



**Tuesday February 7, 2023
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers**

The Oak Grove City Council met in Regular Session on February 7, 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: 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, Assistant Police Chief Victor Lynch, Fire Chief Bill Johnson, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. Absent from the meeting were: Mayor Jacqueline Oliver and Council Member Janet Edwards. There were approximately 10 individuals present for the meeting.

City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Council Member Edward Cook made a motion to elect Jean Leavell as chairman of the meeting. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor (whom was present) with the exception of Council Member Jean Leavell who opposed. The motion carried.

OPENING CEREMONIES

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

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Chairman/Council Member Jean Leavell, Council Member Isaiah Spencer, Council Member John Campbell, Council Member Richard Baker and Council Member Edward Cook were in attendance. Council Member Janet Edwards was absent. A quorum of the city council was present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chairman/Council Member Jean Leavell asked City Council to make a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting on January 17, 2023. Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Richard Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

John Campbell spoke before Council asking council to consider allowing his towing business to be added to the Oak Grove Police Department's towing list they utilize in the city. Mr. Campbell stated he would recuse himself from the discussion.

Police Chief Dennis Cunningham went before council to present the State of Kentucky Governor's award for 2022 Occupant Protection and Enforcement (seatbelt) to Officers Robert Fitzpatrick and Michael Ferrell.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

No reports were given

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2023-XX Establishing a date, time, and location for Regular Volunteer Fire Committee Meetings- 1st reading: Council Member Isaiah Spencer asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to read the ordinance. Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to accept the ordinance. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call vote was as follows: Chairman/Council Member Jean Leavell-yes; Council Member Isaiah Spencer-yes; Council Member John Campbell-yes; Council Member Richard Baker-yes and Council Member Edward Cook-yes. Council Member Janet Edwards was absent. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

Discussion for a paid fire department: Council Member John Campbell stated they had a Volunteer Fire Committee Meeting on February 3, 2023. The committee recommended to begin with a part time fire department and in time move to a fully paid fire department. Council discussed implementing positions into the compensation plan. Fire Chief Bill Johnson stated he already created a job description for a part time paid position and asked council if there were any more positions they wanted him to create a job description for. Council asked Fire Chief Bill Johnson to create job descriptions for all positions that would be needed for a paid fire department. More discussion was held.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member John Campbell made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) to discuss personnel appointment, discipline, or dismissal of employee, or member. Council Member Edward Cook 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.

Chairman/Council Member Jean Leavell stated no decisions were made in Executive Session.

Council briefly discussed Mr. Campbell's towing business. Mr. Campbell did recuse himself from the discussion with the exception of answering questions. Police Chief Dennis Cunningham informed council there was a couple different towing businesses on the list and the list rotates. Police Chief Dennis Cunningham asked that this topic be pushed forward to the next meeting to get more information. More discussion was held.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Isaiah Spencer 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 6:47pm.

APPROVED:

/s/
Jacqueline Oliver, Mayor
City of Oak Grove

DATE

ATTEST:

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

DATE

****Minutes were approved at the February 21, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. Original signed document is available at City Hall****