

# City of Groveport

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## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, July 14, 2025**

**6:30 PM**

**Council Chambers**

## City Council

***Mayor Lance Westcamp***

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

**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, Kurt Blevins - Police Captain, Mike Poirier - Chief Building Official, 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:** 6 - Edward Dildine, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett, Jack Rupp, Jean Ann Hilbert, and Shawn M. Cleary

**V. Approval of Minutes**

*The June 23, 2025 City Council Minutes stand approved as submitted.*

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**VI. Business of Guests****A. Meg Mannion - Choptank Presentation**

Meg Mannion explained that she and her team had reviewed all of the strategic direction options that had last been discussed with Council, staff, and the CIC for the City's rebrand. They presented the results of those discussions and spoke further on the topic of brand strategy with Council and staff.

**B. Carla Cramer**

Carla Cramer made Council and staff aware of an event she has been working on in conjunction with the City of Lockbourne and the Fairfield County Parks Association. She said that the canal group had been

contacted by the America 250 program to be a part of the Lake Erie to Ohio River trail. She also announced that the canal group will be having a canal day on August 16th and gave details on the event.

## **VII. Ordinances and Resolutions**

### **A. 3rd Readings**

#### [Ord. 2025-017](#)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF 295.86 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PARCEL NUMBERS 180-000212, 180-000326, 180-000329, 180-000437, 180-000959, AND 180-001486 LOCATED IN MADISON TOWNSHIP UPON ANNEXATION OF SAID TRACTS TO THE CITY OF GROVEPORT (EBRIGHT INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC, PETITIONERS)

**Sponsors:** Rupp

**Attachments:** [Ord. 2025-017 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Groveport resident Ann Raver inquired how the annexed land will be used, to which Administrator King replied that it will be developed for residential use. Mrs. Raver expressed her satisfaction with that decision, stating that housing would better benefit and represent Groveport than another warehouse that she had feared was going in.

Legal representative Jack Reynolds briefly spoke about the next steps after annexation and expressed the property owner's wishes to annex into Groveport.

**A motion was made by Council Member Rupp, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

### **B. 2nd Readings**

#### [Ord. 2025-023](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ACCURATE MECHANICAL, INC FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF HEATING AND COOLING EQUIPMENT AT THE RECREATION CENTER UNDER THE OHIO STATE TERM SCHEDULE COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PLAN, THEREBY WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURSUANT TO GROVEPORT CITY CHARTER SECTION 9.02(B

**Sponsors:** Hilbert

**This Ordinance was read by title**

[Ord. 2025-024](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RESERVATION OF THREE (3) VALET PARKING SPACES FOR LITTLE ITALY RISTORANTE AT 480 MAIN STREET, IN FRONT OF THE WIRT'S GROVE BUILDING.

**Sponsors:** Cleary

**This Ordinance was read by title**

**C. 1st Readings**

[Ord. 2025-025](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO INITIATE A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY AT 135 FRONT STREET, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** Lockett

**Attachments:** [Ord. 2025-025 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Law Director Shannon requested that Council consider making a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date so that the Finance Director may meet the filing deadline with the Franklin County Auditor.

**A motion was made by Council Member Lockett, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Council and staff talked over the lien process, the property owner's rights, possible additional costs that could accrue on the property, the recouping of funds, and provisions in the property maintenance code leading to this action.

**A motion was made by Council Member Rupp, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**VIII. Reports**

**A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp**

Mayor Westcamp made a recommendation to appoint Jim Beidler to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

**A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to appoint Jim Beidler to the Board of Zoning Appeals . The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**B. Administrator - BJ King**

Mr. King informed Council of an upcoming insurance broker change he has been working on with HR and announced that the new KidSpace has started holding some classes. He also stated that there will be a camera mounted to overlook the construction on Main to provide a live feed on our website. He and Council briefly touched on changes that will need to be made to next year's Fourth of July celebration in light of construction, scheduling to align with Red White & Boom, and increased cost of fireworks due to tariffs.

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

Captain Blevins reported on how smoothly the Fourth of July event went this year.

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

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

**F. Development Director - Michael Loges**

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

Mr. Cleary spoke about how nicely traffic flowed at the four way stop on Ebright and Bixby as he was leaving the fireworks. He and Mrs. Hilbert gave kudos to everyone who worked the event.

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

**I. Standing Committees**

**A. Bricks at Veteran's Park**

Mr. Cleary reported that he and Public Services Director Brian Strayer had surveyed the bricks at Veteran's Park and found many of them to be so worn down they are almost illegible. Council and staff considered ways to make the etchings on the bricks last, as well as which fonts look the best, replacement of the bricks, and some minor landscaping that needs done.

Mr. Cleary and Mr. Shannon brought everyone up to speed on a request for exhumation at the cemetery.

Mr. Dildine gave highlights from the Trees & Decorations Committee meeting that was held just prior to tonight's Council meeting.

Mayor Westcamp informed Council that he had just received a text recommending the appointment of Karen Fraser to replace Scott Clinger on the Trees & Decorations Committee in the event of his retiring.

**A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to appoint Karen Fraser to replace Scott Clinger on the Trees & Decorations Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## **IX. Other Business**

## **X. Adjournment**

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dildine to adjourn at 7: 47 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

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Lance Westcamp, Mayor

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Mindy Kay  
Clerk of Council

PLEASE NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM. A RECORDING OF THE MEETING IS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.