



**Tuesday October 18, 2022**  
**Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Oak Grove Council Chambers**

The Oak Grove City Council met in Regular Session on October 18, 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, Police Chief Dennis Cunningham, Public Works Director Martin Nuss, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. There were approximately 17 individuals present for the meeting.

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

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

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

**ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE**

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 of the city council was present.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Mayor Jarvis asked City Council to make a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting on October 4, 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.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to move the open forum higher on the agenda. Council Member Jackie Oliver seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

**OPEN FORUM**

Lloyd Walters spoke before council regarding property taxes and Community Center. He asked why there was a tax for the Community Center when the money for property taxes is supposed to go to public safety. Mr. Walters also requested that the city “put some kind of pressure” on League of Women Voters and asked that the forum for the debates be open to the public for the citizens.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

N/A

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

N/A

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Repealing of Ordinance 2022-08 Compensation Plan and Reenactment of Ordinance 2020-10 Compensation Plan with changes-Per Council, updates from City Attorney/Finance Director/City Clerk on the status of the Cost of Living Adjustment being encompassed into the compensation plan, the effects this ordinance would have on Police Department salaries, and the recommendation of classification of the Community Center Director position from the initial outside company: Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion for City Attorney Mark Gilbert to read the summary of the ordinance. City Attorney Mark Gilbert stated that he has the new numbers from Finance that includes the 5% increase and that is what he will be reading (which is considered a first reading). Mr. Gilbert read the new 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 Jean Leavell-yes; Council Member Janet Edwards-no; Council Member Isaiah Spencer-yes; Council Member Jackie Oliver-yes; Council Member Edward Cook-yes; Council Member Tim Johnson was absent. The motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Community and Development Services-Rezoning of a parcel totaling 9.99 acres located on Pembroke Oak Grove Rd (KY 115) approximately 1,600 feet south of Thompsonville Lane (KY 911) and Hugh Hunter. Applicant is requesting the property be zoned R-3 (Multi Family Residential) District: Discussion was held. Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to approve the development/zoning of the property. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken with 3 council members in favor, two council members against it, and one council member absent; the motion carried.

2022-XX Proposed Ordinance by the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky Establishing a Day, Time, and Location for Regular Ethics Meetings: 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 is as follows: Council Member Edward Cook-yes; Council Member Janet Edwards-yes; Council Member Isaiah Spencer-yes; Council Member Jackie Oliver-yes; Council Member Jean Leavell-yes; Council Member Tim Johnson was absent. The motion carried.

### **LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council Member Jean Leavell stated that Public Works Director Martin Nuss informed her that the city was waiting for the grant money to show up before the city would purchase the meters. Council Member Jean Leavell said that the city can purchase the meters once the money is received rather than having to spend first and then be refunded afterwards. These meters will go to several businesses as they are commercial meters.

Council Member Jackie Oliver wanted to discuss the men working on Artic Avenue. She believes there may have been some miscommunication when the guys were cutting down the trees. She stated she knows the trees fell during the storm and she knows the city guys were down there with chainsaws. She then proceeded to say that Council Member Edward Cook received an email that stated the house was abated for the cleanup, but she filed an open records request and was told it was not abated. Mr. Nuss responded by saying that the city did not cut the branches off the trees-Pennyrile did. The city crew only

picked them up (close to an easement by the road) and chain sawed them to fit into the city trucks/trailers. Council Member Oliver stated she was not sure why she was not given information on the abatement in the request and Mr. Nuss explained that it was the phrasing of her open records requesting the abatement when the city guys cut the trees from Artic Avenue-which they did not.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor Jarvis announced that she received her Level III Master of City Governance and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher received her Level II Excellence in City Governance by Kentucky League of Cities. She stated some council members are high ranking in the trainings as well such as Tim Johnson and Jean Leavell.

**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 6:45pm.

**APPROVED:**

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Theresa Jarvis, Mayor  
City of Oak Grove

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DATE

**ATTEST:**

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

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DATE

**\*\*Minutes were approved at the November 1, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. Original signed document is available at City Hall\*\***