

City of Groveport

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 27, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

I. Call to Order

Mayor Lance Westcamp called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Staff Present: BJ King - Administrator, Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jason Carr - Director of Finance, Casey Adams - Chief of Police, Public Services Director - Brian Strayer, Mindy Kay - Clerk of Council

Guests Present: The Guest Book is on file with the Clerk of Council.

II. Moment of Silence

The Mayor asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Edward Dildine, Edward Dildine, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett, Jack Rupp, Jean Ann Hilbert, and Shawn Cleary

V. Approval of Minutes

The October 13, 2025 City Council Minutes stand approved as submitted.

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Attachments: [2025.10.13 City Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests**A. Latoya Dowdell-Burger**

Groveport Madison Schools Vice President Latoya Dowdell-Burger shared some of the school district's recent accomplishments, its efforts in encouraging more community involvement, as well as strides being made toward ending violence in the schools. She informed Council that she is running for Vice President again and gave thanks for their continued support. She explained how she is advocating for the schools at a state and federal level for more funding. She reported that Groveport Madison is now very close to being a four star school and expressed how proud

she is that we were able to accomplish that in the midst of its other struggles. Council commended her for her efforts and thanked her for all she does for the schools.

B. Bruce Smith

Trees & Decorations Committee Chair Bruce Smith reported on another great year for the Groveport Haunted Park event. He thanked the Police Department for their presence and crowd control, and Communications Manager Brent Ebright for all of the advertisements that helped bring more people in. He estimated that the total funds raised for Groveport Human needs exceeds \$8,000. He recognized all forty to fifty volunteers, some coming from other cities and states to help. He further spoke of the great turn out at the event and his excitement for next year as the event continues to grow. Mrs. Hilbert expressed her appreciation for all the funds raised for Groveport Human Needs. Administrator King congratulated Mr. Smith and the volunteers as well, stating it is tremendous what they do for the community.

C. Chris Cooper

Resident Chris Cooper, who lives right next to Blacklick Park, stated some of his grievances with the events. He asked who is in charge of the event and who is in charge of security. He informed Council that kids were coming onto his property, climbing on his fence, and looking into his windows. He said a window had even been broken during the event, leading him to have to call the police. Administrator King answered his question as to who is in charge, stating that the event is a joint effort between the City and the Trees & Decorations Committee. Mr. Cooper went on to express that the event has gotten too large and too dangerous for the location it is in, and asked if it could be moved elsewhere with more space. He stated that it has become a nuisance and a liability, because if a kids gets hurt on his property he could be sued. He further spoke of what happened to his property and his interactions with the police department with Chief Adams, Council, and staff. He then raised concerns over the lateness and noise level. He asked about Groveport's noise level ordinance, to which Law Director Shannon informed him that the City does not have one. He and Mr. Shannon spoke at further length about noise after a certain hour. Mr. Cooper went on to express that there needs to be more officers present there to deter kids from going onto people's properties and causing damage. Mr. Dildine addressed his concerns and suggested a meeting between staff and Mr. Cooper to work through these issues. Mayor Westcamp told him to invite any neighbors who have grievances as well so we can all work something better out. Mr. Smith also suggested putting up more barriers and adding more volunteers to deter wonderers.

VII. Ordinances and Resolutions**A. 3rd Readings**[Ord. 2025-033](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ELEVEN - PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, TITLE ONE, CHAPTER 1102, SECTION 1102.02 AND TITLE SEVEN, CHAPTER 1177, SECTION 1177.08

Sponsors: Rupp

Attachments: [Ord. 2025-033 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Law Director Shannon stated that staff is requesting Council consider postponing this ordinance until the January 26th Council meeting to allow for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Rupp, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to postpone to the January 26th, 2026 City Council Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Dildine, Hutson, Lockett, Rupp, Hilbert and Cleary

B. 2nd Readings**C. 1st Readings**[Ord. 2025-034](#)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, OHIO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026

Sponsors: Cleary

Attachments: [Ord. 2025-034 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

VIII. Reports**A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp****B. Administrator - BJ King**

Administrator King reminded all about the City's upcoming trick or treat and block party event on Thursday the 30th, starting at 5:30pm. He also announced that there will be a cookout at Cruiser Park with the students

who built the new shelter house on Wednesday the 29th at 11:30am.

1. Refuse and Recycling Contract Update

Mr. Strayer updated Council and Staff on the Refuse and Recycling Contract the City has with Local Waste, as well as updates to recycling carts from SWACO. Council and staff spoke further discussed details of the recycling program.

C. Chief of Police - Casey Adams

Chief Adams reported on officers conducting training with drones this week while the weather is nice, followed by the classroom portion inside on Wednesday and Thursday. He then reported that this has been one of the quieter football seasons in regards to police calls, and that he had already started conversations with officers to come up with any ideas for changes they may have for next years Haunted Park event. Mr. Cleary mentioned Chief Adams' report and asked for follow up on what happens with cases that involve students at the schools. Mr. Shannon stated that the officers on each case can contact the Franklin County Prosecutor's office in the Juvenile Division for complete dispositions on those cases.

D. Director of Finance - Jason Carr

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

Mr. Shannon provided an update to a concern raised by a resident about a broken down pickup truck sitting in front of their property. He reported that the truck has since been moved to the owner's driveway.

F. Development Director - Michael Loges

G. Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett and Jack Rupp

Mr. Cleary thanked Chief Adams for all his efforts in helping better the situation with Mr. Cooper and at the Haunted Park. He announced that this Halloween will be the last one he passes out hotdogs and hamburgers after 23yrs, following the passing of his wife. He thanked everyone for their support this week.

Mr. Dildine wished everyone a fun and safe trick or treat.

H. Clerk of Council - Mindy Kay

I. Standing Committees

IX. Other Business

Law Director Kevin Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) to consider the employment of a public employee, to include all members of Council, the Mayor, himself, the Administrator, and the Finance Director.

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to go into Executive Session at 7:31pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Dildine, Hutson, Lockett, Rupp, Hilbert and Cleary

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Rupp, to come out of Executive Session at 8:32pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Dildine, Hutson, Lockett, Rupp, Hilbert and Cleary

X. Adjournment

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hilbert to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Mindy Kay, Clerk of Council

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