sordahl to install 2 Stop signs at the ends of the street before trying the speed bumps. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Houselog. Motion carried.

- B. Agreement with the CARE Program concerning use of equipment. See agreement for details.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-0

C. Resolution 2026-3: Requesting vehicle speed feedback signs from MNDot.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-0

D. Use of old football field. – no longer needed

E. Fee schedule change: To make an update to the fee schedule increasing the fee for the purchase of a summer water meter to \$300 and the base charge to \$35 per month.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-0

F. 1<sup>st</sup> St S tiling of backyard. Mayor Lokken read from May 14, 2018 Council minutes concerning this residence. Jason McCoy discussed the issue with the Council and stated that the City should fix the problem. Lokken asked if that was the best use of taxpayer money and Sordahl commented that if the City fixed it eight years ago doesn't mean that the City is perpetually responsible. No Motion.

G. Discussion of the available Grants for the City and EDA from USDA and CEDA. Council to have Clerk apply for CEDA Grant for the Revolving Loan Fund.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Lokken.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-0

H. Shredding Day: To approve the City hosting an all-city shredding day to be scheduled: Fall Clean-Up day at the cost of \$700. TABLE FOR LATER DATE.

I. Information about the new City Attorney Engagement Letter.

J. City Campground Signage: To approve the purchase of signage located on the corner of Atlantic Ave (Hwy 12) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, directing toward the campground location. The cost for the signs is \$95 plus shipping. Color: Brown and white, spend up to \$125.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-0

K. Campground host: Hire a host to help with the observation of campground activities and report issues to the City or law enforcement when necessary and assist with campground reservations or registration procedures. Offer a 20% discount off camping fees to campground host, starting July 1, 2026.

Motion by Anderson Bergstrom. Seconded by Sordahl.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-0

L. OTHER – Shannon Roering asked about purchasing silage bags to cover mud volleyball courts. Asked to wait a couple of weeks because that is not a coordinator yet for the event.

IX. Announcements – Next workshop – July 8 @ 3PM. EDA meeting on July 13 @ 5PM. Next Council meeting on July 13 @ 6:30pm with Anderson Bergstrom serving as Pro Tem Mayor.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Lokken.

Adjourned: 7:58 pm

Mayor: Debra Anderson Bergstrom City Clerk: Elizabeth Ammermann

Approved: July 13, 2026  
Date