



Tuesday, July 2, 2024
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers

The Oak Grove City Council convened on July 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The session took place at the Oak Grove Council Chambers, situated at 8505 Pembroke Oak Grove Road, Oak Grove, Kentucky. In attendance were Mayor Jacqueline Oliver, along with Council Members Jean Leavell, Richard Baker, John Campbell, Janet Edwards, Edward Cook, and Isaiah Spencer. Also present were City Attorney Lee Wilson, Police Chief Dennis Cunningham, Public Works Director Brian Ahart, Interim Finance Director Matt Egbert, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. Approximately twelve individuals attended the meeting.

The meeting was officially convened by Mayor Jacqueline Oliver at 6:00 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

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

OPEN FORUM

David Ercolino addressed the city council concerning the cost of living adjustment (COLA), seeking clarification on the recent vote where three council members opposed and three supported the ordinance affecting the COLA.

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Jacqueline Oliver requested the city council to move for the approval of the minutes from the June 18, 2024, meeting. Council Member Isaiah Spencer initiated the motion, which was seconded by Council Member John Campbell. With no discussion, a voice vote was conducted, and all present members voted in favor. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation/Approval of the 2024 Employee Handbook- Chris Johnson with Kentucky League of Cities: Johnson provided the city council with a general overview of the handbook's purpose, including employee retention, compliance with state laws, and ensuring the city has efficient policies. No formal action was taken.

REPORT OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

1. Public Works Director Brian Ahart-KIA grant funds and water tower update: Ahart presented the city council with several bids for a boring machine. After reviewing the quotes, Council Member Janet Edwards moved to select USA Bluebook as the vendor for the purchase. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. Without any discussion, a voice vote was held, and all present members voted in favor. The motion was approved. Ahart also requested the council's authorization to publish bids for a Vac Trailer, which will be acquired using funds from the KIA grant. Council Member Janet Edwards motioned that a bid be solicited for the Vac Trailer, which was seconded by Council Member John Campbell. There was no discussion. A voice vote was conducted, and with all members present voting in favor, the motion was approved. Lastly, Ahart informed the council of the boring results he received for the property by the shell station.

Mayor Oliver introduced Matt Egbert as the Interim Finance Director. Egbert then introduced himself to the city council and addressed several questions they had.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 2024-XX An ordinance establishing a classification and compensation plan for the city employees-Second reading: Council Member Janet Edwards requested City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance aloud. Wilson proceeded to read the ordinance. Council Member Isaiah Spencer motioned to accept the ordinance, which was seconded by Council Member Edward Cook. Discussion was held. A roll call vote followed: Council Members Cook, Campbell, Baker, Leavell, and Spencer voted in favor, while Council Member Janet Edwards voted against. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Ordinance 2024-XX An ordinance amending the zoning maps of the City of Oak Grove-Mosley property-First reading: Council Member Jean Leavell recused herself from voting on this item. Council Member Janet Edwards requested City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance aloud. Wilson proceeded to read the ordinance. Council Member Isaiah Spencer motioned to accept the ordinance, which was seconded by Council Member Edward Cook. Discussion was held. A roll call vote followed: Council Members Campbell, Edwards, Spencer, Baker, and Cook voted in favor, Council Member Leavell did not vote, and no members voted against. The motion was approved.

3. Oak Grove Fire Department Surplus Property Disposition-City Council approval: Council Member Jean Leavell motioned to declare the items presented as surplus property, which was seconded by Council Member John Campbell. No discussion was held. A voice vote was conducted, and with all members present voting in favor, the motion was approved.

4. Sample ordinances relating to Cannabis-City Council review: Discussion was held. Council Member John Campbell motioned to send this item to the Committee of the Whole meeting in August, which was seconded by Council Member Edward Cook. No further discussion was held. A voice vote was conducted, and with all members present voting in favor, the motion was approved.

Mayor Oliver read Executive Order 2024-04, which pertains to the closure of City Hall in observance of the July 4, 2024, holiday.

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Richard Baker inquired about the next city-wide cleanup, to which Mayor Oliver responded, "In September."

