

**JUNE MEETING MINUTES  
GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025**

Visitors Present:

- I. Call Meeting to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Lokken.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call –
  - a. Debra Anderson Bergstrom: Present
  - b. Jared Hieb: Present
  - c. William Houselog: Present
  - d. Gabra Lokken: Present
  - e. Michael Sordahl: Present
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - A. Agenda
  - B. Minutes of May 12, 2025 meeting
  - C. Claims Approval for May 2025: \$190,865Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Hieb.  
Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- V. Visitor Recognition and Public Comment – none
- VI. Staff and Council Reports
  - A. Staff Reports
    - 1. Rescue/Fire: Fire had 8 calls (3 mutual aid) last month and rescue had 7 calls. Explained that there was transmission repair on the tanker truck.
    - 2. Sheriff – 39 calls for the month. Uptick in juvenal calls, which is typical for when school is out. Asked if the city wanted to participate in National Night Out on August 5<sup>th</sup>.
    - 3. Clerk – Got approved to go to clerk training in Little Falls with MCFOA. Motion: Hieb, second: Sordahl. Passed, 5-0. Explained that the township billings have gone out along with a letter inviting them to a meeting with the City Council on

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:30, following the counsel workshop. Relayed public concerns about the traffic on Sunset Ridge and lack of parking on the main street.

4. Public Works – Was asked about the slow drainage in people's backyards along highway 4. Is it a clogged tile?

#### B. Council Reports

1. Lokken – Has received compliments about the flowers for South Grove. Had concern with the long lawns in town. Explained the pool filling procedure and the bulk water charge. Asked why there was no light pole on the highway 12 corner.
2. Sordahl – nothing to report
3. Anderson Bergstrom – Informed the council that Grove Bank is willing to donate funds toward the outdoor AED. Is putting together a donation letter to hand out to potential donors. Asked about plastic bag collecting and Houselog said that the Lions were working on it.
4. Hieb – nothing to report
5. Houselog – nothing to report

#### VII. Old Business

- a. Archery at Gun Range: Council voted to allow archery at the gun range. Motion by Sordahl, second by Anderson Bergstrom. Vote: 5-0. Motion carries.

#### VIII. New Business

- A. MMDC Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategies Grant. In your packet are examples of what the grant funding can be used for.  
Motion by Lokken to apply for the grant. Seconded by Hieb.  
Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

B. Mowing Fee – **Tabled for further study.**

C. Bulk water base fee change. The city proposes to add a resident and non-resident base fee to the collection of bulk water. The current base fee is \$25. The proposed fee is \$ 25 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. The current water charge of \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons will remain unchanged.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Hieb.

Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

D. Community Garden Fee. The city will make the garden plot equal sized and raise the annual fee to \$25.

Motion by Houselog. Seconded by Lokken.

Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

E. Employee Handbook – Staff Hours

Motion by Lokken. Seconded by Houselog.

Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

F. EDA: Approve the clerk to be paid to participate in EDA meetings.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Hieb.

Vote:3-2, dissent by Lokken and Anderson Bergstrom. Motion carried.

G. OTHER – nothing

IX. Announcements – Next workshop July 9, with planning session following. Next Council meeting on July 14.

X. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Anderson Bergstrom. Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Approved: July 14, 2025  
Date

Mayor: Gabra Lokken City Clerk: Betsy Ammermann