



Village of Downers Grove

Village Council – Minutes

Table 1 - Detailed information on this Village Council meeting.

Meeting Location	Civic Center – Betty Cheever Council Chambers
Meeting Address	850 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, IL 60515
Meeting Date	July 14, 2026 at 07:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2. Roll Call

Council Attendance (Present)

Mayor Barnett, Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Davenport, Commissioner Sarver, and Commissioner Roe.

Council Attendance (Not Present)

Commissioner Gilmartin.

Non-Voting

Village Manager Dave Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca, and Village Clerk Rosa Berardi.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

MIN 2025-10939 A. Minutes: Village Council Meeting Minutes - July 7, 2026

Motion: To Adopt **the Village Council Meeting Minutes of July 07, 2026, as presented.**

Result: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Tully.

Seconded By: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt.

Ayes: Commissioners Tully, Sadowski-Fugitt, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Mayor Barnett

Nays: None.

4. Public Comments

This is the opportunity for the public to comment on non-agenda items.

Kathrine Dice, a resident, appeared on behalf of Equality Downer Grove and read a request made by a coalition of nine organizations urging the Village Council to support a resolution designating the Village of Downers Grove as a Good Neighbor Village. She explained this was inspired by the National Good Neighbor Day proclamations issued by Mayor Barnett over the past three years.

Eleanor Thompson, a resident, read a proposed draft resolution designating Downers Grove as a Good Neighbor Village.

Max Watkins, a resident, requested the Village remove the Flock cameras installed at the intersection of 75th and Lemont and also in the Butterfield corridor. He shared his concerns about the security of the technology used by Flock.

Commissioner Tully responded, noting that Illinois has the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act, which prohibits using technology like this for facial recognition or any facial geometry. He further shared that in Illinois, Flock camera settings are configured so they do not allow the tracking of any facial biometrics. The cameras are strictly used for license plate recognition. He said that Illinois has the strictest Biometric Information Privacy Act in the entire country and stories from other cities and states may not reflect what is occurring in Illinois.

Waqas Akkawi, a resident, expressed concerns with several individuals yelling and walking around the Main Street Train Station and a shoe that was left near a bench downtown and remained in the same location for three days.

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5. Consent Agenda

BIL 2026-11093 A. Bills Payable: No. 6952 - July 14, 2026

RES 2026-11278 B. Resolution: Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with CHC Wellness, Inc. for an Employee Health Risk Assessment Screening

RESOLUTION 2026-55

A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement Between the Village of Downers Grove and CHC Wellness, Inc.

MOT 2026-11279 C. Motion: Approving the Purchase of Chest Compression System Devices from Stryker Corporation

Motion: To Approve **the Consent Agenda of the July 14, 2026, Village Council Meeting**, as presented.

Result: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Tully.

Seconded By: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt.

Ayes: Commissioners Tully, Sadowski-Fugitt, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Mayor Barnett

Nays: None.

6. Active Agenda

ORD 2026-11260 A. Ordinance: Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois, to Designate the Property at 1020 31st Street as Planned Unit Development #75 (Forest Trail Luxury Apartments)

ORD 2026-11261 B. Ordinance: Rezoning Certain Property Located at 1020 31st Street (Forest Trail Luxury Apartments)

Motion: To table to a date certain of July 21, 2026, **Item A.** An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois to Designate the Property at 1020 31st Street as Planned Unit Development #75 (Forest Trail Luxury Apartments), and **Item B.** An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property Located at 1020 31st Street (Forest Trail Luxury Apartments).

Result: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Tully.

Seconded By: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt.

Ayes: Commissioners Tully, Sadowski-Fugitt, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Mayor Barnett.

Nays: None.

Village Council Comments

Mayor Barnett explained that there could not be any further discussion on Item A or B since they had both been tabled. He said that all of the Council members needed some time to digest the information received the week prior and the opportunity to consider the matter with a full Council at the meeting.

7. Manager's Report

Village Manager Dave Fieldman did not have a Manager's Report.

8. Council Member Reports

Commissioner Tully followed up on his earlier comment about the Flock cameras and said he appreciates the comments and the Village will be sure that the cameras are being used in the manner intended. He provided information about the construction going on downtown with the flexible amenity spaces, on both sides of Main Street, and the renovations at the Linda Kunze Plaza at the Main Street Train Station. He said the Village is working to complete the projects as soon as possible and they should be completed by the winter. He shared information about the America 250 Trivia Walk, Loyal to Local, and Downtown Sidewalk Sale. Commissioner Tully congratulated the Rotary Club on the successful Rotary Grove Fest.

Commissioner Davenport said one of the privileges to being on the Village Council is learning what makes the Village work so well. He then spoke of a ride-along he had with a Police officer, sharing he was impressed with the professionalism, courtesy and care that the officer took. He explained the Downers Grove Police Department is one of the finest in the nation. Commissioner Davenport said he has a new appreciation for the work the PD does. He spoke about the Grove Express 5k on Thanksgiving Day and said sign up is open.

Commissioner Roe said he also went on a ride with a Police Officer and reiterated all said by Commissioner Davenport. He stated he was impressed with all that he observed and the professionalism exhibited during the ride-along.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said she also had been on a ride-along with a Police Officer and echoed the comments by her fellow Commissioners. She added that she witnessed de-escalation techniques and described it as a really great experience. As a liaison to the Park District, Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt announced that the grand opening celebration of McCullum Park will be on August 3rd and encouraged all to attend. She spoke about the Grove Foundation Golf Outing on September 12 at the Belmont Golf Club and said information is available at thegrovefoundation.org.

9. Mayor's Report

Mayor Barnett reflected on the Good Neighbor Village Resolution proposal, noting that resolutions are designed to make people think and then act. He said it has been his intention to try and inspire people to think about what they can do that might be positive. He said he hopes that people take the time to remember all of the people that are working to make this a safe Village to live in, and also shared his hope that everyone can have appreciation for everyone around us. He thanked the group that requested the resolution and said his hope is that all residents would try to encourage that spirit.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Barnett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: To **Adjourn the July 14, 2026 Village Council Meeting.**

Result: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Tully.

Seconded By: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt.

Ayes: Commissioners Tully, Sadowski-Fugitt, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Mayor Barnett

Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Berardi

Village Clerk