



**Tuesday, February 20, 2024  
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes  
Oak Grove Council Chambers**

The Oak Grove City Council met on February 20, 2024, 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: Presiding Officer/Council Member Janet Edwards, Council Member Jean Leavell, Council Member Richard Baker, Council Member Edward Cook, Council Member John Campbell, and Council Member Isaiah Spencer. Mayor Oliver was absent. Also present for the meeting were City Attorney Lee Wilson, Police Chief Dennis Cunningham, Public Works Director Brian Ahart, Finance Director Bobbie Crawford, Field Operations Manager Brandy Moore, and Deputy City Clerk Lisa L Beckman. There were approximately four individuals present at the meeting.

Presiding Officer/Council Member Janet Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

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

**OPEN FORUM**

Mr. Thomas Wright, owner of Michigan Total Healing Center, asked to speak to Council about setting up a store that would sell strictly THC Marijuana and not CBD products. Mr. Wright would like to have the City Council write an ordinance for this type of business prior to any other like stores coming to Oak Grove, Kentucky to sell CBD Products in the future. Council Member Jean Leavell stated that the Council will need to meet with Tom Britton. Mr. Wright stated that he will email Mayor Jackie Oliver an informational packet.

**ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE**

Presiding Officer/Council Member Janet Edwards, Council Member Jean Leavell, Council Member Richard Baker, Council Member Edward Cook, Council Member Isaiah Spencer, and Council Member John Campbell were present. Mayor Oliver was absent. A quorum of the city council was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Presiding Officer/Council Member Janet Edwards asked the city council to make a motion to approve the minutes from the special city council meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Council Member John Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes. 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.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES**

**1. December 2023 Monthly Financials – Director, Bobbie Crawford.**

Presiding/Council Member Janet Edwards called on city Finance Director, Bobbie Crawford. Council Member Jean Leavell inquired whether Finance Director, Bobbie Crawford had changed the city bank accounts to Money Market accounts. Bobbie Crawford stated that she does not have the authority. Council Member Jean Leavell stated that the city is losing about \$18,000.00 a month by not having

these bank accounts changed over. Presiding Officer/Council Member Janet Edwards asked Bobbie Crawford what the steps would be to change these certain accounts into Money market Accounts. Bobbie Crawford stated that the mayor would have to go to Hopkinsville, KY to sign the necessary documents at the bank. City Attorney Lee Wilson spoke and suggested that the Council make a motion giving the mayor authorization to execute all necessary documents and grant her the authority to put these documents in effect, as well as for in the future, as Bobbie Crawford stated, the mayor is the only person authorized to close city bank accounts. Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to do what the city Attorney suggested, (authorization to mayor as stated above). 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. Presiding Officer/Council Member Janet Edwards asked council members to make a motion to provide an item of business for the Special Council meeting. Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to schedule a Special City Council meeting for March 6, 2024, at 5:00pm. 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.

**2. Recreational Trail Grant-Public Works Director, Brian Ahart.**

Public Works Director, Brian Ahart stated that he has investigated a few grants regarding a walking trail and required easements. Brian Ahart also stated to the council that he is asking two things the council to approve, number one (1) would be a motion to give the mayor authority to speak to the church regarding easements and other properties as well. The second (2), is if we can continue after that, to continue with the grants for the city walking trail. Council Member Jean Leavell, per our city attorney Lee Wilson's suggestion, made a motion to authorize the mayor and any city representatives to enter into negotiations with residences that would be affected by this walking trail alongside the railroad, and to bring it back and place on the March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, city council agenda. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. Discussion was held. A voice vote with all members present in favor; the motion passed. Council member Isaiah Spencer asked Brian Ahart at the Committee of the Whole meeting if he could have the developer come and speak to the committee. Brian Ahart agreed. Brian Ahart spoke of the Crumb Rubber Grant to get some items replaced at Wades Way Park. Brian Ahart also stated he has also spoken with Bill on the Fire Fighter Grant; that Bill is looking into that. In closing, Brian Ahart explained his findings regarding a new Water Tower, the financials, and locations. Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to discuss the Water Tower further, at the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 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. Council Member Jean Leavell asked if anyone knew why the mayor had the city closed for President's Day. Council Member Jean Leavell went on to say that it is not a paid Holiday off. Attorney Lee Wilson explained to Council that the mayor has the authority to do so.

**3. Eye on Water presentation from the Public Works Department.**

Field Operations Manager Brandy Moore explained to the council the benefits of the "Eye on Water" app for our citizens and our city as a whole and answered all questions that both the citizens and council had.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1. Ordinance 2024-XX: An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2016-01, providing specific surety requirements for applications for stormwater management plans for significant developments in the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky -second reading:** Council Member Jean Leavell asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance. City Attorney Lee Wilson read said ordinance aloud. Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to accept this second reading of the Ordinance of 2024-XX. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. No discussion was held. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Member Jean Leavell-yes; Council Member Richard Baker-yes; Presiding

Officer/Council Member Janet Edwards-yes; Council Member John Campbell-yes; Council Member Isaiah Spencer-yes; and Council Member Edward Cook-yes; the motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Reappointment of Morris Willoughby as a regular member of the Ethics Board for a three-year term:** Council Member Richard Baker made a motion to approve him. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion, no discussion held, all in favor, allowing the motion to pass.
2. **Appointment of Jacob Smith:** Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to accept Jacob Smith to the Steering Committee as a regular member for a one-year term. 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. Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to accept Jacob Smith to the BZA Board as a regular member for a one-year term. 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. Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to accept Jacob Smith to the Ethics Board as an alternate member for a one-year term. Council Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.
3. **Solar Amendment-Resolution 2024-01 approval of city council:** Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to approve this resolution. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.
4. **Subdivision Guidelines-Letter approval to CDS:** Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to send the letter of approval for subdivision guidelines to the Community Development Services. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. Discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.
5. **Combine the Public Safety and Volunteer Fire Committee into one:** Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to combine these into one committee. Council Member Richard Baker seconded the motion. Discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.
6. **Church easement-Approval of city council:** Please refer to Recreational Trail Grant-Public Works Director, Brian Ahart, section # 2 above.

### **LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS**

1. **Grant updates-Requested by Council Member Edward Cook:** Please refer to Recreational Trail Grant-Public Works Director, Brian Ahart, section # 2 above.
2. Council Member Isaiah Spencer gave a re-cap of his trip to Washington DC to represent our city. Council Member Jean Leavell told Council Member Isaiah Spencer that he was a very good advocate for the City of Oak Grove, and all agreed.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION 61.810**

N/A

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular scheduled meeting is set for March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

