



**Tuesday, August 15, 2023
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers**

The Oak Grove City Council met on August 15, 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, Deputy City Clerk Lisa Beckman, Public Works Director Brian Ahart, Assistant Public Works Director Clint Anderson, Fields Operation Manager Brandy Moore, Accountant/Human Resources Hailey Bamford. There were approximately 10 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

Mayor Oliver recognized Lorelynn Fisher, City Clerk, with a Certificate of Achievement for her 10-year anniversary working for the City of Oak Grove.

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 August 1, 2023. Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to approve. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

N/A

CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

N/A

AGENDA

1. McGhee Engineering presentation for Water Tower/Lines: McGhee proposed two projects to the city council. One project was a water line extension -Carter Road to Grant Avenue and Hugh Hunter Road Line replacement. This project involves construction of approximately 3,000 feet of 12-inch ductile iron water main to connect Oak grove's primary supply line on Carter Road across country to an existing 8-inch water main on Grant Avenue that feeds into the Oak Grove distribution system. It also includes construction of a new 16-inch ductile iron water line along Hugh Hunter Road from the connection point to the Logan Todd Regional Water Commission (LTRWC) supply at Carter Road to Highway 115. These connection will improve hydraulic performance of the Oak Grove system by enlarging the current main feed path and providing a second main feed path from the supply point to the Oak Grove distribution system. This will enhance and balance supply pressures in the system, provide redundant feed options to avoid extensive outages in the event of a line break, and provide better service for the entire distribution system. Estimated cost for this project is \$2,400,000. The second project was a water line extension- Highway 115 North and Carneal Lane, New Elevated Water Storage Tank. This project involves construction of a new 16-inch ductile iron water line across Interstate 24, and a new 12-inch ductile iron water main connecting the new 16-inch line with an existing 6-inch line on Carneal Lane. It also includes a new 500,000-gallon composite elevated water storage tank. This project will provide improved water service to existing customers and to industrial land on the north side of the interstate, and generally improve service reliability to all existing customers of the system. The estimated cost of the project is \$7,000,000. McGhee mentioned several possible grants that could help aid in the project cost.
2. Ordinance No. 2023-XX An ordinance by the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky Establishing the Tax Levy for City Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023, and Ending June 30, 2024-1st reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to read the ordinance. Mr. Gilbert publicly read aloud the ordinance. 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 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 passed.
3. Ordinance No. 2023-XX An Ordinance by the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky Repealing Ordinances 1984-8, 1985-12, 1986-10, 1987-5, 1988-8, 1989-10, 1990-8, 1991-1, 1992-6, 1993-12, 1994-20, 1995-16, 1996-15, 1997-10, 1998-10, 1999-13, 2001-22, 2003-10, 2004-09, 2006-13, 2007-20, 2008-16, 2009-11, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-09, 2014-04, 2015-09, 2016-05, 2017-07, 2018-06, 2019-05, 2020-11, 2021-06, 2021-10, and 2022-11 Relating to the City's Annual Tax Levy-1st reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to read a summary of the ordinance. Mr. Gilbert publicly read aloud the summary of the ordinance. Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to accept. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. No 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 Janet Edwards-yes; Council Member Edward Cook-yes; and Council Member John Campbell-yes; the motion passed.
4. Ordinance No. 2023-XX An Ordinance by the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky Establishing a Day, Time, and Location for Regular Committee of the Whole Meetings- 1st reading: Council Member Jean Leavell asked City Attorney Mark Gilbert to read the ordinance. Mr. Gilbert publicly read aloud the ordinance. Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to accept the ordinance as read. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. No discussion was held. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Member Edward Cook-yes; Council Member John Campbell-yes; Council Member Janet Edwards-yes; Council Member Isaiah Spencer-yes; Council Member Richard Baker-yes; and Council Member Jean Leavell-yes; the motion passed.

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Water Tower discussion: Discussion was held. Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to hire McGhee Engineering to start working on the grant applications along with Brian Ahart, to move forward with phase 1 of water line extension- Carter Road to Grant Avenue and Hugh Hunter Road Line replacement. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. Discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.
2. Land Parcel by the Emergency Center discussion: The city council mentioned acquiring a real estate company in the involvement of this process. Mr. Gilbert stated that KRS 82.083 states cities can transfer any real or personal property by auction, sealed bids, or electronic auction. More discussion was held. Council Member John Campbell made a motion to send this back to the Committee of the Whole. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. Council Member Janet Edwards stated it would be the September 7, 2023, meeting. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.
3. Council Member Richard Baker asked if 911 (corrected on August 18, 2023), 115 and Stateline Rd could be mowed. Mayor Oliver stated she would take care of it.
4. Council Member Edward Cook made a motion to move the Council's top 5 priorities of the city (20/50-year plan) to the Committee of the Whole. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.
5. The city council discussed creating a steering committee and encourage citizens to become active members of. Council Member Isaiah Spencer stated that citizens need to be involved and we all need to unite and work together to move forward with the city's best interest.
6. Streets lights were mentioned by Council Members Baker and Leavell and Mayor Oliver stated she is actively working on this and has made several attempts to communicate with the company.
7. Council Member Jean Leavell asked for an update on the Community Center Sign bids. City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher stated that the bid was sent to the newspaper and the city has not received any bids at this time. Council members asked Fisher to republish the bid and advertise the bid to different companies.
8. Council Member John Campbell stated that he would like an update from Chief Cunningham on the Flock System. Chief Cunningham stated that so far, the cameras have provided the Police Department with positive results.
9. Council Member Jean Leavell mentioned an email that was sent to all city council members from Mayor Oliver regarding transparency and asked if that email was written because of an employee with a guilty conscious. Mayor Oliver stated she wrote the email as no employees have read it. Mayor Oliver stated she had received an email from a fellow council member regarding her lack of transparency and she felt like she needed to try and extend an olive branch between the executive branch and the legislative branch as both need to work together for the good of the city.

EXECUTIVE SESSION KRS 61.810

N/A

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular council meeting is set for September 5, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

APPROVED:

_____/s/_____
Jacqueline Oliver, Mayor
City of Oak Grove

_____**08.18.23**_____
DATE

ATTEST:

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

_____**08.18.23**_____
DATE

****Minutes were approved at the August 17, 2023, Special City Council Meeting. Original signed document is available at City Hall****