



**Tuesday February 21, 2023
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers**

The Oak Grove City Council met in Regular Session on February 21, 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 Richard Baker, Council Member John Campbell, and Council Member Edward Cook. Also present for the meeting was City Attorney Mark Gilbert, Police Chief Dennis Cunningham, Finance Director Bobbie Crawford, Field Operations Manager Brandy Moore, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. There were approximately 10 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

OPEN FORUM

Joe Belew spoke before council asking council to place the 2021-03 and 2021-13 ordinances to a committee meeting to discuss alleged discrepancy in the ordinances.

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mayor Jacqueline Oliver asked City Council to make a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting on February 7, 2023. Council Member Jean Leavell moved to approve the minutes. Council Member Isaiah Spencer 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

CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Finance Director Bobbie Crawford asked council if they had any questions regarding the monthly financials. Some discussion was held.

Police Chief Dennis Cunningham informed council of a meeting he attended regarding Flock Systems. These systems allow law enforcement to read license plates which will allow for the enhancement of solving crimes. Cunningham stated it would cost the city approximately thirty five thousands dollars every two years for the system and they hope to have at least 6 readers within the city.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2023-XX Establishing a date, time, and location for Regular Volunteer Fire Committee Meetings- 2nd 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 Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Member Jean Leavell-yes; Council Member John Campbell-yes; Council Member Janet Edwards-yes; Council Member Isaiah Spencer-yes, Council Member Richard Baker-yes, and Council Member Edward Cook-yes; the motion carried allowing the ordinance to pass.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-02 regarding the Pennyryle Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Christian County: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to read the resolution. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to accept. Council Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried allowing the resolution to pass.

Proclamation-Black History Month: Council Member Janet Edwards asked Mayor Oliver to read the proclamation. Mayor Oliver read the proclamation proclaiming February 2023 as Black History Month.

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

Discussion of Municipal Building: Council Member John Campbell stated that since our Fire Chief is working on job descriptions for the compensation plan for a part time paid fire department and the current condition the Police Department building, it would be in the council best interest to start discussing the municipal building. Council Member Janet Edwards asked if we received any updates from the engineering company and Mayor Oliver responded stated not that she was are of. More discussion was held. Council would like this moved to Committee of the Whole.

Discussion of Solar Farms-Examining Hopkinsville's and Christian County's Ordinances: Council Member Jean Leavell stated that Hopkinsville and Christin County both passed an ordinance regarding solar farms. She would like council to read the ordinance, review, and discuss at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. More discussion was held. Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to move this to Committee of the Whole. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

Discussion of Ordinance No. 2022-04-An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2020-07 Establishing a sewer and water ordinance for the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky: Council Member Richard Baker asked for this to be placed on the agenda. He wanted an update of the language City Attorney Mark Gilbert drafted for the definition of tampering. At January's meeting, council discussed amending this ordinance to allow residents the right to turn their water off for emergency purposes only. City Attorney Mark Gilbert provided a draft ordinance (2023-XX) amending Ordinance 2022-04. Council Member Richard Baker asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to read it. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to accept. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Member Jean Leavell-yes; Council Member Edward Cook-yes; Council Member John Campbell-yes; Council Member Richard Baker-yes; Isaiah Spencer-yes; Janet Edwards-yes; the motion carried allowing the ordinance to

officially have its first reading. Finance Director Bobbie Crawford with the help of the Field Operations Manager Brandy Moore presented council a demonstration of some of the issues the city has with tampering of meters. Crawford stated she would like to represent council with pictures for commercial locations at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Council Member Jean Leavell asked Mayor Oliver the status of the zoning for 115 for apartments since the city currently does not have a Public Works Director. Mayor Oliver responded that the project is still moving forward as the applicant has met with CDS and provided drawings. Currently, Oak Grove does not need to do anything at this time.

Council Member Janet Edwards asked Mayor Oliver where the city is at with the process of hiring a new Public Works Director. Mayor Oliver stated the position was posted on Indeed and a couple of interviews have been conducted.

Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to move Ordinances 2021-03 and 2021-13 to Committee of the Whole on March 2, 2023. Council Member Richard Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

Council Member Isaiah Spencer asked the progress of the road on Thompsonville Lane. He is asking because he is wanting to put a digital sign at the Community Center. Mayor Oliver stated that it is in the hands of Frankfort. Council Member Jean Leavell stated that the road by the Community Center was finished. Mayor Oliver stated that the poles located there were going to be moved.

Council Member Isaiah Spencer talked about council recognizing individuals in the community. Council Member Janet Edwards stated that during Burt's tenure council discussed recognizing students-Oak Grove's rising star.

Marquis Robertson, who is an upcoming author, stated he spoke with Melissa from Community Center about having a stage play on bullying on July 28-30, 2023, and the possibility of charging tickets. City Attorney stated he would look into it. Mr. Robertson stated this is an epidemic that needs addressed. Mr. Robertson's book signing will be held on March 11, 2023, at Respawn Coffee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b) to discuss land acquisition. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

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

Conversation of Military Affairs Event and parcels of land were discussed among council. Council Member Isaiah Spencer asked about the possibility of adopting a street program. Also mentioned was City Clean up sponsored by Council Member Richard Baker for March 25-26, 2023. City will contact GFL to provide dumpsters for the city wide clean up.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:32pm.

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 Regular City Council Meeting on March 7, 2023. Original signed document is available at City Hall****