

# City of Groveport

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## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, August 18, 2025**

**5:30 PM**

**Council Chambers**

## **Committee of the Whole**

*Mayor Lance Westcamp*

*Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett & Jack Rupp*

**I. Call to Order**

Committee Chair Dildine called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Staff Present: BJ King - Administrator, Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jason Carr - Finance Director, Michael Loges - Development Director, Steve Farst - City Engineer, Mike Poirier - Chief Building Official, Bob Dowler - Director of Transportation, Seth Bower - Recreation Center Director, Casey Adams - Chief of Police, Mindy Kay - Clerk of Council

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

**II. Moment of Silence**

*Committee Chair Dildine asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence.*

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Chief Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance*

**IV. Roll Call**

**Absent:** 2 - Lockett, and Cleary

**Present:** 4 - Dildine, Hutson, Rupp, and Hilbert

**V. Approval of Minutes**

*The July 21, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes stand approved as submitted.*

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July 21, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [2025.07.21 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

**VI. Business of Guests****A. Julian & Grube Inc.**

Julian & Grube representative Evan Kardasz gave an overview of the attached 2024 Audit Report.

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Julian & Grube Auditor's Report

**Attachments:** [Julian & Grube Auditor's Report.pdf](#)

**B State Senator Reynolds**

State Senator Reynolds provided Council with the attached 2025 Ohio Legislative Update and handed out a flyer invitation to an All Veterans Roundtable Discussion on August 27th.

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Senator Reynolds Handouts

Attachments: [Senator Reynolds Handout.pdf](#)  
[Roundtable Flyer.pdf](#)

**C. Madison Township Representative**

Fire Chief Robinson thanked the City for including the Madison Township Fire Department in the Fourth of July event. He then reminded everyone of the upcoming annual 9/11 Ceremony at Mott's Military Museum at 8:00am September 11th, recognizing Mr. Dildine for his part in the preparations. He announced that the Fire Department will also be partnering with the Greater Groveport Food Pantry to organize a food drive for the month of September. The Fire Stations on Firehouse Lane and Noe-Bixby road will be collection sites for donations the entire month. Chief Robinson also reported that the Fire Department will be attending KidsFest, where food donations will also be accepted. He shared that the Fire Department will also be providing EMS for the upcoming Air Show and thanked the City for allowing the use of the abandoned KidSpace building for Fire Department training.

**D. Lori-Foltz-Rea**

Resident Lori-Foltz Rea introduced herself as a candidate for the Groveport Madison School Board. She shared her history and experience as an educator, as well as her current studies to obtain her second doctorate in business management and leadership. She gave examples of how she had facilitated school improvement at previous schools and gave a brief overview of her goals for Groveport Madison Schools.

**VII. New Business****VIII. Unfinished Business****IX. Ordinances and Resolutions****A. 3rd Readings**

**B. 2nd Readings**[Ord. 2025-027](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH JEFF FINEGAN AT 341 MAIN STREET

**Sponsors:** Rupp

Law Director Shannon provided background information to Council regarding this ordinance, stating that this is an instance where there is a small brick retaining wall in the City's right-of-way. He said to our recollection, that wall was constructed by the City for the benefit of the then property owner years ago, during the Main Street reconstruction. Part of the wall has since disintegrated and had to be removed. The current property owner is concerned about this ongoing situation. He and the City have hopes of finalizing the licensing agreement this week. Mr. Rupp inquired if we should look into licensing agreements with other property owners who fall under the same circumstance. Mr. King said such agreements may already be in place, and that it would take staff a little more time to review. Mrs. Hilbert stated her belief that the yards for most of the other properties had been graded instead. Council and staff briefly discussed the possibilities of this issue with other properties, not just on Main Street.

**A motion was made by Council Member Rupp, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to recommend approval to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Dildine, Hutson, Rupp, and Hilbert

**X. Financial Report**

Finance Director Carr gave highlights from the Financial Report.

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Financial Report

**Attachments:** [Financial Report.pdf](#)

**XI. Other Business****XII. Reports****A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp**

Mayor Westcamp shared his invite from Canal Winchester Mayor Staeger to go through the OP Chaney Grain Elevator, which is currently

being restored. He said what the Historical Society is doing with that building is amazing. He gave details of the restorations being done, as well as a brief history of some of the equipment inside.

**B. Administrator - BJ King**

Administrator King reported that members of Council and staff had been invited to Lockbourne's groundbreaking of their new memorial wall on August 20th at 9:30am. He provided an update on the demolition of the old KidSpace, stating we are still awaiting the disconnection of Columbia Gas in order to proceed. He noted that the City is starting the process for the 2026 budget and that our new Communications Manager will start on September 4th. He then spoke about future plans for reconfiguring some of the Municipal Building to add more offices.

**C. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon**

**D. Director of Finance - Jason Carr**

**E. Chief of Police - Casey Adams**

Chief Adams informed Council of two conditional offers for hire or promotion at the Police Department, one currently employed with the City's Police Department and one from the City of Lancaster's Police Department. He provided updates on preparations for the upcoming Air Show, including the placement of camera trailers on Alum Creek Drive, 317, and 762.

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PD Council Report

**Attachments:** [PD Council Report.pdf](#)

**F. Economic Development Director - Michael Loges**

Development Director Loges have updates from his Development Projects Report, including plans conveyed by Clous Road Partners to revise their development plan for a cold storage facility on Groveport Road to an ambient warehouse instead. He said they have found that financing for a cold storage facility has not proven favorable. Council and staff moved on to talk about how new local ice cream shop Scoops is doing.

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Development Projects August 2025

**Attachments:** [Development Projects August 2025.pdf](#)

**G. Public Services Director - Brian Strayer**

[#163-2025](#) PS Council Report

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**H. Chief Building Official - Mike Poirier**

Chief Building official Poirier addressed concerns over high grass at the proposed cold storage development site, stating that grass has been mowed. He said the grass has also been mowed on Crow Avenue following a letter sent out by Property Maintenance Inspector Courtney Shisler. He then spoke about plans by Flood Heliarch, Inc. to possibly add to the northwest side of their building. There has not been a formal application submitted yet. He added an update on a concern that was brought to Council about sewer connection at CT Clean. Administrator King confirmed with Mr. Poirier that all tent applications for the Air Show have been approved. The tents will be inspected once set up.

[#164-2025](#) B&Z Council Report

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**I. Director of Golf - Tom Walker**

[#165-2025](#) GOLF Council Report

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**J. Recreation Director - Seth Bower**

Recreation Director Bower reported on the wrapping up of the outdoor pool season, including our annual Dog Paddle Palooza event taking place on Thursday, September 4th from 6:00-8:00pm. He expressed his excitement for the event, stating nearly 70 dogs participated last year. Mrs. Hilbert commented on the impressive amount of passes to the outdoor Aquatic Center were sold in July. Mr. Rupp inquired about the pool's annual leaf detection. Mr. Bower stated that the team should be wrapping up tomorrow and will provide a report. Discussion then shifted to the variety of food trucks that have been there this year. Mr. Bower gave kudos to Aquatics Manager Kelsey for a job well done setting up all the food truck vendors. Mr. Dildine asked if they made enough sales to make the trip out here worth their while. Mr. Bower assured him all vendors are making good business.

[#166-2025](#) REC Council Report

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**K. Community Affairs Director - Jessica Wyke**

**L. City Engineer - Steve Farst**

City Engineer Farst made Council aware that the heavy hauls are back and have been diverted by ODOT from staying overnight at the Baymont Hotel because of the Air Show. Mrs. Hilbert commented on the roundabout on Rohr Road, stating she's not sure if the heavy hauls are the culprits for some concrete curbing being broken, or if it's regular traffic. Mr. Farst stated the heavy hauls did damage the apron last year and that has since been repaired, and that he will look into any new damage that has occurred.

**M. Director of Transportation / Senior Services - Bob Dowler**

Director of Transportation Dowler explained that transportation has been slightly expanded since the Port Road closure and we are experiencing next to no additional ridership due to that. He said this could also be due to the dry weather and some rider's abilities to walk to their destination, however, we are ready to assist whenever the need arises. Mr. Rupp asked how the ridership at this point compares to last year. Mr. Dowler answered that he doesn't believe there are any drastic changes. The number may be slightly less but nothing significant.

[#167-2025](#) DOT Council Report

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**N. Personnel Director / Human Resources - Joyce Myers**

[#168-2025](#) HR Council Report

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**O. Director of Information Technology - Chris Snyder**

[#169-2025](#) IT Council Report

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**P. Clerk of Council - Mindy Kay**

Clerk of Council Kay expressed the need for donations and volunteers at the Greater Groveport Food Pantry, and informed Council and staff that there is now a donation box located in the lobby of the Municipal Building. Council and staff spoke of ways to spread the word, such as through the Messenger, our Communications Manager, or the City's digital message boards.

**Q. Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett and Jack Rupp****XIII. Adjournment**

Council Member Hilbert made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

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Edward Dildine, President Pro Tem

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Mindy Kay  
Clerk of Council

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