



Tuesday May 2, 2023
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers

The Oak Grove City Council met in Regular Session on May 2, 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 were City Attorney Mark Gilbert, Police Chief Dennis Cunningham, Fire Chief Bill Johnson, Field Operations Manager Brandy Moore, Accounts Receivable Brian Ahart, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. There were approximately 6 individuals present at 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

Lloyd Walter spoke before the city council regarding the youth program. Mr. Walter will provide the city council with a flyer at the next meeting.

Kristi Murtha spoke before the city council regarding Christian County Military Affairs including Ft. Campbell housing.

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 the City Council to make a motion to approve the minutes from the special city council meeting on April 28, 2023. Council Member Richard Baker made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; allowing the motion to be carried out.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Automatically approved with no changes

CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Ethics Committee-Funding approval of city council to maintain agreement with Cothoff and Willen as legal counsel for Ethics: Discussion was held with no official action taken.

Council Member John Campbell updated the city council regarding the Volunteer Fire Committee and informed the council that the committee recommends pursuing a full time Oak Grove Fire Department solely. The volunteer fire rate was also discussed. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to send the Fire Department to the Committee of the Whole. Council Member Richard Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; allowing the motion to be carried out.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval of Brian Ahart for the Public Works Position: Council Member Edward Cook made a motion to approve Ahart to the position. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with two council members in favor and four council members opposed; the motion failed.

Ordinance No. 2023-XX-A Summary of ordinance by the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky amending Ordinance 2020-14 establishing an ethical code of conduct for city officers and employee's 2nd reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to read the summary aloud. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to accept. Council Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Member Edward Cook-yes; Council Member Jean Leavell-yes; Council Member John Campbell-yes; Council Member Richard Baker-yes; Council Member Isaiah Spencer-yes, and Council Member Janet Edwards-yes. The motion was carried, officially approving the 2nd reading.

Ordinance 2023-XX-An ordinance by the City of Oak Grove Establishing the position of Temporary Maintenance Worker and amending ordinance 2022-08 2nd reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to read the ordinance 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-yes; Council Member Isaiah Spencer-yes; Council Member Jean Leavell-yes; Council Member-Janet Edwards-yes; Council Member Edward Cook-yes; and Council Member John Campbell-yes. The motion was carried, officially approving the 2nd reading.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

Annexation: The City Attorney advised the city council that with the new law, the annexation must be consensual with all parties involved to be able to continue the process. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to hold a special city council meeting/townhall after the Executive Branch gets all the information together. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; allowing the motion to be carried out.

New Fire/Police Station: The city council discussed multiple options for a building including departments, blueprints, and surveying.

Trail Extension/Park behind the Fire Station: No discussion was held.

Generator for Police/Fire/City Hall: Discussion was held. The city council asked Mayor Oliver to contact Bill Chaudoin to train employees how to operate it.

