



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

DATE: July 21, 2026

TO: Mayor David LaGrand & City Commissioners

Committee Fiscal Committee
Liaison: Molly Clarin, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Max Frantz, City Comptroller

SUBJECT: Small Claims Report – 2nd Quarter 2026

In the second quarter (April-June) of 2026 the city paid out a total of 26 small claims totaling an amount of \$67,991.46. A summary of the claims by category is shown below. Detail for each individual claim is included on the following page ranked by incident date (oldest to newest).

Small Claims April-June 2nd Qtr. 2026		
Category	# of Claims	Amount Paid
Public Safety	2	\$ 7,665.43
Refuse	4	13,694.36
Sewer	5	10,000.68
Snowplow	13	32,946.97
Water	2	3,684.02
Total	26	\$ 67,991.46

Small Claims 2nd Quarter 2026
April 1 - June 30

Incident Date	Category	Claimant	Loc.	Amount Paid	Description
11/30/2025	Snowplow	Daniel Miller	Grand Rapids	\$ 200.88	Snowplow struck mailbox and broke post
12/11/2025	Snowplow	Alison Pettibone	Grand Rapids	6,700.00	Snowplow struck claimant's parked vehicle
12/17/2025	Sewer	Brian Frederick	Grand Rapids	570.00	Sewer backup due to broken lateral
12/20/2025	Water	Alison Harris	Grand Rapids	30.36	City vehicle ran over lawn stakes
2/15/2025	Public Safety	Ryan Berry	Grand Rapids	1,982.17	Public safety vehicle backed into claimant's parked vehicle
1/2/2026	Refuse	Michael Brotzge	Grand Rapids	4,876.33	Refuse vehicle struck claimant's parked vehicle
1/17/2026	Snowplow	Hartford Insurance A/S/O Paul Tenant	Grand Rapids	6,665.54	Snowplow struck claimant's parked vehicle
1/18/2026	Snowplow	Michelle Billington	Grand Rapids	4,577.50	Snowplow struck claimant's parked vehicle
1/18/2026	Snowplow	Sarah Henson	Grand Rapids	3,000.00	Snowplow struck claimant's parked vehicle
1/18/2026	Snowplow	Car Center	Grand Rapids	450.00	Snowplow struck claimant's parked vehicle
1/20/2026	Snowplow	Jeff Martin and Kami Morse	Grand Rapids	1,099.00	Snowplow struck claimant's parked vehicle, damaged rear driver's side
1/20/2026	Snowplow	Amway Hotel Corporation	Grand Rapids	496.50	Sidewalk plow damaged gate entry card reader
1/21/2026	Refuse	Evelyn Sobieranski	Grand Rapids	3,912.03	Corner of roof, siding, and gutter of home were struck by refuse truck going through alley
1/23/2026	Sewer	Ben Walter	Grand Rapids	1,000.00	Sewer backup due to root blockage in sanitary main - 2nd backup in 4 years
1/23/2026	Snowplow	Danella Kistka	Grand Rapids	1,564.88	Snowplow struck claimant's parked vehicle
1/24/2026	Snowplow	Latitude Subrogation A/S/O Auto Owners Insurance	Grand Rapids	5,148.90	City snowplow struck parked vehicle in icy conditions
1/27/2026	Snowplow	Michael McNabb	Grand Rapids	169.93	Snowplow struck mailbox
1/27/2026	Snowplow	Colleen VanderVeen	Grand Rapids	3,123.16	Snowplow struck claimant's parked vehicle
1/28/2026	Snowplow	Andrew Deganaïs	Grand Rapids	300.00	Snowplow struck mailbox
1/30/2026	Refuse	Anthony Payton	Grand Rapids	3,470.00	Refuse vehicle struck claimant's parked vehicle
1/31/2026	Snowplow	Michael Valentino	Grand Rapids	891.56	Snowplow struck claimant's parked vehicle
2/3/2026	Water	Jaqueline Claderon Arellano	Grand Rapids	3,000.00	City truck struck claimant's vehicle
2/5/2026	Snowplow	Ryan & Braelynn Rau	Grand Rapids	5,460.00	Car struck by snowplow while legally parked
3/2/2026	Sewer	Mikayla Brett	Grand Rapids	500.00	Roots in sewer caused line backup
3/6/2026	Sewer	Samuel Hurley	Grand Rapids	1,000.00	Basement flooded by sewer due to city line being plugged
3/7/2026	Public Safety	Jason Taylor	Grand Rapids	5,683.26	Public safety vehicle struck side of claimant's vehicle while turning
3/11/2026	Sewer	Gilbert Branagan	Grand Rapids	3,082.00	Sewer backup due to blocked storm lateral (tree root - City side)
3/19/2026	Water	Javier Ornelas	Grand Rapids	684.02	City vehicle backed into claimant's parked vehicle (note: claimant is also a City staff member)
3/24/2026	Refuse	Shannana Boyd	Grand Rapids	1,436.00	Refuse vehicle extended arm and damaged claimant's front bumper
4/25/2026	Sewer	John Watkoski	Grand Rapids	4,418.68	Sewer backup due to sanitary main backup
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