



Tuesday, May 7, 2024
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers

The Oak Grove City Council met on May 7, 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: Mayor Jacqueline Oliver, Council Member Jean Leavell, Council Member Richard Baker, Council Member John Campbell, Council Member Janet Edwards, and Council Member Isaiah Spencer. Council Member Edward Cook 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, Community Center Director Melissa Lynch, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. There were approximately five individuals present at the meeting.

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

Council Member Isaiah Spencer led those present in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

Andy Walters spoke before the city council regarding the youth program. He believes a committee for land acquisition and a committee for legalities should be created with three people on each committee which will help aid in the creation of youth programs for Oak Grove. He has an upcoming meeting with important people and will update the city council with more information at a later date.

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Jacqueline Oliver asked the city council to make a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 16, 2024. Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes. 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.

REPORT OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

Public Works Director Brian Ahart updated the city council on the road paving, and water loss (currently less than 10%).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2024-04 Authorizing the funding application for USDA Rural Development, Delta Regional

Authority for the water line extension project: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the resolution. City Attorney Lee Wilson read the resolution aloud. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to accept the resolution. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. Discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

2. Approval of local counsel-Lee Wilson for the USDA Rural Development Grant: Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to approve Lee Wilson as legal counsel for the USDA grant. 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.

3. Approval of bond counsel-Rubin & Hays for the USDA Rural Development Grant: Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to approve Rubin & Hays for the bond counsel for the USDA grant. 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.

4. Ordinance No. 2024-XX An ordinance of the city of Oak Grove, Kentucky for the regulation of the Oak Grove Community Center first reading: Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to send this ordinance to the Committee of the Whole. Council Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. Discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

5. Ordinance No. 2024-XX An ordinance of the city of Oak Grove, Kentucky repealing ordinance 2019-06 relating to the regulations of the Oak Grove Community Center-First reading: Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to send this ordinance to the Committee of the Whole. 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.

6. Ordinance No. 2024-XX Oak Grove Zoning Ordinance-Solar Amendment-First reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read this ordinance. City Attorney Lee Wilson read this ordinance (by title and summary with a full copy of this ordinance at Oak Grove City Hall during regular business hours) aloud. Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to accept the ordinance. Council Member Janet Edwards seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A roll call vote was as follows: Council Member John Campbell-yes; Council Member Janet Edwards-yes; Council Member Jean Leavell-yes; Council Member Isaiah Spencer-yes; Council Member Richard Baker-yes; and Council Member Edward was absent; the motion passed.

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Isaiah Spencer spoke about the farmer's market being held on May 18, 2024.

Council Member Janet Edwards spoke about a Facebook post regarding money allegedly missing from the Oak Grove Community in the amount of \$13,000.00. Council Member Janet Edwards asked Finance Director Bobbie Crawford if money was missing from the center. Crawford stated that no money was missing from the center as the center does not collect money. More discussion was held.

Council Member Janet Edwards asked Mayor Oliver for an update on the outside audit. Mayor Oliver responded that she is having a hard time finding a company that will conduct the audit. She also had City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher reach out to other clerks and ask if they use an audit company, to which Fisher has not received any response.

Council Member Richard Baker inquired about the road condition on Carneal Lane.

Council Member Jean Leavell spoke about another road area on Carneal Lane that was terrible.

The council would like a Park Committee, Economic Development Committee, and Steering Committee meeting to be scheduled.

