

# City of Groveport

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## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, October 13, 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: Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jason Carr - Director of Finance, Casey Adams - Chief of Police, Director of Transportation - Bob Dowler, Communications Manager - Brent Ebright, 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 September 22, 2025 City Council Minutes stand approved as submitted.*

[#189-2025](#)

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**Attachments:** [2025.09.22 City Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

**VI. Business of Guests****A. School Board Candidate Dionna Herbert**

School Board Candidate Dionna Herbert introduced herself to Council and stated that as an advocate for public education and a mother of two, she knows that we can do better for the kids in our district. She gave a brief overview of her background in education and expressed her excitement for the opportunity to work with Council in the future.

**B. Choptank Presentation**

Choptank owner Meg Mannion and her team walked Council and staff through their final presentation with creative examples and implementation of the City's new branding.

[#205-2025](#) Choptank Final Presentation

Attachments: [101325-COG-CC-FINAL-PRESO.pdf](#)

**VII. Ordinances and Resolutions****A. 3rd Readings****B. 2nd Readings****C. 1st Readings****VIII. Reports****A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp**

Mayor Westcamp presented the attached Proclamation given to the City by State Representative Meredith Lawson-Rowe in honor of our 52nd Annual Apple Butter Day. He commented that this year's Apple Butter Day crowd was the biggest that he'd ever seen and thanked Director of Transportation Bob Dowler for all the help from his department on that day. He spoke about how great it was to be able to showcase our Recreation Center for all of the out of town participants in our first annual Apple Butter Day Softball Tournament. He then expressed his deepest gratitude for the outpour of people who attended the celebration of life for Director of Golf Tom Walker, who recently passed away suddenly. He said that goes to show how much he truly meant to this City.

[#206-2025](#) 52nd Annual Apple Butter Day Proclamation

Attachments: [52nd Annual Apple Butter Day Proclamation.pdf](#)

**B. Administrator - BJ King**

Finance Director Carr spoke in Administrator King's absence. He recognized Mr. Dowler's team and all the hard work they put into providing transportation on Apple Butter Day. Mr. Dowler stated his team was blown away by the crowd we had, leading his team to enlist the use

of an additional vehicle. He said they ended up offering over 915 rides to Apple Butter Day patrons, noting the increase from 461 last year. The year before that was 317. Mayor Westcamp added recognition to our Community Affairs Team, Recreation Center, Public Services, Police Department, and the Madison Township Fire Department for their hand in making Apple Butter Day such a success. Mr. Carr informed Council that there will be a budget ordinance introduced at the October 27th City Council Meeting.

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

Chief Adams reported on the Police Department's role in directing traffic on Apple Butter Day and commented on the large crowd. He said they gave away most of their event merch and have plans to order a lot more for next year. He added that local businesses seemed to be jam packed throughout the day as well.

**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. Rupp spoke about the busy Apple Butter Day and how we ended up selling out of apple butter by about 2:30pm. He said he was speaking with Mike Morbitzer, Director of Innovation and Accountability for Groveport-Madison Schools, at Apple Butter day about the school's grade card this year. Mr. Morbitzer would like to speak at an upcoming Council Meeting to update everyone on the school's improvements and plans for next year.

Mr. Lockett reported on the recent Pickleball event that was held to benefit Special Olympics. There were about fifty people there, including fifteen Special Olympians. He said a couple months ago a camera was placed at the Pickleball court so anyone can see who's playing and if the courts are free. Communications Manager Brent Ebright reported that there have been about eighteen thousand views as of this morning.

Mrs. Hutson commented on how great Apple Butter day was and echoed Chief Adams' excitement for all the local businesses benefiting from the large crowd we had. She said she was happy to see the ball diamonds being used at the Rec Center and how the crowd really got to take

advantage of what our City has to offer.

Mr. Cleary expressed his sentiments in the passing of Tom Walker and his wishes to place a memorial bench for him at the Golf Course. Mayor Westcamp shared his sentiments and mentioned how great a newly placed memorial bench at the Cemetery looks. Mr. Cleary reflected on how the family members were in tears with appreciation when they first saw it.

Mrs. Hilbert remarked on what a great and unique weekend it was for the City of Groveport.

Mr. Dildine mirrored everyone's comments on the large crowd, stating that he and the Madison Township Fire Department were setting up their booth at 8:30am and there was already a line waiting. He said they gave out roughly seven hundred fifty children's fireman hats.

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

**I. Standing Committees**

**IX. Other Business**

**X. Adjournment**

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hilbert to adjourn at 7: 31 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

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