

**OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES
GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

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

Members Absent: none

Visitors Present: 4

- 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 Lokken, seconded by Sordahl, and carried, to approve the agenda of the November 12, 2024 meeting. Vote: 5-0
- V. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL
Motion by Anderson Bergstrom, seconded by Simota, and carried, to approve the following by consent: Vote: 5-0
 - A. MINUTE APPROVAL
October 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting
 - B. OCTOBER 2024 CLAIMS APPROVAL
OCT 15, 2024 CLAIMS: \$66,548.79; OCT 31, 2024 CLAIMS: \$16,683.48: TOTAL: \$83,232.27
OCT 15, 2024 PAYROLL: \$13,489.94; OCT 31, 2024 PAYROLL: \$13,033.84: TOTAL PAYROLL: \$26,523.78
- VI. VISITOR RECOGNITION AND PUBLIC COMMENT – 4 visitors
No public comment
- VII. BUSINESS
 - A. ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS FOR PROPERTIES AT 104 SUNSET RIDGE, 109 2ND ST N, 115 2ND ST S, and 410 4TH ST S.
Motion by Lokken, seconded by Anderson Bergstrom, and carried, to approve a public hearing for said properties on December 9, 2024 to declare a public nuisance and order abatement. Vote: 5-0

Kathy Loveland, property owner at 109 2nd St N, informed the council of her intentions to complete the clean-up on her property. She stated that she will not trim the perennials, as they are important to the pollinators.
 - B. BUILDING PERMIT APPROVAL - MORENO
Motion by Sordahl, seconded by McCoy, and carried, to approve building permit with the following requirement(s): correct ordinance violations. Vote: 5-0

- C. RESOLUTION 2024-18 TO CERTIFY RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION
Motion by Simota, seconded by McCoy, and carried, to approve 2024 election results.
Vote: 5-0
- D. PICKLE BALL FENCE APPROVAL
Motion by Sordahl, seconded by McCoy, and carried, to accept the quote from Bemboom's for \$10,000 materials and labor. Vote: 5-0
- E. POLICING CONTRACT APPROVAL
Motion by McCoy, seconded by Lokken, and carried, to accept the two year contract from Meeker County Sheriff's Department for 2025 for \$119,600 and for 2026 for \$127,400.
Vote: 5-0
- F. LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES INSURANCE APPROVAL
Motion by Simota, seconded by Lokken, and carried, to approve the LMC insurance renewal for 2025. Vote: 5-0
- G. RESOLUTION REGARDING CERTIFYING TO COUNTY TAXES
RESOLUTION 2024-17 RESOLUTION CERTIFYING PAST DUE UTILITY BILLINGS, GARBAGE & LAWN MOWING TO THE MEEKER COUNTY AUDITOR FOR COLLECTION WITH PROPERTY TAXES
Motion by Sordahl, seconded by Anderson Bergstrom, and carried, to approve certifying the collection of past due bills owed to the city through property taxes. Vote: 5-0
- H. PERSONNEL POLICY REGARDING EMPLOYEE PAY INCREASES
Motion by Lokken, seconded by Sordahl, and carried, to approve new language concerning employee pay increases. New policy to begin January 1, 2025, with retro pay for already approved wage increases to start Oct 15, 2024. Vote: 5-0
- I. PERSONNEL POLICY REGARDING PAYROLL PAY DATES
Motion by Simota, seconded by Anderson Bergstrom, and carried, to approve updated policy to change payroll pay dates from the 15th and 30th of the month to a bi-weekly payroll to start on January 1, 2025. Vote: 5-0
- J. 2023 AUDIT APPROVAL
Motion by McCoy, seconded by Anderson Bergstrom, and carried, to accept the Annual Financial Report for 2023 as presented by Westberg/Eischens. Vote: 5-0
- K. LION'S GAMBLING LICENSE
Motion by Anderson Bergstrom, seconded by Sordahl, and carried, to extend the Lion's gambling license for Bingo at Trinity Lutheran Church on 11/22/24. Vote: 5-0
- L. YARD LIGHTS AT 4J'S TRAILER PARK – TABLED because of public safety concerns
Motion by _____, seconded by _____ and carried, to disconnect power to light poles at the Trailer Park due to non-payment for 3 months. Vote: ____
- M. OTHER

VIII. STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. RESCUE – New hire to department with experience. Asked about donation for 2 new radios.

B. FIRE – Need to set up time to meet with David Spencer.

C. SHERIFF – Uptick in calls

D. CLERK – Update on renovations. South Grove apt rented.

E. PUBLIC WORKS – Putting up poles in alleys.

F. MCCOY – nothing

G. LOKKEN – Has received many favorable comments on the updates happening in the city office and community center.

Met with ACGC Community Ed about Summer Rec and favors keeping it in Grove City to serve our kids and not join Atwater. Asked if the school wants to help with the cost of banners on the light poles.

Asked for approval to take an online course offered by the League of MN Cities about Social Media Liabilities. Motion by McCoy, seconded by Simota, and carried, to approve Gabra taking the course.

H. SORDAHL – Wants to clarify the responsibilities of committees in the next term,

I. SIMOTA – nothing

J. ANDERSON BERGSTROM – Met the newly elected state representative, Scott Van Binsbergen. He would like to attend an upcoming council meeting to see how he can best serve our community.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Simota, seconded by Lokken, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm.