



**Tuesday, November 7, 2023
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers**

The Oak Grove City Council on November 7, 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 Isaiah Spencer, Council Member Richard Baker, Council Member John Campbell, Council Member Janet Edwards, and Council Member Edward Cook. Council Member Jean Leavell was absent. Also present for the meeting were City Attorney Mark Gilbert, Police Chief Dennis Cunningham, Fire Chief Bill Johnson, Public Works Director Brian Ahart, Field Operations Manager Brandy Moore, Human Resources Hailey Bamford, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. Special guests were Incoming City Attorney Lee Wilson, County Judge Executive Jerry Gilliam, District 6 Magistrate Phillip Peterson, and Southwestern Kentucky Economic Development Executive Director Carter Hendricks. There were approximately 15 individuals present at the meeting.

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

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

OPEN FORUM

No participation

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Council Member Isaiah Spencer, Council Member Richard Baker, Council Member John Campbell, Council Member Janet Edwards, and Council Member Edward Cook were present. Council Member Jean Leavell was absent. 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 October 17, 2023. Council Member John Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes. 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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

N/A

CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Fire Chief Bill Johnson updated the city council on the renovation status of the fire department.

Police Chief Dennis Cunningham updated the city council on the hiring process. Fire Chief Bill Johnson presented the American Heart Association Hero Award to the following Firefighters/Police Officers: Sargeant Michael Platero, Officer Cameron DeArmond, Firefighter Oren Reece, Firefighter Shawn Dubois, and Firefighter Albert Cabell.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduction of Lee Wilson-Incoming City Attorney: Mayor Oliver introduced Mr. Wilson to the city council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 61.810

Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(g) to discuss a specific proposal between a business agency and a representative of a business entity. 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.

Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to enter into regular session. 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.

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

NEW BUSINESS

2. Surplus approval of Ford SUV-Code Enforcement: Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to approve the surplus. 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.
3. Reappointment of Jim Hurst to the Oak Grove Ethics Board and Appointment of Jessica Bowling to the Oak Grove Ethics Board: Council Member John Campbell asked that the city readvertise. Council Member John Campbell made a motion to table both items of business until the December 5, 2023, city council meeting. Council Member Richard Baker seconded the motion. Discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.
4. Establishment of a subcommittee for the Goals and Objectives of Oak Grove: Discussion was held among the city council. It was decided that Council Members Isaiah Spencer and John Campbell serve on this committee. The city council asked City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher to post an ad advertising for 3 (three) residents/business owners to serve on this committee totaling 5 committee members. Council Member Isaiah Spencer asked this be put on the December council agenda.
5. Economic Development Committee: Discussion was held among the city council. It was decided that Council Members Janet Edwards and Richard Baker serve on this committee along with the Executive Director of Tourism, the Public Works Director, and 1 (one) resident/business owner. The city council asked City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher to post an ad advertising for 1 (one) resident/business owner. This topic was asked to be put on the December council agenda.
6. Establishment of a subcommittee for Ordinance 2016-01 Stormwater Regulations: Discussion was held among the city council. It was decided that this ordinance be sent to the Zoning Committee. It was also discussed that CDS review/update this ordinance since they originally drafted it.
7. Proclamation proclaiming November 11, 2023, as Veterans Day in the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky: Mayor Oliver read aloud the proclamation proclaiming November 11, 2023, as Veterans Day in the City.

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Introduction of Sara Stone-Animal Control Officer: Ms. Stone introduced herself to the city council and answered questions. The city council welcomed her and complimented her on her hard work. The city council asked that she update the council every so often on what she is doing in the city.

Mayor Oliver presented City Attorney Mark Gilbert with a certificate of appreciation for his dedication to Oak Grove for the last four years. Mayor Oliver wished Mr. Gilbert the best in his next endeavor.

The city council discussed the establishment of a Steering Committee. It was decided that Council Members Edward Cook, Janet Edwards, and Jean Leavell serve on this committee. The city council asked City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher to post an ad advertising for interested individuals. The purpose of this committee is to plan, coordinate, and implement annual holiday events in Oak Grove.

Various other topics were discussed including an update on Good Hope Cemetery Road, a discussion of Ordinance 2016-01, an update on the water line project, an update on the paving bid, a discussion on CPR/AED classes, and an update on the sign at the community center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 61.810

Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to enter into Executive Session per KRS 61.810 (1)(f) to discuss the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an employee. 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.

Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to enter into regular session. 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.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Council Member Edward Cook asked for an update on the emergency management plan for Oak Grove and asked City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher to reach out to Randy Graham.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next regular scheduled meeting is set for November 21, 2023

