



Commonwealth of Kentucky
City of Oak Grove



Agenda
Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Regular Council Meeting – Oak Grove Council Chambers
8505 Pembroke Oak Grove Rd., Oak Grove, Kentucky

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN SESSION

MAYOR'S REMARKS/DEPT HEAD REPORTS

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2022

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance 2022-XX Budget Amendment-2nd Reading

Water Rates

Rescue Funds/Premium Pay

Fire Truck Update

NEW BUSINESS

Human Rights Commission- Presenting Woman of the Year Award to Traci Cunningham

Proclamation-Traci Cunningham Day

Approval of Lorelynn Fisher for City Clerk

Approval of New Truck-Public Works

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

EXECUTIVE SESSION (KRS 61.810)

ADJOURN

Lorelynn Fisher

Lorelynn Fisher, Dep. City Clerk

Tuesday April 5, 2022
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers

The Oak Grove City Council met in Regular Session on April 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Oak Grove Council Chambers located at 8505 Pembroke Oak Grove Road Oak Grove, Kentucky. Present for the meeting were: Mayor Theresa Jarvis, Council Member Isaiah Spencer, Council Member Jean Leavell, Council Member Jackie Oliver, and Council Member Edward Cook. Also present for the meeting was City Attorney Mark Gilbert, City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher, Police Chief Dennis Cunningham, Public Works Director Martin Nuss, Finance Director Bobbie Crawford, and Community Center Director Melissa Lynch. Absent from the meeting were Council Member Janet Edwards and Council Member Tim Johnson. There were approximately 30 people present for the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Theresa Jarvis called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Dan Herbster led those present in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

OPEN SESSION

Joseph Belew voiced his concern regarding the potential 17% water rate increase. He does not believe the city can justify raising the rates.

Amanda Cook voiced her concern regarding the potential 17% water rate increase. She believes the increase is a lot especially with residents not being able to pay their bills as is. Ms. Cook also spoke about HWY 911 and flags and she hopes the city will put up flags this year for Memorial Day.

Robert Assmus voiced is concern about the rise of inflation and the impact it has on the economy. He also voiced is concern about the 17% water increase and the impact it could have on the residents.

Jackie Oliver read aloud a letter from a concerned resident asking why the Community Center requires a waiver to use the gym equipment. City Attorney Mark Gilbert stated that the city's insurance company recommended it and he believes it was a good suggestion.

MAYOR'S REMARKS/DEPT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Department- Fire Chief Bill Johnson gave a brief report of the fire department. He stated that 4 firefighters completed a 6-month hybrid 150-hour course which is the basic firefighter course. He also stated that there have been a couple police officers that received certification in CPR and first aid (this was announced under unfinished business).

ROLL CALL

Council Member Isaiah Spencer, Council Member Jean Leavell, Council Member Jackie Oliver, and Council Member Edward Cook were present. Council Member Janet Edwards and Council Member Tim Johnson were absent. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Jarvis asked City Council to make a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting for March 15, 2022. Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Fire Truck- Fire Chief Bill Johnson provided an update on the fire truck he went and inspected in Huntsville. He stated that the overall condition of the apparatus was very good even though it was extremely dirty from being in the snow and rain. He stated he was not able to drive or pump the apparatus because they were in the process of removing equipment and decals. He was able to start it and check the operation of the mechanical systems and the ladder inside the bay and everything seemed to function well. He also stated that if the city was to purchase the truck (offered for \$311,000.00) it would come with a new 3rd party aerial cert, new annual pump service test, update warning lights as necessary (blue to red), testing and undercoating frame rails, a one-year major component warranty and delivery to fire department. Chief Johnson stated he was going to inspect it once more when it is released and in clean condition. Council Member Edward Cook asked about the possibility of an extended warranty and Chief Johnson said he would look into it.

Ordinance 2022-03 Budget Amendment- Council Member Jean Leavell asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to read ordinance 2022-03. Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to approve ordinance 2022-03. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call vote was as followed: Council Member Jean Leavell-yes, Council Member Isaiah Spencer-yes, Council Member Jackie Oliver-yes, and Council Member Edward Cook-yes. Council Member Janet Edwards and Council Member Tim Johnson were absent. The motion carried with 4 in favor.

Water Rates- Finance Director Bobbie Crawford discussed the 17% rate increase. She explained that the water loss throughout the city is increasingly problematic, and the city is continually repairing water lines and replacing water meters. Ms. Crawford stated that the city reached out to an engineering firm to have them evaluate our water system in attempt to help the city figure out how to get control of the water loss problem and to plan for future development. The engineering firm came up with the 17% rate. Ms. Crawford ran some preliminary numbers that covers just the water portion, the average bill per household will increase approximately \$4.00-\$6.00 each month. Council Members expressed their concerns regarding the increase. Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to move water rates to a Committee of the Whole Meeting. Council Member Jackie Oliver seconded the motion. A date was set for April 14, 2022, at 10:00am. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

Rescue Funds/Premium Pay- City Attorney Mark Gilbert stated that Council Member Isaiah Spencer would need to rescue himself from voting on the matter since his wife works for the city leaving only three council members left to vote which doesn't constitute a quorum. City Attorney Mark Gilbert read aloud premium pay eligibility to inform council on who is legally eligible to receive funds. Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to table the rescue funds/premium pay until a quorum is present. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Rights Commission- Magaline Ferguson and Isaiah Spencer presented the Fannie Bronson Postell Woman of the Year Award to Traci Cunningham (this was moved up on the agenda after the fire truck overview).

Proclamation- Mayor Jarvis read aloud a proclamation that recognized Traci Cunningham as the Fannie Bronson Postell Woman of the Year and declared March 19 as Traci Cunningham Day (this was moved up on the agenda after the fire truck overview).

Approval of Lorelynn Fisher for City Clerk- Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to approve Lorelynn Fisher as the City Clerk. Council Member Jackie Oliver seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

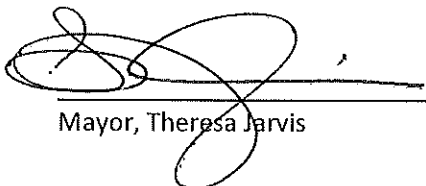
EXECUTIVE SESSION (KRS 61.810)

NONE

ADJOURN

Council Member Jackie Oliver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:16pm.


APPROVED:



Mayor, Theresa Jarvis

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DATE

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Lorelynn Fisher

April 21, 2022
DATE