



Tuesday September 20, 2022
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers

The Oak Grove City Council met in Regular Session on September 20, 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 Jean Leavell, Council Member Tim Johnson, Council Member Jackie Oliver, and Council Member Edward Cook. Council Member Isaiah Spencer was absent. Also present for the meeting was City Attorney Mark Gilbert, Police Chief Dennis Cunningham, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. There were approximately 22 individuals present for the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Austin Weist led those present in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

OPEN SESSION

Christine Elledge spoke before council regarding the Animal Shelter. She informed council that the shelter needs supplies. She also informed council on a couple of events coming up. October 8, 2022, a food drive will be hosted at Tractor Supply in Hopkinsville; October 22, 2022, 11:00am-3:00pm, Halloween-Festival to increase the awareness of the shelter. Guided Tours will be given at the Shelter, face painting, games, vendors, ect. November 5, 2022, 10:00am-2:00pm-Paws and Claws at the Christian County Sheriff Office-nail clippings, microchipping, food trucks, gift baskets, ect. Red Cross will also be available for disaster preparedness. Ms. Elledge also spoke regarding the compensation plan. She does not agree with the way it was handled even if it was done legally. She stated she does not have a problem with paying people well but believes the compensation plan is outrageous. She asked for this plan to be repealed and enact the amended compensation plan that was discussed. Ms. Elledge briefly spoke about the flags. She volunteered to get with Frankfort to get permission for flags to be put up on 41A. Lastly, Ms. Elledge spoke regarding the tax levy asked council not to approve it.

Lloyd Walters spoke before council regarding ethics. He voiced his opinion regarding previous meetings and decisions being made/changed. He stated the citizens matter and opinions matter. Spoke about council members being unethical. Mr. Walters also spoke regarding the compensation plan. He stated he has no problem with paying employees but when paying some of the highest salaries in the state- it's not right.

Richard Baker spoke before council regarding GLF. He wants council to look into what can be done regarding the current contract. He has many issues with the current trash company.

Amanda Cook spoke before council regarding 9/11 anniversary and flags. She wanted to know why the city didn't do anything this year. Mrs. Cook also spoke regarding the compensation plan. She asked for

the logic on why the Community Center Director is making close to the same pay as the Police Chief. She wants to know where the money is coming from. She would like to see a paid Fire Department.

Kathy DeSarbo spoke before council regarding the compensation plan. She believes there is a lot of things that should be clarified such as the criteria that was used to justify the increase, when the pay raises go into effect and whether or not they were approved in the budget.

Joseph Belew spoke before council regarding a BZA meeting. He stated he was imposed a \$250.00 fine for a sign. He requested a permit and was approved for a permit for the sign. Mr. Belew requested a hearing with the BZA board, and he stated the BZA meeting was unprofessional. He stated he paid a \$250.00 fee to have a hearing to get out of the \$250.00 fine that was imposed.

Josette Belew spoke before council regarding the compensation plan. She asked that the citizens be told the truth about the numbers-where they are coming from. Mrs. Belew spoke about previous meetings and the motions/comments that were made in regard to the compensation plan, cost of living adjustment, ect.

Janet Edwards spoke before council publicly apologizing to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Belew for something she said at the August 16, 2022, Council Meeting. She stated she said something that was incomplete, and it gave out misinformation that made it sound like Mr. Belew was untruthful. She apologized to the citizens as well for the misinformation.

MAYOR'S REMARKS/DEPT HEAD REPORTS

Mayor Theresa Jarvis informed council and residents that she received information regarding the Unity Breakfast for the Human Rights Commission that will take place on October 27, 2022, at 7:30am. She asked council to let her know who wants to attend. She stated there is a public hearing for the tax levy on September 27, 2022, at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Jarvis asked City Council to make a motion to approve the minutes from the special council meeting on September 13, 2022. Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Tim Johnson 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

Fire Department-Surplus Property: Mayor Theresa Jarvis stated that this item of business was brought to council at the last meeting, but City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher reviewed the statute of how surplus property must be proposed. Therefore, the surplus list was brought back to council for a vote with the requirements for proposal being met. Council Member Jackie Oliver made a motion to declare the items surplus. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

Police Department-Surplus Property: Council Member Jackie Oliver made a motion to declare the items surplus. Council Member Janet Edwards seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

Industrial Revenue Bond: Mayor Theresa Jarvis informed council and residents that Churchill has redone the paperwork for the bond based off the last meeting council had with them. She is working on getting Densmore down here to give an update.

Ordinance No. 2022-XX Compensation of BZA Board Members- 1st reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to read the ordinance. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to accept the ordinance. Council Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Member Edward Cook-yes; Council Member Janet Edwards-yes; Council Member Tim Johnson-yes; Council Member Jackie Oliver-yes; Council Member Jean Leavell-yes; Council Member Isaiah Spencer was absent. The motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2022-XX Amending Ordinance 2020-13 Sexually Oriented Business-1st reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to read the ordinance. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to accept the ordinance. Council Member Jackie Oliver seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Member Jackie Oliver-yes; Council Member Jean Leavell-yes; Council Member Janet Edwards-yes; Council Member Edward Cook-yes; Council Member Tim Johnson-yes; Council Member Isaiah Spencer was absent. The motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Water Meters/Water Bills: Council Member Jackie Oliver stated there are issues with the water meters and the water bills. She asked what the city is doing about it. Mayor Theresa Jarvis stated that the city hangs flyers on doors with high reads, knock on doors, and the meters are changed out if there is an issue with them. Council Member Jackie Oliver spoke about a resident who had an issue with their water bill. Mayor Theresa Jarvis explained the issue and why the water bill was high and how it was resolved. Discussion was brought up about the mailing of water bills. Council Member Janet Edwards asked if there was a way the city could change the bills from being a post card to something that wouldn't get mixed up with other things-create a bill that fits in an envelope. Council Member Jean Leavell agreed with Council Member Janet Edwards.

Zoning Ordinance/Walter Garrett Property: Council received an email in reference to this property regarding the paving of the parking lot. According to the Zoning Ordinance under retail operations the parking lot must be paved. The issue was with the equipment on the roads and the possibility of destroying the roads.

Additional topics that were discussed at the meeting:

Council Member Jackie Oliver stated the property down the road by the Shell Station (city owns it) has not been taken care of. Mayor Theresa Jarvis stated she would let the Public Works Director know.

Council Member Edward cook made a motion to repeal the 2022 Compensation Plan and to reenact the previous compensation plan with the changes. Council Member Jackie Oliver seconded the motion. The City Attorney stated that you legally cannot repeal this ordinance at this time. Council Member Edward Cook withdrew his motion. Council discussed the 2022 compensation plan and the 2020 compensation plan. They asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to create a draft for the repealing of the 2022

Compensation Plan and the enactment/reinstatement of the 2020 compensation plan with the changes to two pay grades and the 5% cola. City Attorney advised that two readings and publication would be required.

Council Member Tim Johnson spoke regarding council-motions and decisions, flags, residents only informing some of council and not all of council on matters/issues.

Council Member Jean Leavell stated that she would like to see ordinances being brought before council for voting to have a number assigned to them.

Council also discussed audits and Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to create a subcommittee for audit/auditors. Council Member Jackie Oliver seconded the motion. The meeting was scheduled for Thursday September 22, 2022, at 9:30am at City Hall. Members for the committee are Janet Edwards, Jackie Oliver, and Jean Leavell. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (KRS 61.810)

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jackie Oliver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:37pm.

APPROVED:

/s/
Theresa Jarvis, Mayor
City of Oak Grove

DATE

ATTEST:

/s/
Lorelynn Fisher, City Clerk
City of Oak Grove

DATE

****Minutes were approved at the September 27, 2022, Special Council Meeting. Original signed document is available at City Hall****