



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

The Oak Grove City Council met in Regular Session on March 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 John Campbell, and Council Member Edward Cook. Also present for the meeting was City Attorney Mark Gilbert, Assistant Police Chief Victor Lynch, Finance Director Bobbie Crawford, Community Center Director Melissa Lynch, Assistant Public Works Director Clint Anderson, Field Operations Manager Brandy Moore, Accounts Payable Brian Ahart, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. There were approximately 15 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**

Llyod Walters spoke before City Council regarding speed humps. He would like council to look into placing speed humps throughout the city to help aid speeding issues. Mr. Walters also spoke regarding youth programs and after discussion with council, it was decided to conduct a townhall meeting to get input from the community.

Richard Lestienne spoke before the City Council regarding communication. He stated that he sent council an email regarding EMS issues and only heard from a select few members. As a constituent, he believes the absence of communication from the council is alarming. He also asked for an update regarding the Fire Department personnel issue he addressed to the council at the previous meeting. Mr. Lestienne stated he is a taxpayer and believes he should receive a refund since he believes he is not being represented by his elected officials- taxation without representation.

**ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE**

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

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Mayor Jacqueline Oliver asked the City Council to make a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting on March 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

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

Assistant Police Chief Victor Lynch stated he recently has had some medical issues and thanked everyone for their support. He also wanted to let residents/citizens know that their voices are being heard. Lynch presented Police Officer Michael Salyers with a State of Kentucky DUI Enforcement Achievement Award. Lynch also asked council to consider accepting the FLOCK contract as this system will tremendously help law enforcement.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2023-XX An Ordinance amending section 14 (penalties) of Ordinance No. 2008-05 and providing enforcement procedures for occupational license and tax-2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to read a summary of this ordinance. City Attorney Mark Gilbert read the summary aloud. 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 Isaiah Spencer-yes; Council Member Janet Edwards-yes; Council Member John Campbell-yes; Council Member Edward Cook-yes. Council Member Richard Baker was absent. The motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Approval of Rakim Barrett as a regular member to the Code Enforcement and Nuisance Board: Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to approve Rakim Barrett to the board. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried. City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Barrett. Mr. Barrett gave thanks to the hardworking individuals who worked to address the blackout from the sever storm. Mr. Barrett also briefly addressed the council asking them to look into the water system.

Approval of Clint Anderson as an alternate member to the Pennyriple Area Development District Board:

Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to approve Clint. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. Discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

Approval of Brandy Moore as a member to the Logan Todd Commission Board: Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to approve Brandy Moore as a member to the Logan Todd Commission Board.

Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2023-XX An ordinance by the City of Oak Grove defining and regulating the placement of solar energy systems: City Attorney Mark Gilbert stated he has spoken with Tom Britton from CDS. The council has two options-one option is having the mayor contact him and have him develop it or the second option is discussing the options with the subdivision/zoning committee.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to amend the consent calendar and add Ordinance 2023-XX Budget Amendment for fiscal year 2023 to the agenda. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to read the ordinance. City Attorney Mark Gilbert read the ordinance aloud. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to accept. Council Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. Mayor Oliver informed citizens that the city purchased two lots of land-one lot is by the current Fire Station (intended for a walking trail from 911 to Stateline Rd) and the other lot is by Wilson's curve on 911(intended for Municipal building). City Finance Director Bobbie Crawford informed citizens that under capital outlay she added an additional ledger account labeled land acquisition. Crawford stated the city's original budget intended to put \$200,000.00 (two hundred thousand dollars) back into the fund "savings" balance but instead, \$1,000,000.00 (one million dollars) is being removed from the balance so the city can pay for the lots in full without needing any loans or bonds. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Member John Campbell-yes; Council Member Janet Edwards-yes; Council Member Jean Leavell-yes; Council Member Edward Cook-yes; Council Member Isaiah Spencer-yes. Council Member Richard Baker was absent. The motion carried.

### **LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council's top 5 priorities for the city: Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to move this to the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Council Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

Asterra Proposal for water leak detection: Council Member Jean Leavell stated that this is a company who uses satellite to detect water leaks. A first scan can detect leaks with an accuracy of 30-40%. The first scan is roughly \$23,000.00 (twenty-three thousand dollars). The company stated they could scan the entire city in one scan. Assistant Public Works Director Clint Anderson and Field Operation Manager Brandy Moore believe this would be beneficial to the city for any information this would provide. City Finance Director Bobbie Crawford stated this can be compensated for with money that was already allocated in the budget under water department used for hardware, meters, pipes, ect. More discussion was held. Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to enter into contract. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

Flock Safety Contract (license plate readers for PD utilization): City Finance Director Bobbie Crawford stated this can be compensated from the Police Department's Capital Outlay. Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to allow the mayor to enter into the contract. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

Discussion of Community Center Study and Ordinance 2019-06 An ordinance by the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky for the regulation of the Oak Grove Community Center: Council has been addressed by individuals wishing the center was open earlier and wishes there were more programs/activities at the center. Community Center Director Melissa Lynch stated that currently, there is no money in the budget for programs. The city will need to budget for that. Discussion was held regarding the demographics for the study. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to move this to the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

Discussion of Annexation: Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to move this to the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried.

Update on Community Center Signage: Council Member Isaiah Spencer provided the council with a mockup and invoice from Fast Signs. City Attorney Mark Gilbert stated that if council is wanting to move forward with this, official bids should be put out. City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher will research the bidding process. More discussion was held. Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to move this to the Committee of the Whole Meeting. 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 she gave council the last round of resumes. Mayor Oliver also asked the city council to consider Brian Ahart for the Public Works position. The council wants to review/amend the job descriptions before approving any individual for that position.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Next Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45pm.

**APPROVED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jacqueline Oliver, Mayor  
City of Oak Grove

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**ATTEST:**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE