

**JULY MEETING MINUTES
GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026**

Visitors Present:

- I. Call Meeting to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Pro Tem Anderson Bergstrom.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call –
 - a. Debra Anderson Bergstrom: Present
 - b. Joseph Chupp: Present
 - c. William Houselog: Present
 - d. Gabra Lokken: Absent
 - e. Michael Sordahl: Present
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Agenda
 - B. Minutes of June 8, 2026 meeting
 - C. Claims Approval for June 2026: \$153,201.59Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-0
- V. Visitor Recognition and Public Comment –
 - a. Michael Otto – no show
 - b. Chloe Richardson – no show
 - c. Honky's – Aug 28 event – Jess Hopp, owner of Honky's, requested permission to use Windmill Park for a public event from 11:00 am – 12:00am. Honky's will be responsible for insurance, liquor licensing, fencing, bouncers, extra policing, and porta potty's. Motion to approve request: Houselog, 2nd: Chupp. Motion carried. Vote: 3-0, with Sordahl abstaining.
 - d. Rob Nelson – spoke on support of Honky's and comments about the Council. Sordahl spoke about the offensive comments from Nelson directed at Mayor Lokken and was very concerned and disappointed.
- VI. Staff and Council Reports
 - A. Staff Reports
 1. Rescue/Fire: Chief Jans reported that the pumper truck has been service, the grass rig is up next for service. FD has been in local parades. The Rescue Squad has received the rig from CentraCare.

2. Sheriff: Dep. Swisher reported there was 23 calls for the month of June. Reported that the stop signs added to Sunset have improved the speeding situation. Aug 4 will be National Night Out.
3. Clerk: Requested that the Council work on the Fence permits and pulled the CIP Rebates to address next month.
4. Public Works: Reported that a fence was installed to close to the curb and reiterated the need for a fence ordinance/permit. Had concern for Park rental and who is responsible for set up and clean up.

B. Council Reports

1. Lokken – Absent
2. Sordahl – EDA/WMD update: schedule is completed. Made a motion for City Clerk to talk to attorney about annexation. 2nd: Houselog. Motion carried. Vote: 4-0.
3. Anderson Bergstrom – no report
4. Houselog – no report
5. Chupp – no report

VII. Old Business - none

VIII. New Business

- A. 2025 Audit: Accept the 2025 Audit of City Finances as prepared and presented by Oberloh & Oberloh, Ltd. Sordahl commented that he learned more from this Auditor and the report provided than previous audits.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-0

- B. CARE Office use of Blue Bird room: To allow the CARE Office to use the Blue Bird room for the congregant dining instead of the Oak Room in order to keep the South Grove Apartments secure.

Motion by Chupp. Seconded by Sordahl.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-0

- C. CIP Rebates: To approve the list of electric rebates offered by the city. ***TABLE FOR NEXT MONTH****

D. Fall Clean Up Day and Shredding Event: To approve October 10, from 8:00-12:00, for Fall Clean Up Day and to include Shredding for the residents during the same time, which will be paid for through a grant.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-0

E. Lions Liquor License: Approve a temporary on-sale liquor license for the Grove City Lions for use during Windmill Days.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Chupp.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-0

F. CEDA Rural Capacity Grant: Accept the Rural Capacity Grant from CEDA (Community and Economic Development Associates) for developing Revolving Loan Funds in coordination with the Grove City EDA. The grant will provide up to 135 hours of Technical Assistance and up to \$13,500 to help the city implement the program.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Chupp.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-0

G. OTHER –

IX. Announcements –

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Anderson Bergstrom.

Adjourned: 7:02 pm

Mayor: Gabra Lokken City Clerk: Elizabeth Ammermann

Approved: August 10, 2026
Date

