

**AUGUST MEETING MINUTES
GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 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 July 13, 2026 meeting
- C. Claims Approval for July 2026: \$211,102.40

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Chupp.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

V. Visitor Recognition and Public Comment

- a. Jessica Foley, DSI Grant: provided information on the applicants and inquired if the Council wanted to continue with the commercial properties grant. Asked about the scope of the streetscape grant.

i. Authorization to move forward with the Preliminary Application

Motion: Sordahl Seconded: Houselog Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

ii. Approve the Citizen Participation Plan

Motion: Chupp Seconded: Anderson Bergstrom Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

iii. Authorize a public hearing for the final grant application at the Feb 2027 council meeting

Motion: Sordahl Seconded: Chupp Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

iv. Authorize the Mayor to sign the application

Motion: Sordahl Seconded: Houselog Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

VI. Staff and Council Reports

A. Staff Reports

1. Rescue/Fire – Two new applicants to Fire/Rescue, Motion to hire: Sordahl, second by Houselog, vote: 5-0, carried.
WMD – hotdog after parade and bike giveaway
Ambulance from CentraCare will become equipment van, the firetruck in on order, inquired about purchasing a different rescue rig and selling the old rigs.
a. Application for Fire/Rescue – the applications will be available at the city office and will need to be signed for the background check, applications may need some updating
2. Sheriff – 25 call this past month, checked on coverage for street dance Saturday
3. Clerk – City held the primary election, working on budget, was asked about the gambling money and how to use it for specific needs
4. Public Works – Shannon contacted Heartland Energy concerning the request from Xcel Energy's request to use the city's poles in town. Will ask Xcel about burying the city's lines. City crew are busy with setting up for WMD.

B. Council Reports

1. Lokken – The WMD parade route was changed, wondering who would be in charge of updating the Cardinal and Bluebird rooms at South Grove – the EDA. Talked about the misinformation going around about who funds WMD. WMD is sponsored by area businesses and organizations and a donation from the city. Requested that nuisance properties get tagged.
2. Sordahl – update from EDA – 3 residents from the trailer park came to the EDA meeting concerning the letters sent out. Will be reaching out to city attorney for guidance.
3. Anderson Bergstrom – asked to add a name to the sponsor list for use of side-by-side for WMD.
4. Houselog – no report
5. Chupp – informed the Council that he is not running and has appreciated being on the Council.

VII. Old Business - none

VIII. New Business

- A. Xcel Energy poles: To authorize the City of Grove City to work with Xcel Energy on the planning and coordination of the proposed relocation of its electric distribution lines through Grove City, and to authorize City staff to communicate and coordinate with Xcel Energy and report back to the City Council.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Chupp.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

- B. 4M Account: Approve the transfer of city funds by the City Clerk, up to \$500,000 to the 4M account, in order to earn a higher interest rate.

Motion by Chupp. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

- C. Lead Service Line Reporting: To approve a resident incentive program offering a \$10 Grove City Bucks certificate to each property owner, with an unknown service line, who submits information identifying their water service line material. The incentive is intended to increase participation and help the City comply with state and federal requirements to complete and maintain its water service line inventory.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Chupp.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

- D. Lions Bingo permit: Approve the one day Bingo permit for the Lions, for August 14, 2026, in conjunction with Windmill Days.

Motion by Chupp. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

- E. Resolution 2026-4: To accept the donations from the Grove City C.A.R.E. Living at Home Program, as shown on Exhibit A.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

F. City Attorney: To authorize the City Clerk to consult with the City Attorney regarding the following matters: Property abatements; Legal requirements concerning leases for the Grove City Mobile Home Park; and Legal concerns involving the City Council. The Clerk shall report any legal guidance received back to the City Council.

Motion by Houselog. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

G. Lions – To authorize the payment of the liquor liability insurance for the Lions coverage for WMD, paid for by WMD fund.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Chupp.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

IX. Announcements

- a. WMD – starting on the 14th through the 15th
- b. Next workshop – September 9th at 3 pm
- c. Next Meeting – September 14th at 6:30 pm
- d. EDA – September 14th at 5 pm

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Sordahl.

Adjourned: 7:34 pm

Mayor: Gabra Lokken City Clerk: Elizabeth Ammermann

Approved: Sept 14, 2026
Date