

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

Visitors Present: 3

I. Call Meeting to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call –

- a. Debra Anderson Bergstrom: Present
- b. William Houselog: Present
- c. Gabra Lokken: Present
- d. Michael Sordahl: Present

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Agenda

B. Minutes of August 6, 2025 meeting

C. Claims Approval for August 2025: \$229,794.23

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-0

V. Visitor Recognition and Public Comment –

- a. Jeff Doty – Boy Scouts: Requested to use Community Center the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays, 6:00-8:30, during the school year.

Motion by Houselog. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-0 to approve the Boy Scouts to use Community Center.

- b. Steve Schmidt – Meeker Co. Commissioner: presented reasons for the increase in the County Levy, County is considering the local option sales tax for transportation and roads.

VI. Staff and Council Reports

A. Staff Reports

1. Rescue/Fire: No report

2. Sheriff – 36 calls for the month

3. Clerk – Reported that there are two openings at South Grove and one apartment is already rented. Updating the vacant apartments with paint and flooring. Will be attending the LMC Clerks Academy at the end of the week. Working on 2026 Budget, Fire and Rescue Agreement, and new website.
4. Public Works – Asked about repairing the water leak at trailer park. Council inquired about a potential Ice Rink this winter and a possible location. Council inquired about the availability of black dirt and keeping the yard gate closed when done for the day.

B. Council Reports

1. Lokken – Talked about Fire Fest on October 25, joint effort between GC Fire Department and MN Beer Co. Asked for decision on banner design. EDA gave \$1300 toward banners from WMD. EDA will be looking at updating Cardinal and Bluebird rooms at South Grove.
2. Sordahl – Mentioned that cars have been entering the nature trail and asked if posts could be installed to prevent this from happening. Looking into the process of annexing City property into the City. Asked about promoting campground. Wondered who is responsible for mowing along Axel Ave W.

Made a motion to approve City fixing the water leak at trailer park. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

3. Anderson Bergstrom – no report
4. Houselog – Wants to continue with FIKA coffee time.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- A. COUNCIL RESIGNATION: Accept the resignation of Council Member Jared Hieb, due to his move out of the City of Grove City. Thank you to Jared for his time on the Council.

Motion by Houselog. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom

Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

B. RESOLUTION 2025-7 DECLARING A COUNCIL VACANCY: Declaration to fill Jared Hieb's council seat that became open due his no longer residing in Grove City.

Motion by Anderson Bergstrom. Seconded by Houselog.

Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

C. COUNCIL CANDIDATE APPLICATION AND DEADLINE: The council will accept applications for the open seat on the City Council and the deadline for applications is October 1, 2025.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Houselog.

Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

D. 2026 PRELIMINARY LEVY: Preliminary set the 2026 Levy at 9%.

Motion by Houselog. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.

Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

E. RESOLUTION 2025-8 CHANGE EDA WINDMILL RESTORATION FUND TO EDA: Change the name of fund EDA Windmill Restoration Fund to EDA (Economic Development Authority).

Motion by Anderson Bergstrom. Seconded by Sordahl.

Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

F. FALL CLEAN UP DAY: October 11, 2025 will be set as All City Clean Up Day.

Motion by Anderson Bergstrom. Seconded by Houselog.

Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

G. NEW WATER METERS: Purchase new water meters per quote \$8,687.50 from DSG, to include Tablet with software installed.

Motion by Sordahl. Seconded by Anderson Bergstrom.

Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

H. CRACK FILLING: Approve quote by Astech for the amount of \$26,950 for crack filling.

Motion by Anderson Bergstrom. Seconded by Houselog.

Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- I. 2028 HIGHWAY 12 SIDEWALK AND STREETLIGHT PROJECT – Cost to the City will be approximately \$160,000 for the required lights and sidewalk crossing bump outs.

H. OTHER –

- IX. Announcements – Next workshop October 8, 3pm. Next Council meeting October 13, 6:30 pm.

- X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Houselog.

Adjourned: 8:06 pm

Mayor: Gabra Lokken City Clerk: Elizabeth Ammermann

Approved: October 13, 2025
Date