



Commonwealth of Kentucky
City of Oak Grove



Agenda
Tuesday, May 3, 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 April 19, 2022

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2022-XX Amending Ordinance 2020-07-Establishing A Sewer and Water Ordinance for the City of Oak Grove

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Memorial Day Plans

EXECUTIVE SESSION (KRS 61.810)

ADJOURN

Lorelynn Fisher

Lorelynn Fisher, City Clerk



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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers

The Oak Grove City Council met in Regular Session on May 3, 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 Janet Edwards, Council Member Isaiah Spencer, Council Member Jean Leavell, Council Member Tim Johnson, 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. There were approximately 12 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

Amanda Cook spoke before council regarding the water rate increase and the financial impact it could have on the residents who are already struggling. Ms. Cook asked to be able to review the water analysis to see how that 17% was calculated. Ms. Cook was handed the analysis to review.

Phillip Sumpter spoke before council regarding the water rate increase. Mr. Sumpter stated his property used to be on a septic tank but then switched to city sewer and since has been paying a high bill for a long time. Mr. Sumpter asked about the 17% increase and what the purpose would be.

John Campbell spoke before council regarding the water rate increase. Mr. Campbell stated he was not against the increase but without information up front he has a lot of questions. Mr. Campbell stated that Oak Grove is the second lowest in the county for water rates. Mr. Campbell also spoke about the Fire Department. Mr. Campbell believes the money from the grant the city received should go towards a paid Fire Department. Mr. Campbell stated that the city should keep the Volunteer Fire Department operating with lifesaving equipment, bunker gear, and trucks running but look at improving the safety for the citizens and possible decrease in response time by creating a Hybrid Fire Department.

Joe Belew spoke before council regarding the water rates and the sewer rates being too high. Mr. Belew stated he could not dispute the water increase because as Mr. Campbell previously stated, Oak Grove is the second lowest in the county for water rates. Mr. Belew stated the sewer department is charging more than they should and asked if something could be done about lowering the sewer rates. Mr. Belew also asks council to conduct regular Committee of the Whole meetings.

Richard Lestienne spoke before council regarding the water rate increase. Mr. Lestienne asked based on the 17% how much discussion involves development. Mr. Lestienne stated that Oak Grove does not own its own resources with the exception of a couple departments. Mr. Lestienne asked about different

avenues the city could look into regarding cost savings. Mr. Lestienne also spoke about professionalism and transparency within the city government. Mr. Lestienne tasked council with adding a professionalism section in the Ethics Ordinance. Mr. Lestienne stated he does not believe the city government is being transparent.

MAYOR'S REMARKS/DEPT HEAD REPORTS

Mayor Theresa Jarvis announced that the Pennyroyal area counties are holding a water festival on May 14, 2022. Mayor Theresa Jarvis announced that she was invited to Richmond, KY for the Grand Opening of Buc-ees and was able to speak to the Governor's assistant who told her they were excited about Buc-ees coming to Oak Grove and they would help Oak Grove anyway they could. Mayor Theresa Jarvis announced that she has been speaking with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for some possibilities within the city that would be near their roads one being the possibility of widening 115- the bridge needs to be widened to a 5-lane bridge for Buc-ees. Mayor Theresa Jarvis announced that a meet and greet for the primary elections was held at the Community Center on April 28, 2022. Primary Elections are May 17, 2022, and residents can vote at Valor Hall. Mayor Theresa Jarvis announced that she and the Community Center Director Melissa Lynch went to the Christian County Rotary Club (Club that helps benefit kids with scholarship programs) and \$500,000.00 was donated which will go towards scholarships for kids in Christian County. Lastly, Mayor Theresa Jarvis announced that when she and council went to a city officials training, Council Member Isaiah Spencer spoke to Representative Myron Dossett and asked about having a VA representative for Oak Grove. Mr. Dossett followed up recently and stated there will be a VA representative that will work with the Community Center and the city to see where they can set up to help those who need it here in Oak Grove.

Finance Director Bobbie Crawford briefly spoke about the quarter end March 31, 2022, financials. Ms. Crawford stated that the water department is still struggling but the city has gone from a considerable deficit to operating in the positives.

Public Works Director Martin Nuss stated his department is working on its portion of the budget.

Police Chief Dennis Cunningham gave an update on the status of how many personnel are currently in the academy and how many will be going. He updated council on police vehicles and informed council that he sat down with Finance Director Bobbie Crawford to go over their budget for the new year.

Community Center Director Melissa Lynch informed council that a young lady who lives in Oak Grove received the Governor's Scholar which is the first time that has happened and how exciting that is. Ms. Lynch also stated that she and the mayor will be handing out items to graduates here in Oak Grove like last year. Ms. Lynch also informed council about kindergarten camp, virtual online registration, 4-H camp, and the 50 plus event.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Janet Edwards, Council Member Isaiah Spencer, Council Member Jean Leavell, Council Member Tim Johnson, Council Member Jackie Oliver, and Council Member Edward Cook were in attendance. 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 on April 19, 2022. Council Member Jackie Oliver made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

2022-XX Amending Ordinance 2020-07-Establishing A Sewer and Water Ordinance for the City of Oak Grove: Discussion was held regarding the rates and the effects it could have on residential and commercial customers/businesses. A townhall meeting was scheduled for May 11, 2022, at 5:30pm at the Oak Grove Community Center. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to table the 2022-XX Amending Ordinance 2020-07-Establishing A Sewer and Water Ordinance for the City of Oak Grove until the next council meeting on May 17, 2022. Council Member Jackie Oliver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken with all but Council Member Tim Johnson in favor. The motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Council Member Janet Edwards stated that the Oak Grove Community Center is hosting a Cornhole Tournament on May 26, 2022, where all proceeds will go to Stop Soldier Suicide.

Memorial Day Plans: There will be flags placed on the hill at the Community Center to honor and remember all who have sacrificed for our Country on May 23, 2022.

Committee of the Whole Meetings: Council decided (without enacting an ordinance at this time) to hold a Committee of the Whole Meeting the first Thursday of each month starting in June of this year at 6:00pm at City Hall in Council Chambers.

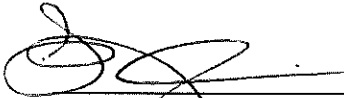
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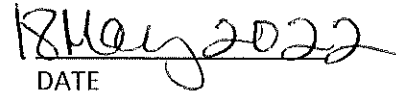
ADJOURN

Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Tim Johnson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:44pm.

APPROVED:




Mayor, Theresa Jarvis

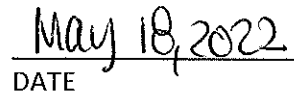


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ATTEST:



City Clerk, Lorelynn Fisher



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