



Tuesday, August 6, 2024
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers

The Oak Grove City Council convened on August 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The session took place at the Oak Grove Council Chambers, located 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, Assistant Police Chief Victor Lynch, Public Works Director Brian Ahart, Interim Finance Director Matt Egbert, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. There were approximately twenty individuals in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

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

OPEN FORUM

- Breana Cash recognized Community Center Director Melissa Lynch for her dedication and spoke on social media and city employees.
- Theresa Jarvis discussed Hugh Hunter Rd, city audits, and requested a review of the zoning ordinance for recreational vehicles.
- Joseph Belew addressed HWEA fees and matters related to the previous administration.

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 approval of the minutes from the July 16, 2024, meeting. Council Member John Campbell moved to approve, and Council Member Jean Leavell seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

- **Public Works Director Brian Ahart** updated the council on water loss, the waterline/water tower project, and Good Hope Cemetery Rd.
- **Interim Finance Director Matt Egbert** updated the council on the status of a quote for new software, and city audits.
- **Community Center Director Melissa Lynch** reported on upcoming events at the Community Center.
- **Assistant Police Chief Victor Lynch** updated the council on police department personnel.
- **Fire Chief Bill Johnson** updated the council on equipment and fire department personnel.

Council Member John Campbell recognized City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher for her achievements as an International Master Municipal Clerk and Certified Kentucky Municipal Clerk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Appointment of Matt Egbert as Finance Director:** Council Member Janet Edwards moved to add this item to the August 20, 2024, meeting, and Council Member John Campbell seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Municipal Road Aid:** Current balance is \$778,940.77. Resident Theresa Jarvis suggested using these funds for a walking trail on Hugh Hunter Rd. No other input was provided.
- **2024 Solid Waste Request for Proposal Bids: Evaluation by the City Council:** The city received bids from the following companies: Stinky Pinky Trash and Septic, Impact Waste Service LLC, Waste Connections, and GFL Environmental. City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher read the bid proposal sheet of each company aloud. The council asked each company various questions. Council Member John Campbell moved to change the Special Committee of the Whole meeting on August 15, 2024, to a Special City Council Meeting and to move the bid proposals to this meeting. Council Member Janet Edwards seconded both motions. A voice vote was conducted for both motions and passed unanimously.
- **2024 Water Meters Request for Proposal:** Council Member Janet Edwards moved to approve the solicitation of the bid proposal, and Council Member Edward Cook seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

- **2024-XX Ordinance: Repealing Ordinance 2023-09, Establishing a Classification and Compensation Plan for City Employees:** City Attorney Lee Wilson read the ordinance. Council Member Janet Edwards moved to accept the ordinance, and Council Member John Campbell seconded. A roll call vote was conducted with members Baker, Campbell, Cook, Edwards, Leavell, and Spencer all voting in favor and no members voting against; allowing the motion to pass.
- **2024-XX Ordinance: Permitting Cannabis Business Operations in Oak Grove:** City Attorney Lee Wilson read the ordinance. Council Member Janet Edwards moved to accept the ordinance, and Council Member John Campbell seconded. A roll call vote was conducted with members Baker, Spencer, Leavell, Edwards, Cook, and Campbell all voting in favor and no members voting against; allowing the motion to pass.
- **Discussion of ARPA funds:** The council reviewed various projects and decided to wait for a quote on new software. This item will be moved to the Special City Council Meeting on August 15, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

- **Ordinance 2012-06: An Ordinance Establishing Regulations for Solicitation and Establishing Penalties for Violations Thereof-Sponsored by Council Member Baker:** Council Member Baker discussed issues related to panhandling in the city, noting that the Police Department is responsible for enforcing the ordinance. He requested that the ordinance be added to the agenda for the Special City Council Meeting on August 15, 2024, when the Police Chief will have returned from his conference.
- Council Member Janet Edwards recognized the following city employees for their outstanding work and dedication to the city: Melissa Otero, Felicia Lamar, Ariane White, Kinsasha Burgess, Clint Anderson, Jeff Davis, Martavian Adams, David Flores, Rick Rindfleisch, Brandy Moore, Todd Siler, David Ercolino, Dustin Pendleton, Bobby Fowler.
- Council Member John Campbell recognized Director Brian Ahart, Assistant Director Clint Anderson, and the Water Department for their dedicated efforts in addressing the city's water loss. The water loss has seen a significant reduction in recent months.
- Council Member Janet Edwards informed the council and audience about the Police Department's hiring process, describing it as highly prestigious. She expressed her renewed confidence in the department and its procedures, emphasizing her belief that the Chief is a man of integrity who would never compromise his honor.
- Council Member Janet Edwards addressed the complaints she received, urging anyone who has voiced concerns to bring their issues to the Oak Grove Ethics Board. Council Member Janet Edwards moved that the city council hire its own attorney to provide guidance on resolving potential conflicts between the Executive and Legislative branches, and Council Member Jean Leavell seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed with all members present voting in favor except Council Member Isaiah Spencer, who voted against it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 61.810

- Enter 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 concerning a specific proposal: Council Member John Campbell moved to enter 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 concerning a specific proposal, and Council Member Janet Edwards seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Council Member Janet Edwards moved to enter back into open session, and Council Member John Campbell seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously. No action was taken during the Executive Session.
- Council Member John Campbell moved to enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(f) Discussion or hearing 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, and Council Member Janet Edwards seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to enter back into open session, and Council Member Janet Edwards seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A special meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2024.
- The next regular meeting is set for August 20, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Edward Cook moved to adjourn the meeting, and Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded. Council Member Edward Cook provided a brief update to the council regarding the old Cat West building, noting that the new business moving in is currently in the design phase. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:42 p.m.

APPROVED:

_____/s/_____
Jacqueline Oliver, Mayor
City of Oak Grove

____08.16.24_____
DATE

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
Lorelynn Fisher, MMC, CKMC
City Clerk
City of Oak Grove

____08.16.24_____
DATE

***The minutes were approved during the Special City Council Meeting on August 15, 2024. The original signed document is available at City Hall.**