

**OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES
GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024**

Members Present: McCoy, Lokken, Sordahl, Simota, Anderson Bergstrom

Members Absent: none

Visitors Present: 5

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor McCoy.

III. AGENDA REVISIONS/ADDITIONS - none

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Simota, seconded by McCoy and carried, to approve the agenda of the October 14, 2024 meeting. Vote: 5-0

V. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Simota, seconded by Sordahl and carried, to approve the following by consent:
Vote: 5-0

A. MINUTE APPROVAL

1. September 9, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

B. SEPTEMBER 2024 CLAIMS APPROVAL

SEPT 20, 2024 CLAIMS: \$167,507.59; OCT 2, 2024 CLAIMS: \$172,236.44: TOTAL:
\$339,744.03

SEPT 14, 2024 PAYROLL: \$13,663.79; SEPT 30, 2024 PAYROLL: \$12,101.94;
TOTAL PAYROLL: \$25,765.73

VI. VISITOR RECOGNITION AND PUBLIC COMMENT –

- A. Briedget Hartmann addressed the council with her concerns about city ordinances and “beautifying” the city.
- B. Tyler Nothnagel requested permission to hunt the holding ponds. Request was denied, per past president.

VII. BUSINESS

A. WEST CENTRAL SANITATION ASSESSMENTS

Motion by Simota, seconded by Lokken and carried, to accept list of delinquent payers and to have the delinquent amounts assessed to their property taxes. Vote: 5-0

B. UTILITY EQUIPMENT SURCHARGE

Motion by McCoy, seconded by Anderson Bergstrom and carried, to approve an added surcharge to utility billing for the purpose of future meters at \$1.50 per meter type. Vote: 5-0

C. OFFICE WINDOW CABINET QUOTE

Motion by Simota, seconded by Lokken and carried, to accept the quote from 201 Building Supply for \$1,200.00 materials and labor. Vote: 5-0

D. KITCHEN APPLIANCE BID

Motion by Simota, seconded by Anderson Bergstrom and carried, to accept the quote from Halvorson Company for \$9,840.00. Vote: 5-0

E. MORENO BUILDING PERMIT - Tabled

Motion by Sordahl, seconded by McCoy and carried, to table the Building Permit for Moreno discussion until November workshop. Vote: 5-0

F. RESOLUTION 2024-16 REGARDING CITY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE AND EDA

Motion by Simota, seconded by McCoy and carried, to approve placing the CITY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE under the EDA. Vote: 5-0

G. RESOLUTIONS REGARDING FUND TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION 2024-1.4 – TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO CORRECT DEFICIT SPENDING

Motion by Lokken, seconded by McCoy and carried, to approve said resolution for calendar year 2024. Vote: 5-0

RESOLUTION 2024-1.8 – TRANSFERRING FUNDS AND CLOSING UNUSED FUNDS

Motion by Sordahl seconded by Anderson Bergstrom and carried, to approve said resolution for calendar year 2024. Vote: 5-0

RESOLUTION 2024-1-15 – PERMANENT TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Motion by Simota, seconded by Lokken and carried, to approve said resolution for calendar year 2024. Vote: 5-0

H. ECUMEN TREE OF LIGHTS

Motion by Lokken, seconded by Anderson Bergstrom and carried, to designate a location for tree of lights. Vote: 5-0

I. WAGE INCREASES

Motion by Lokken, seconded by Anderson Bergstrom and carried, to approve the wage increases as follows: Park Maintenance PT - \$20/hr.; Custodian PT - \$21/hr.; Deputy Clerk PT – increased to \$600/month insurance stipend; Public Works Assistant - \$27.50/hr.; Public Works Supervisor - \$38.50/hr.; City Clerk - \$31/hr., after 6 month review.

Vote: Yea: Lokken, Sordahl, Simota, Anderson Bergstrom: Nay: McCoy

J. OTHER

VIII. STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. RESCUE – 7 calls in September.
- B. FIRE – 1 call in September.
- C. SHERIFF – 41 calls in September.
- D. CLERK – 2023 Audit is completed.
- E. PUBLIC WORKS –
 - a. Requested approval of curb painting quote - \$1,500, motion by Sordahl, seconded by Anderson Bergstrom, Vote: 5-0; approved.
 - b. Requested permission for Shannon to attend Heartland Energy annual conference, motion by McCoy, seconded by Anderson Bergstrom, Vote:5-0, approved.
- F. MCCOY – no report
- G. LOKKEN –
 - a. Shared a comment on adding red lights in addition to the white lights for holiday season.
 - b. Worked at Cleanup Day and received many positive comments about this service.
 - c. Has received positive comments on the city's efforts to clean up the town.
- H. SORDAHL – Commented on the positive responses to town cleanup day.
- I. SIMOTA – no report
- J. ANDERSON BERGSTROM – no report

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Simota, seconded by Lokken and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.