



**Tuesday, June 18, 2024**  
**Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Oak Grove Council Chambers**

The Oak Grove City Council met on June 18, 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, Council Member Edward Cook, and Council Member Isaiah Spencer. Also present for the meeting were City Attorney Lee Wilson, Assistant Police Chief Victor Lynch, Public Works Director Brian Ahart, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. There were approximately four 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**

Joseph Below spoke before the city council regarding the parking and storage ordinance, regulations of the community center ordinance, and the water system project and potential council conflicts.

**ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE**

Council Member Jean Leavell, Council Member Richard Baker, Council Member John Campbell, Council Member Janet Edwards, Council Member Edward Cook, and Council Member Isaiah Spencer were present for the meeting constituting a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Jacqueline Oliver asked the city council to make a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 4, 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 gave an update on the status of Good Hope Cemetery Rd informing the council that the sinkhole repair will be started soon.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION KRS 61.810**

1. 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-Discussion between the city council and Bill Mace: Council Member Janet Edwards 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 concerning a specific proposal. 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 John Campbell made a motion to return to the open session. Council Member Richard Baker seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Council Member John Campbell made a motion to allow Lee Wilson to draft an agreement between the City of Oak Grove and Bill Mace for a water line extension from Carter Road to Grant Avenue. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor except for Council Member Jean Leavell who abstained.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance 2024-XX An ordinance repealing ordinance 2002-03 regulating the storage and parking of trailers and commercial vehicles-Second reading: Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to send this ordinance back to the Committee of the Whole. Council Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Council Member John Campbell recused himself. City Attorney Lee Wilson and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher explained to the city council that this ordinance is a duplicate of language that is already written in Ordinance 2021-11. If the city council wants to make changes they would need to do so with the 2021-11 ordinance, not this one. Council Member Janet Edwards withdrew her previous motion. Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance. City Attorney Lee Wilson read said ordinance aloud. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to accept the ordinance. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. No discussion was held. The roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Leavell, Spencer, Edwards, Baker, and Cook voted in favor. Council Member John Campbell recused himself; the motion passed.

Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to move ordinance 2021-11 to a Committee of the Whole Meeting on June 27th. Council Member Richard Baker seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

2. Ordinance 2024-XX An ordinance amending the annual budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of the city government and the water enterprise (close out)-Second reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance. City Attorney Lee Wilson read said ordinance aloud. Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to accept. Council Member Janet Edwards seconded the motion. No discussion was held. The roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Cook, Leavell, Campbell, Baker, Spencer, and Edwards voted in favor. No members voted against it; the motion passed.

3. Ordinance 2023-XX An ordinance adopting the City of Oak Grove's annual budget for fiscal year July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of the city government and the water enterprise- Second reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance. City Attorney Lee Wilson read said

ordinance aloud. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to accept. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. Discussion was held. The roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Baker, Spencer, Leavell, and Cook voted in favor. Council Member John Campbell abstained, and Council Member Edwards voted against; the motion passed.

4. Ordinance 2024-XX An ordinance establishing a classification and compensation plan for city employees-Second reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance. City Attorney Lee Wilson read said ordinance aloud. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to accept. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. No discussion was held. The roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Spencer, Cook, and Campbell were in favor. Council Members Baker, Edwards, and Leavell were against, resulting in a tie. City Attorney Lee Wilson advised that the motion failed.

5. Ordinance 2024-XX An ordinance repealing ordinance 2023-09 establishing a classification and compensation plan for city employees-Second reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance. City Attorney Lee Wilson read said ordinance aloud. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to accept. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. No discussion was held. The roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Spencer, Baker, Edwards, Leavell, and Cook voted against it. Council Member John Campbell abstained, and the motion failed.

6. Community Center Surplus-City Council to determine item prices for auction and approve the surplus list: City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher stated that at the previous meeting, no official vote was taken. She apologized for the mistake. Council Member John Campbell made a motion to declare items as surplus property to be sold via electronic auction at amounts that meet or exceed the provided inventory of values as presented. 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.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approval of Jacob Smith as a regular member of the Oak Grove Ethics Board-city council approval: Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to approve Jacob Smith as a regular member of the Oak Grove Ethics Board. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

2. Proclamation declaring June 19, 2024, as Juneteenth Day in Oak Grove: Council Member Janet Edwards asked Mayor Oliver to read the proclamation. Mayor Oliver read said proclamation aloud.

3. Ordinance 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 August Committee of the Whole meeting. Council Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. Discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

4. Ordinance 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 August Committee of the Whole meeting. Council Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. Discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION KRS 61.810**

1. Enter Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) Discussion or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee, member, or student without restricting that employee's, member's, or student's right to a public hearing if requested. This exception shall not be interpreted to permit discussion of general personnel matters in secret- The city council to discuss/review resumes and meet potential candidates for hiring: Council Member John Campbell made a motion to enter

into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(f) discussion or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee, member, or student without restricting that employee's, member's, or student's right to a public hearing if requested. Council Member Janet Edwards seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to return to open session. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members present in favor; the motion passed.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

**LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council Member Janet Edwards spoke regarding the funding for the Human Rights Commission. She believes the city can use ARPA funds. Council Member John Campbell made a motion to send this to the August Committee of the Whole 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. Council Member Janet Edwards also spoke about the neighborhood watch program.

Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Edward Cook seconded the motion. Council Member Isaiah Spencer withdrew his motion.

Council Member Richard Baker and the city council spoke about communication/social media matters, the speed limit sign for Walter Garrett, and the farmer's market.

Council Member John Campbell left the city council meeting at 8:13 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for July 2, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:18 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Jacqueline Oliver, Mayor  
City of Oak Grove

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**ATTEST:**

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Lorelynn Fisher  
City Clerk  
City of Oak Grove

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DATE