



**Tuesday January 3, 2023  
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes  
Oak Grove Council Chambers**

The Oak Grove City Council met in Regular Session on January 3, 2023, 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 Jacqueline Oliver, Council Member Janet Edwards, Council Member Isaiah Spencer, Council Member Jean Leavell, Council Member John Campbell, Council Member Richard Baker, and Council Member Edward Cook. Also present for the meeting was City Attorney Mark Gilbert, Police Chief Dennis Cunningham, Fire Chief Bill Johnson, Finance Director Bobbie Crawford, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. There were approximately 18 individuals present for the meeting.

Mayor Jacqueline Oliver 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 John Campbell, Council Member Richard Baker, and Council Member Edward Cook were in attendance. A quorum of the city council was present.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Mayor Oliver asked City Council to make a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting on December 20, 2022. Council Member Isaiah Spencer 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.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Automatically approved with no changes

**OPEN FORUM**

Christine Elledge spoke before Council regarding Joy Closet. She stated this was a nonprofit organization that provided essential needs for foster children. If anyone wants to donate, they are looking for bedding, clothing, car seats, ect. She stated she belongs to a sewing group and the group has chosen to do a couple services projects. The group is looking for cotton quilt bedding, big pieces of flannel for backs of the quilts. Anita Cummings is a point of contact for the Christian County Ascension Office. Heather Grey is the contact for Joy Closets. Council Member Jean Leavell stated that book bags, suitcases, and duffle bags are essential for the children as well.

Richard Lestienne spoke before Council regarding packets for the public and transparency. He stated that it would be nice to have the city put out a PDF file on the city website of the documents that are given to council prior to meetings so the residents can have an idea of what is being discussed. He also asked if the city could add a calendar on the webpage that will allow residents to see upcoming meetings.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

N/A

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

Fire Chief Bill Johnson stated that last year the department had 736 runs they received and responded to. Currently, the department has 32 members. Training is every Monday night except holidays from 1800-2130 typically. They also assisted with shop with the first responder last year.

Finance Director Bobbie Crawford stated that her presentation for Finance is always the second meeting of the month which is based on when she receives the bank statements. She stated that if anyone has questions about the last financials, she would be happy to answer.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

N/A

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Proposal of land-City Attorney Mark Gilbert stated this document is not available at this time. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to table this indefinitely. Council Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

Boards and Committees-Overview of the current standing Boards/Committees: Mayor Oliver had requested this be put on the agenda. Mayor Oliver was taken off multiple committees and Council Member John Campbell volunteered to be on the Public Safety Committee, Volunteer Fire Committee, and Playground Committee. Council Member Richard Baker volunteered to be on the Utilities/Stormwater Committee, Zoning Committee, and Audit Committee. During Legislative Body Member Comments Council Member John Campbell asked to go back to New Business to discuss the Fire Department. Council Member John Campbell stated he was interested in a paid or hybrid Fire Department that would help protect the citizens better. He would like to get people here to run trucks and to be able to respond to calls in less than an average of 13 minutes especially when Oak Grove grows. He also believes annexing Idlewild Spur would be in the city's best interest to be able to collect tax to help pay for services. Council Member Janet Edwards and Council Member Jean Leavell stated that annexing it was tried in the past but failed.

## **LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS**

Waste Management Services/GFL: Council Member Janet Edwards stated she has received 17 complaints regarding this company. Council Member Janet Edwards stated she reviewed the current contract and asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert that since the residents are not being providing the services they should be, is that considered a breach of contract. City Attorney Mark Gilbert stated he would need to review the current contract. He asked Council Member Janet Edwards if she could create a list of potential breaches to send him for research. Council Member Jean Leavell stated that everyone should start thinking what they want included in the future proposals for waste companies or that the city may want to look at the option of creating its own waste management services. More discussion was held.

Ordinance No. 2022-04-An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2020-07 Establishing a sewer and water ordinance for the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky: Discussion was held regarding section 7 subsection K-Tampering Fees. Council Member John Campbell stated that he believes this section is tyrannical. He believes under emergency purposes residents should be able to turn the water off without being charged a tampering fee. Council asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to research adding language in the ordinance relating to the allowance of residents the right to turn their water off for emergency purposes only. More discussion was held among council members.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) (discussion of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency) to discuss proposed or

pending litigation and personnel issues. Council Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to return to open session. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

Mayor Oliver announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to accept the proposed consent settlement. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Next Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Janet Edwards 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 7:12pm.

**APPROVED:**

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Jacqueline Oliver, Mayor  
City of Oak Grove

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**ATTEST:**

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Lorelynn Fisher, City Clerk  
City of Oak Grove

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