

**MARCH MEETING MINUTES
GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.**

Members Present: McCoy, Evenson, Lokken, Sordahl, Simota

Members Absent: None

Visitors Present: 4

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 6:48PM by McCoy.
- III. AGENDA REVISIONS/ADDITIONS – NONE
- IV. AGENDA APPROVAL
Motion by Sordahl, seconded by Evenson and carried, to approve the agenda of the March 11, 2024 meeting. Vote: 5-0.
- V. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL
Motion by Simota, seconded by Evenson and carried, to approve the following by consent:
Vote: 5-0.
 - A. MINUTE APPROVAL
 - 1. February 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting
 - B. FEBRUARY 2024 CLAIMS APPROVAL
Total: \$ 163,090.29
Payroll: \$ 12,219.58
- VI. VISITOR RECOGNITION AND PUBLIC COMMENT
 - A. BOYSCOUTS – Briedget Hartman and Jeff Doty came to speak on behalf of the Boy Scouts and the Lions Boy Scout Fundraiser. They would like permission to do a BINGO event to help raise funds for camp in August. They would need a gambling permit under the Grove City LIONS control.
Motion by McCoy, seconded by Lokken and carried, to approve the gambling license through the Lions Club for the BINGO event. Vote 5-0.
- VII. BUSINESS
 - A. GROVE CITY SUMMER REC
Motion by Lokken, seconded by McCoy and carried, to approve the cost of activities to \$25.00 per activity, to increase of Director Pay to \$3500.00 and the purchasing of additional equipment at the cost of \$400.00 to be used by the Grove City Summer Rec Department. Vote:5-0.
 - B. ACCOUNTING SYSTEM
Motion by McCoy, seconded by Simota and carried, to approve the new accounting system CTAS (Small Cities and Town Accounting System) to maintain accounting records. Vote: 5-0.
 - C. ELECTION JUDGE PAY
Motion by Lokken, seconded by Sordahl and carried, to approve the increase in Election Judge Pay for the 2024 year and beyond at \$15.00 per hour. Vote: 5-0.
 - D. UNDERGROUND SCHOOL
Motion by Lokken, seconded by Simota and carried, to approve sending Jack Ramthun to Underground School on May 7th – May 10th at the cost of \$535.00. Vote: 5-0.

E. ELECTRIC CONTRACT

Motion by Evenson, seconded by Sordahl and carried, to approve the electric contract with Missouri River Energy Services. Vote: 4-0. McCoy voting against.

F. STREET SWEEPING AGREEMENT

Motion by Evenson, seconded by McCoy and carried, to approve the Street Sweeping Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation as presented. Vote: 5-0.

G. RESOLUTION 2024-3: AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO JOINT AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASING OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA)

Motion by Evenson, seconded by Simota and carried, to approve Resolution 2024-3: Resolution Authorizing Entering into Joint and Cooperative Agreement for Purchasing of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) as presented. Vote: 5-0.

VIII. STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. RESCUE – Rescue Chief Mike Dahl reported that they had 6 calls in February.

Discussed purchasing a new rig – but has found they are hard to find.

B. FIRE – Fire Chief Joe Jans was absent, so Mike Dahl spoke on his behalf. Discussed the grant money needed for the SCBA gear. Tanker truck will need to be fixed; brakes locked up on a call.

C. SHERIFF – Absent

D. CLERK – Alysia Listerud reminded the council that she would be out of the office at MCFOA training in St. Cloud next week, March 19-22.

E. PUBLIC WORKS- Shannon Roering discussed the need to replace manhole covers. Received a quote for \$1467.80 to replace 6 covers.

Motion by Sordahl, seconded by Lokken and carried, to approve the purchase of 6 manhole covers at the cost of \$1467.80. Vote 5-0.

Lokken asked about lights for wrapping the poles through town. Discussed how other towns have simply purchased inexpensive Christmas lights.

Roering also discussed that there will be 2 new light poles purchased – will be covered by insurance.

McCoy asked Roering where they were regarding the Alley and when it would be completed.

F. MCCOY – Jason McCoy told the council that he would be absent from the April Workshop meeting. McCoy set up a meeting for March 20th at 6PM for anyone interested in volunteering to help with the town celebration.

McCoy discussed getting a tanker that public works employees can use to water the plants that will be hung from the light poles this summer.

Discussed with Roering about mounting the Lions Club sign on the side of the building.

McCoy stated that the Lions Club would be picking up the rest of the Christmas décor in the park this weekend.

Motion by McCoy, seconded by Sordahl and carried, to approve the purchase of GIS Software at the cost of \$1247.00. Vote 5-0.

G. EVENSON – Sheldon Evenson discussed a bid that 201 Building Supply is putting together for the shed and privacy fence. Should have multiple bids to discuss at the next council meeting.

H. LOKKEN – Gabra Lokken gave an ordinance violation follow up regarding 300 2nd Street South. The county will not step in and help unless the house is in foreclosure. Lokken called the Dassel City Office to see how they handle these types of situations. Court costs can be added onto property taxes. The date of April 29th will be added to the letter – stating this is the deadline to have everything cleaned up.

Motion by McCoy, seconded by Lokken and carried, to proceed with the City Attorney regarding 300 2nd Street South. Vote 5-0.

I. SORDAHL – Michael Sordahl asked about the mosquito spraying that is done each year in Grove City. Sordahl would like to encourage those that have an ordinance to

come into the City Office to discuss. Sordahl would like a list of all the ordinance violations at the next council meeting.

- J. SIMOTA – Lorie Simota discussed the one bid she has for the kitchen remodel at the Community Center. Still waiting for one more bid to come in. The bid should be received before the next council meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Simota, seconded by Sordahl and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41PM.