



Tuesday May 16, 2023
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers

The Oak Grove City Council met in Regular Session on May 16, 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, Finance Director Bobbie Crawford, Community Center Director Melissa Lynch, Field Operations Manager Brandy Moore, Accounts Receivable Brian Ahart, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. There were approximately 4 individuals present at the meeting.

Mayor Jacqueline Oliver called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Pastor Tyler led those present in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

OPEN FORUM

Lloyd Walter spoke before the city council regarding the youth program and the flyer he created for the town hall meeting scheduled for July 13, 2023, at 6:00pm at the Oak Grove Community Center.

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 regular city council meeting on May 2, 2023. Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes. 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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Automatically approved with no changes

CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to move the Community Center Study under Reports of Officers and Committees. Council Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all present in favor; allowing the motion to be carried out. Director Lynch presented the findings from the study conducted. Currently, more individuals visit the center during weekdays rather than weekends. More discussion was held regarding the rebranding of the center, advertising to increase participation, community sign, and hours of operation (council decided to keep the hours the same at this time).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval of Brian Ahart for the Public Works Position: No official action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) for discussion of potential appointment of an individual. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all present in favor; allowing the motion to be carried out.

Council Member Janet Edwards 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 present in favor; allowing the motion to be carried out.

Mayor Jacqueline Oliver stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS

Establishment of a festivity committee: After discussion, it was decided that information and participation for this committee should be advertised on social media but no official involvement of city council that would require abiding by open meetings law. No official action was taken.

2023-XX Ordinance establishing the imposition and administration of occupational business license requirement, and payment of an occupational business license tax by persons and business entities conducting businesses, occupations, and professions within the City of Oak Grove-1st reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to read aloud the summary. City Attorney Mark Gilbert read the summary aloud. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to accept. Council Member John Campbell 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; Council Member Janet Edwards-yes; allowing the motion to carry.

2023-XX Ordinance by the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky repealing ordinances 11-1976, 1981-03, 1984-06, 1985-01, 1986-12, 1990-03, 1994-04, 1998-01, 1999-16, 2000-12, 2001-09, 2004-01, 2004-11, 2005-06, 2008-02, 2008-05, and 2023-03 relating to occupational business license and tax 1st reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to read aloud the summary. City Attorney Mark Gilbert read the summary aloud. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to accept. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Member Richard Baker-yes; Council Member Isaiah Spencer-yes; Council Member Jean Leavell-yes; Council Member Edward Cook-yes; Council Member Janet Edwards-yes; Council Member John Campbell-yes; allowing the motion to carry.

2023-XX Ordinance by the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky establishing a classification and compensation plan for city employee's 1st reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to read aloud the 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 Edward Cook-yes; Council Member Jean Leavell-yes; Council Member John Campbell-yes; Council Member Richard Baker-yes; Council Member Isaiah Spencer-yes; Council Member Janet Edwards-yes; allowing the motion to carry.

2023-XX Ordinance by the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky repealing ordinances 1989-05, 2001-01, 2007-24, 2010-01, 2012-05, 2015-04, 2020-10, 2022-08, and 2023-06 relating to compensation plans 1st reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to read aloud the summary. City Attorney Mark Gilbert read the summary aloud. Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to accept. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Member Richard Baker-yes; Council Member Isaiah Spencer-yes; Council Member Jean Leavell-yes; Council Member Janet Edwards-yes; Council Member Edward Cook-yes; Council Member John Campbell-yes; allowing the motion to carry.

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

Annexation: Mayor Oliver advised council that the City Clerk is currently working hard on this process. City Attorney Mark Gilbert wrote up an acceptance of annexation document for homeowners to sign if they are interested in the process.

Update on Handicapped Access to City Buildings: Mayor Oliver stated she did not have an update at this time.

Update on Land Survey: Mayor Oliver stated that Brian found out the land was surveyed last December. City Attorney Mark Gilbert stated that the process is still on track for approval.

Tool/Accessories for Street Cleanup: Council Member Edward Cook stated the city should look into borrowing or renting equipment to aid in cleaning up the city.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF): Council Member Edward Cook stated he would like to see Oak Grove adopt a TIF/Incentive to assist in attracting development for the city. Council Member Edward Cook asked the City Clerk to work on this. More discussion of the city council was held.

Council Member Isaiah Spencer stated that he has been nominated to be a member of the Kentucky Housing Corporation for Western Kentucky.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next regular council meeting is set for June 6, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; allowing the motion to be carried out. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20pm.

APPROVED:

Jacqueline Oliver, Mayor, City of Oak Grove

DATE

ATTEST:

Lorelynn Fisher, City Clerk, City of Oak Grove

DATE