

**DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES
GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025**

Visitors Present:

- I. Call Meeting to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Mayor Lokken.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Resolution for the Appointment of Council Member
Motion by Houselog. Seconded by Sordahl.
Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
- IV. Swearing in of new Council Member
- V. Roll Call –
 - a. Debra Anderson Bergstrom: Present
 - b. Joe Chupp: Present
 - c. William Houselog: Present
 - d. Gabra Lokken: Present
 - e. Michael Sordahl: Present
- VI. Consent Agenda
 - A. Agenda
 - B. Minutes of November 10, 2025 meeting
 - C. Claims Approval for November 2025: \$237,590.95Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-0.
- VII. Visitor Recognition and Public Comment –
 - a. Jeff Niedenthal – Representing the Lions, spoke about the Christmas Parade on December 13 along with the other activities planned.
- VIII. Staff and Council Reports
 - A. Staff Reports
 1. Rescue/Fire: Mike Dahl – Fire Dept. had 1 call, and Rescue had 6 calls in November. The Fire Relief will be moving to PERA in 2027. Discussed the activities planned for December 13 which include a Spaghetti Meal, Santa, and Parade. Fire Dept. hosted a successful Christmas party.

2. Sheriff – Deputy Swisher – Grove City had 29 calls in November, with many of them coming from the school.
3. Clerk – Is in the process of getting quotes for a strategic plan for the City and is working on the annexation of the City's property to the north of town.
4. Public Works – Busy plowing snow. Lokken requested a possible lock box at the north door at South Grove for the CARE Office.

B. Council Reports

1. Lokken – Attended a MMDC meeting the previous week. MMDC has \$500,000 to lend to those wanting to start a business. Mentioned that the AED is installed and will have a final party and possible demonstration.
2. Sordahl – EDA is close to finalizing Trailer Park sale.
3. Anderson Bergstrom – no report
4. Houselog – no report
5. Chupp – Thanked the Council for allowing him to serve on the City Council.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- A. 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE: The Council will accept the 2026 Council Meeting calendar as printed.

Motion by Anderson Bergstrom. Seconded by Chupp.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0.

- B. CITY AUDITOR FOR 2026: The council names Oberloh & Oberloh as the Auditor for Grove City for the fiscal years 2025, 2026 & 2027, for a savings to the City of \$6,900 the first year.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0.

- C. TAX LEVY: Approve a tax levy of 9%, \$33,350 for Debt and \$231,756 for General Fund.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0.

D. UTILITY RATES/FEE SCHEDULE: Tabled until January workshop.

Motion by Lokken. Seconded by Sordahl.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0.

E. 2028 Sidewalk and Lighting Engineering Proposal: Tabled for gathering more information.

Motion by Lokken. Seconded by Sordahl.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0.

F. EMPLOYEE REVIEWS AND WAGES: Table until January workshop.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0.

G. COPIER FOR CITY OFFICE: Approve the purchase of a Ricoh Copier from Metro Sales through the State of MN Purchasing Plan for \$4,749.

Motion by Lokken. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0.

H. LIQUOR LICENSES: Approve the Liquor Licenses for Honky's, MN Beer Co, and Tequillatown Mexican Restaurant for 2026.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-0.

I. OTHER –

XI. Announcements –

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Sordahl.

Adjourned: 7:09 pm

Mayor: Gabra Lokken City Clerk: Elizabeth Ammermann

Approved: January 12, 2026
Date