



Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 6:00 pm
Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers

The Oak Grove Committee of the Whole met in regular session on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Oak Grove City Council Chambers located at 8505 Pembroke Oak Grove Rd Oak Grove, Kentucky. Attending the meeting were: Chairman/Council Member Jean Leavell, Council Member Isaiah Spencer, Council Member Edward Cook, Council Member John Campbell, and Council Member Richard Baker. Council Member Janet Edwards was absent. Also attending were City Attorney Mark Gilbert, Assistant Police Chief Victor Lynch, Public Works Director Brian Ahart, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. There were 2 individuals present.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman/Council Member Jean Leavell.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to dispense with formalities. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

ROLL CALL

Chairman/Council Member Jean Leavell, Council Member Isaiah Spencer, Council Member Edward Cook, Council Member John Campbell, and Council Member Richard Baker were present. Council Member Janet Edwards was absent. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member John Campbell made a motion to approve the September 7, 2023, Special Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. It was seconded by Council Member Isaiah Spencer. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

AGENDA

1. Project/Equipment from Municipal Road Aid funds-The Public Works Department will provide the committee a list of needs/wants of equipment along with a list of roads needing repairing: Public Works Director Brian Ahart provided the committee with a paving estimate that provided a total of \$745,030.00 for the paving of New Gritton, Desota, Caroline, 219 Golden Pond-Bush, 419 Pacific-New Gritton, 520 Indian-New Gritton, 322 Atlantic-New Gritton, and Walter Garrett. The paving for the roads will be 2" thick. Public Works Director Brian Ahart also provided the committee with a road repair estimate of \$34,250.00 for Illinois, Grant, and Waterford. The grand total for both estimates equal \$779,280.00. Mr. Ahart also informed the committee that the two most important pieces of equipment that the department could use are a boring

machine and a vacuum truck. Discussion was held. Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to move the estimate to the city council for bidding. 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.

2. Discussion of a Farmers Market within the city: Council Member Isaiah Spencer provided the committee with a copy of Cadiz's Farmers Market program and Addam Clark with Baby Bear Farms; LLC spoke before the committee on the business he hopes to bring to Oak Grove next year that is family oriented. Council Member Isaiah Spencer asked the committee to come up with ideas for the next committee of the whole meeting.
3. Ordinance No. 2023-XX An Ordinance by the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky Establishing Incentives for Economic Development-The committee will discuss what incentives they would like to provide to new and existing businesses: City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher provided the committee with copies of other city's incentive ordinances and TIF ordinances. The committee discussed what type of developments they would like to see come to Oak Grove and the two main ones were residential and business. Council Member Richard Baker made a motion to move the ordinance to the city council. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.
4. Council Member John Campbell stated that he would like to revert to the goals and objectives of the city council and have something concrete in the direction of Oak Grove.
5. The committee discussed putting up a flagpole at the Community Center with the extra money that would be left over from the digital sign project by passing a budget amendment. Council Member John Campbell made a motion to move the discussion of the flagpole and the budget amendment to the city council. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.
6. The committee briefly discussed a list of Emergency contacts for the Emergency Action Plan. They would like the Police Chief and Fire Chief for certain. Council Members Isaiah Spencer and John Campbell stated they would like to become fully committed as well. Council Member Edward Cook made a motion to move this to the city council. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.
7. The committee discussed a food pantry at the Community Center and the process/legalities of it. City Attorney Mark Gilbert stated he would research this and get back to them.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member John Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jean Leavell, Chairman

DATE

ATTEST:

Lorelynn Fisher, CMC
City Clerk

DATE