

**SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES
GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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 6:35PM by Mayor McCoy.

III. AGENDA REVISIONS/ADDITIONS

A. Add Boy Scouts and Summer Rec to agenda

B. Add City clerk wage to August Meeting Minutes

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Sordahl, seconded by Anderson Bergstrom, and carried, to approve the agenda of the September 9, 2024 meeting. Vote: 5-0

V. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Sordahl, seconded by Simota, and carried, to approve the following by consent:
Vote: 5-0

A. MINUTE APPROVAL

1. August 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

B. AUGUST 2024 CLAIMS APPROVAL

AUG 15, 2024 CLAIMS: \$5,457.00; AUG 19, 2024 CLAIMS: \$84,134.97; Sept 6, 2024 CLAIMS: \$ 55,807.84 TOTAL: \$145,399.81

AUG 15, 2024 PAYROLL: \$11,051.67; AUG 30, 2024 PAYROLL: \$11,606.12; TOTAL PAYROLL: \$22,657.79

VI. VISITOR RECOGNITION AND PUBLIC COMMENT – 5 visitors

A. Lacey Clark addressed the council with questions/concerns about Windmill Days.

B. Andrew Hallin gave final report on Summer Rec.

C. Jeff Doty requested permission for the Boy scouts to use the Community Center for their meetings. Motion by McCoy, seconded by Lokken and carried, to approve the Boy Scouts to use the Community Center. Vote: 5-0

VII. BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION 2024-14 REGARDING ACCESS TO GROVE CITY CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Motion by Simota, seconded by Sordahl, and carried, to approve Resolution 2024-14 regarding access to Grove City's checking and savings account.

Vote: 3-0, Abstain: Lokken, McCoy

B. PICKLEBALL FENCE QUOTE – Tabled due to lack of bids.

C. WINDMILL DAYS RECAP

Motion made by Lokken, seconded by McCoy and carried to contact the city attorney for advice on how to conduct the festival properly and legally. Vote: 5-0

D. CITY OFFICE RENOVATION BIDS

Motion by Lokken, seconded by Anderson Bergstrom, and carried, to approve the quote from Floor to Ceiling for \$3,771.42 for flooring. Vote: 5-0

Motion by McCoy, seconded by Lokken and carried, to approve the quote from Lorie Simota for \$20.00/hour up to \$1,000.00 for painting of the office, because of the absence of any bids. Vote: 4-0 Abstaining: Simota

E. SOUTH GROVE UPDATES

Motion by Simota seconded by Anderson Bergstrom and carried, to approve the quote from Floor to Ceiling to replace flooring at South Grove, apartments 204 for \$5,912.47 and 210 for \$5,266.14: and from Ramirez Painting for \$2,400, to repaint said apartments. Vote: 5-0

Motion by McCoy seconded by Simota and carried, to approve a pet policy for South Grove Apartments effective October 1, 2024, for new tenants and for January 1, 2025 for existing tenants with pets; \$250 deposit and \$10/additional monthly fee.

Motion by McCoy seconded by Simota and carried, to update the South Grove lease. Vote: 5-0

F. ORDINANCES ABATEMENTS AND VIOLATIONS

Motion by Lokken seconded by McCoy and carried, to start ordinance abatement proceedings for the following nuisance properties in Grove City: 109 2nd Ave N, 115 2nd Ave S, 104 Sunset Ridge, 408 Asta Ave W, 410 4th St S. Vote: 4-0, Abstaining: Sordahl

G. FALL CLEAN UP DAY – Scheduled for Oct 12, 8AM-Noon @ City Shop.

H. PRELIMINARY TAX LEVY

Motion by McCoy seconded by Simota and carried, to raise the preliminary tax levy to 5% . Vote: 4-0, Object: Sordahl

I. CITY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Motion by Lokken seconded by McCoy and carried, to approve moving the Housekeeper position under the supervision of the City Clerk-Treasurer.

Vote: 5-0

J. OTHER

VIII. STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. RESCUE – no report

B. FIRE – no report

C. SHERIFF – no report

- D. CLERK – Betsy Ammermann briefed the council on her attendance at the Clerk's Academy at the League of Minnesota Cities. Requested permission to attend the Region 3 training through MCFOA on Oct 24. Motion by McCoy, seconded by Lokken and carried, Vote: 5-0.
- E. PUBLIC WORKS – Shannon Roering requested to send Jack Ramthun to Water School; motion by McCoy, seconded by Lokken and carried, Vote: 5-0. Discussed issues at trailer park. Requested approval of shop renovation; to approve up to \$20,000 to insulate and install heat in one garage bay of maintenance shed. Motion by Sordahl, seconded by McCoy and carried, Vote: 5-0
- F. MCCOY – Jason McCoy discussed Facebook posts concerning himself. Requested permission to contact city attorney as to whether this is a city/council issue or personal. Motion by Sordahl seconded by Simota and carried, permission to contact city attorney. Vote: 4-0, Abstaining: McCoy
- G. LOKKEN – Gabra Lokken read letter from library. Brought up not allowing unauthorized people in office and recommended future badge/FOB keying system to keep record of who is entering and when. Brought up employee raises and Council tabled employee evaluations and wages to next workshop.
- H. SORDAHL – no report
- I. SIMOTA – no report
- J. ANDERSON BERGSTROM – no report

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sordahl seconded by Simota and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

APPROVED: _____
DATE

MAYOR

CITY CLERK