



Thursday, March 7, 2024
Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers

The Oak Grove Committee of the Whole met in regular session on March 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Oak Grove City Council Chambers located at 8505 Pembroke Oak Grove Rd., Oak Grove, Kentucky. Present for the meeting were: Chairperson Isaiah Spencer, Committee Member Jean Leavell, Committee Member John Campbell, Committee Member Edward Cook, Committee Member Richard Baker, City Attorney Lee Wilson, Public Works Director Brian Ahart, Finance Director Bobbie Crawford, Assistant Police Chief Victor Lynch, City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher, and three individuals. Committee Member Janet Edwards was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Isaiah Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Isaiah Spencer, Committee Member Jean Leavell, Committee Member John Campbell, Committee Member Richard Baker, and Committee Member Edward Cook were all present for the March 7, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting. Committee Member Janet Edwards was absent. A quorum of the Committee of the Whole was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member John Campbell made a motion to approve the February 1, 2024, Regular Committee of the Whole minutes. Committee Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

AGENDA

Committee Member Jean Leavell made a motion to amend the agenda to have Randy Graham speak first before the committee regarding the Radio Expansion project. Committee Member Richard Baker seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

1. Radio Expansion- Randy Graham: Mr. Graham spoke before the committee and explained that this project has a price tag of 2.5 million dollars. The system is currently a Gen 1 and will transition to a Gen 2 which will create a tremendous impact positively for first responders and the community. There will be 4 tower sights. Committee Member Jean Leavell made a motion to pledge \$20,000.00 for the expansion and to move this to the city council for approval. 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. Discussion of city ordinance 2019-06: An ordinance of the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky for the regulation of the Oak Grove Community Center: City Attorney Lee Wilson recommended the following rental agreement: Monday-Thursday the city will charge \$150.00 for four hours for small rooms and \$250.00 for four hours for large rooms. Friday-Saturday the city will charge \$200.00 for four hours for small

rooms and \$300.00 for four hours for large rooms. Deposits will be \$150.00 for small rooms and \$ 250.00 for large rooms. For weddings, the city will charge \$600.00 for a rental period of Thursday (beginning at Noon)-Sunday with Sunday being the clean-up day. These amounts will be the same for all individuals. 10:00 pm will be the cutoff time for rented events. The committee asked Mayor Oliver to reach out to the city's insurance company to ask about liability, insurance coverage, and inflatables.

3. Discussion of Waste Management/GFL contract: It was made known that this contract must be bid out. The committee briefly discussed what they would like to see in the new contract. RFPs can be sent out in June of 2024. Committee Member Jean Leavell made a motion to move this to the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Committee Member John Campbell seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

4. Discussion of the 2025 compensation for Oak Grove Legislative Body Members: The committee made no official action on this matter.

5. Discussion of a Farmer's Market: Public Works Director Brian Ahart briefly spoke on this topic. He invited the committee to look at Madisonville, Ky's farmers market. The committee agreed that the Parks and Recreational Department would be responsible for working during the farmer's market events. The committee discussed the location for the market and most of the committee agreed to have a trial run on Fridays and Saturdays for the first year on the city's 8 acres of property near the interstate. The committee asked Director Ahart to provide them with an estimate of gravel and gather other information for the next council meeting. Committee Member John Campbell made a motion to move this item to the next council meeting. Committee Member Richard Baker seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

6. Discussion of the water tower: Discussion was held. Committee Member John Campbell made a motion to move this item to the next city council meeting for the city council's approval of project 2-Highway 115 North & Carneal Lane Extension and Tank S. of I-24 in the \$6,575,000.00. Committee Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 61.810

Enter into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(g) Discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business:

Committee Member John Campbell made a motion to enter into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(g) Discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business. Committee Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed. Committee Member Jean Leavell made a motion to enter into open session. Committee Member John Campbell seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed. Chairperson Isaiah Spencer stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session. Committee Member John Campbell made a motion to move the extension of the water line from Mandarin Drive to city council. Committee Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor. Director Ahart stated the water line extension would be from Mandarin Drive to 911. Committee Member John Campbell made a motion to amend his motion to move the extension of the water line from Mandarin Drive to 911 to the city council. Committee Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

Committee Member John Campbell made a motion to enter into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(c) to discuss pending litigation of the city. Chairperson Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed. Committee Member Jean Leavell made a motion to enter into open session. Committee Member John Campbell seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed. Chairperson Isaiah Spencer stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session. Committee Member Richard Baker made a motion to authorize City Attorney Lee Wilson to extend an offer of settlement as discussed in the Executive Session regarding the Mace case. Committee Member John Campbell seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Member John Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Jean Leavell 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 approximately 8:00 pm.

APPROVED:

Isaiah Spencer, Chairperson

DATE

ATTEST:

Lorelynn Fisher, CMC, City Clerk

DATE