



Tuesday, July 18, 2023
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers

The Oak Grove City Council on July 18, 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, and Administrative Assistant Princilla Spencer. There were approximately 20 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 Walters spoke before the city council regarding the meeting July 13th, 2023, about youth programs in Oak Grove.

Steve Settle from Morgan Incorporated explained the condition of Good Hope Cemetery Road. Mr. Settle said that Morgan Inc will continue to conduct temporary repairs on the roads until the earth moving project is completed. Mr. Settle also said that Morgan Inc will redo the roads to include Valley View, Avondale, Good Hope Cemetery Road, and a portion of Stableford Lane, once the job is completed. Mr. Settle also discussed with Council regarding business license, dust screens, right aways, weight limits, and time frames when school begins.

Doug Belew asked about business license. Mentioned trucks being tarped. Mentioned Morgan Inc being a reputable company. They are good for their word. He also apologized for not informing Oak Grove about the earth moving project.

K'Quan McNease talked about Oak Grove investing in youth programs. He discussed his soccer program. It is a non-profit organization. The program has been active for approximately 3 years. He also mentioned getting land for the soccer fields. He talked about the maintenance of the fields. He also talked about how to get children involved through social media. Talked about parental support. Talked about revenue from tournaments that are hosted. Janet Edwards would like to invite Mr. McNease and Mr. Walters to the next Park Subcommittee meeting.

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 June 29, 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; the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

N/A

CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

N/A

AGENDA

1. Approval of job descriptions for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Council Member John Campbell made a primary motion to approve Job descriptions. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Council Member John Campbell mentioned that Job descriptions for the Fire Department will be completed soon. Jean Leavell asked about the HR position being bonded for \$50,000. Council Member Isaiah Spencer discussed the responsibility of Parks and Recreation. Council Member Janet Edwards mentioned looking into that within next 5 years that would have that responsibility. Discussed renting Wades Way Park. After discussion was made Council Member Janet Edwards made a secondary motion to add a bullet point to the essential duty of the Public Works Director Position, as reads “create, plan, and develop long term strategy with potential developers to aid in the growth and development of the community.” Second bullet point reads “Oversee Street maintenance and emergency response to extreme weather to include snow, ice, and floods as well as severe weather mitigation.” Language also added to the Asst Public Works Director Position “Implement Street maintenance and emergency response to extreme weather to include snow, ice, and floods as well as severe weather mitigation.” John Campbell seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; allowing the motion to pass. Pertaining to the primary motion, a voice vote was taken with all members present in favor, allowing the motion to pass.
2. Municipal Order 2023-02: Establishing Regulations for Administration of the city’s classification and compensation Plan. Council Member Jean Leavell asked Attorney Mark Gilbert to read Municipal Order. Council Member John Campbell made a motion to accept. 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 pass.
3. Approval of Brian Ahart to the Public Works Director Position. Council Member John Campbell made a motion to approve Brian Ahart to Public Works Director Position. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. There was a discussion. Role call vote was as follows: Council Member Jean Leavell–no; Council Member Richard Baker-no; Council Member Janet Edwards-no; Council Member John Campbell-yes; Council Member Isaiah Spencer-yes; Council Member Edward Cook-yes. Per City Attorney Mark Gilbert, Mayor Oliver may break the tie. Mayor Jackie Oliver voted yes to break tie and announced Mr. Ahart as Public Works Director, allowing the motion to pass.
4. Ordinance No. 2023-XX An Ordinance by the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky. Establishing a Day, Time, and Location for Regular City Council Meetings – 1st Reading. Council Member Janet Edwards

asked Attorney Mark Gilbert to read the ordinance. Council Member made a motion to accept. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded. There was no discussion. Roll Call vote 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; the motion passed.

5. Ordinance No 2023-XX An Ordinance by the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky: Repealing Ordinances 1984-7, 2002-08, 2013-01, 2015-03, 2016-04, and 2020-03 Relating to the Establishment of a day, Time, and Location for Regular City Council Meetings-1st Reading. Council Member Janet Edwards asked Attorney Mark Gilbert to read the summary. 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 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 pass.

6. City Council's approval to Bid out Engineering Firms for grant process: Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to approve Bid out Engineering Firms for grant process. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. There was a discussion regarding water towers and TTL Engineer Firm. Council Member Janet Edwards asked Mayor to give a heads up on projects of this sort. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; allowing the motion to pass.

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There was a discussion regarding the usage of the land parcel by the Emergency Center. Council Member Isaiah Spencer proposed using land as a Farmer's Market. Council Member Janet Edwards suggested the Public Works Director spearhead project. Council Member John Campbell made a motion to move the discussion to the Committee of the Whole. Council Member Janet Edwards seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor, allowing the motion to pass.

There was a discussion regarding the subdivision update. Attorney Mark Gilbert stated he had a meeting with Tom Britton and Steve Under discussing legalities about the Constitution allows the city's requirement for enlarging a subdivision.

There was a discussion regarding the Solar Farm update. Attorney Mark Gilbert stated the city was interested in a Solar Farm. Mr. Britton agreed it would be a good idea. He would contact his people. Attorney Mark Gilbert said he would follow up to get contact number.

There was a discussion regarding the Annexation process. Attorney Mark Gilbert gave a brief update on the process. Council Member discussed growth through the annexation process. Attorney Mark Gilbert stated he would do some research regarding the taxes in the annexation process.

There was a discussion regarding the sign at the Community Center. Mayor Oliver informed the Council that the sign is already in the budget but will wait until the road is widened.

There was a discussion regarding food stored at the Community Center. Attorney Mark Gilbert said he would contact Mr. Chris Johnson regarding contract with Food America and the Community Center.

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 present in favor; allowing the motion to pass. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 pm.

APPROVED:

/s/
Jacqueline Oliver, Mayor
City of Oak Grove

DATE

ATTEST:

/s/
Princilla Spencer, Administrative Asst
City of Oak Grove

DATE

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

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****Minutes were approved at the August 1, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. Original signed document is available at City Hall****