



**Tuesday September 27, 2022
Special City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers**

The Oak Grove City Council met in Special Session on September 27, 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 Jackie Oliver, and Council Member Edward Cook. Council Member Tim Johnson was absent. Also present for the meeting was City Attorney Mark Gilbert, Assistant Police Chief Victor Lynch, Finance Director Bobbie Crawford, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. There were approximately 20 individuals present for the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Council Member Janet Edwards, Council Member Isaiah Spencer, Council Member Jean Leavell, Council Member Jackie Oliver, and Council Member Edward Cook were in attendance. Council Member Tim Johnson was 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 on September 20, 2022. Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Jackie Oliver seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Commentary for Proposed Property Tax Levy Calendar Tax Year 2022-The public was given the opportunity to speak regarding the proposed tax levy. The following individuals commented:

Megan-Does not believe the taxes should increase if the residents are not receiving anything more. She stated the city has no sidewalks, schools, the parks get vandalized, issues with the community center, and the water system.

Lydia-She is acceptable to the taxes going up from .238 to .240.

Bobby-If taxes are being raised what are the residents receiving from it.

Alysia-She has been hearing of the tax being increased by four percent. She called City Hall and was told it was not being increased four percent.

Andrew-Someone should let the mayor know that if most residents do not want the tax increase, she should do what her campaign says and "Give the OG back to the people".

Ellen-Calculated the increase and believes it would be about a \$7.00 a year for her. However, she states this is on top of her reassessment which doubled her whole tax bill. She believes this is a poor time to ask for the increase due to both the election and the economy.

Oscar Alvarez-If the city has a budget and is asking for money there should be a good reason for it and should be put to a vote by the community. He believes sometimes the tax is necessary but believes the city is only looking out for itself and not the residents. He wants to see benefits before he can say yes to increases.

Lloyd Walters- He does not understand this tax increase. He stated the city is already receiving revenue from the increase of property values. He stated he would be glad to increase the tax if it was going towards a paid Fire Department. He wants to know why the increase is needed, and what the money is going to be utilized for.

Kim Ebeling- She asked if this levy could be put on a ballot. City Attorney Mark Gilbert responded and stated this meeting is for residents to speak their opinions/thoughts on the tax levy increase and it will be up to council when the levy is up for a vote to take all opinions/thoughts from the residents into account when deciding.

Katie Desarbo- Asked if there is any time during the voting process that the questions would be answered. Mayor Jarvis stated that residents should speak with council and speak with them anytime with their concerns and how they would like the council to vote on proposed business. Council makes the decisions on the rules and laws in the city.

Phillip Sumpter-Asked where the money would be going from the tax increase and what for. Finance Director Bobbie Crawford stated the money from the tax levy would go into the Public Safety General Fund which stated that information in the newspaper advertisements and on social media per Kentucky State Law.

Christine Kuba-Asked where the budget is published. Mayor Jarvis stated it is on the city's website. Finance Director Bobbie Crawford handed out documents to all of council and individuals in attendance relating to the taxes. Ms. Crawford discussed the numbers, revenue, exemptions, and answered further questions from council and individuals in attendance concerning the taxes.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45pm.

APPROVED:

_____/s/_____
Mayor Theresa Jarvis, Presiding Officer

_____10/05/22_____
DATE

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
Lorelynn Fisher, City Clerk

_____10/05/22_____
DATE

****Minutes were approved at the October 4, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. Original signed document is available at City Hall****