



Tuesday, August 20, 2024
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers

The Oak Grove City Council convened on August 20, 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 was Mayor Jacqueline Oliver, along with Council Members Jean Leavell, Richard Baker, John Campbell, Janet Edwards, 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, Community Center Director Melissa Lynch, and Admin Asst Princilla Spencer. 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

- Christine Elledge addressed the council members regarding using their microphones.

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Jacqueline Oliver requested the approval of the minutes from the August 19, 2024, meeting. Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve, and Council Member John Campbell seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

- **Assistant Police Chief Victor Lynch** introduced 2 new police officers Fair and Torres. Updated the council regarding animal control, police escorts, and traffic stops.

- **Public Works Director Brian Ahart** updated the council on easements for the Carter Road grant, water line extension with Mr. Mace, water meter request corrected, and ARPA fund for replacement meters.
- **Interim Finance Director Matt Egbert** updated the council on the 2023 city audit, coordinating with the PADD office to get property tax bills completed is the next priority. Follow up with Brian Knowle regarding the playground grants. The status of a quote for new software.
- **Community Center Director Melissa Lynch** reported past and upcoming events at the Community Center. She also mentioned 2 Elementary Schools Pembroke and South Christian providing a program for students to receive free haircuts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Appointment of Matt Egbert as Finance Director:** Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to appoint Matt Egbert as the Finance Director for the City of Oak Grove and Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded. A roll call vote was conducted, Richard Baker, Isaiah Spencer, Jean Leavell, Janet Edwards, and John Campbell voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously. Edward Cook was absent.
- **2024-XX Ordinance: Repealing Ordinance 2023-09, Establishing a Classification and Compensation Plan for City Employees-Second and final reading.** Mr. Wilson read the ordinance. Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to accept Ordinance 2024-XX repealing Ordinance 2023-09 and Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, Richard Baker, Isaiah Spencer, Jean Leavell, Janet Edwards, and John Campbell; voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously. Edward Cook was absent.
- **Accept Ordinance 2024-XX Permitting Cannabis-Second and final reading,** Mr. Wilson read the Ordinance. Council Member John Campbell made a motion to accept Ordinance 2024-XX permitting cannabis, Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded. A roll call vote was conducted. Richard Baker, Isaiah Spencer, Jean Leavell, Janet Edwards, and John Campbell voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously. Edward Cook was absent. There was some discussion. The City Attorney did explain what this ordinance encompasses.
- **Waterline Extension-Memorandum of Agreement-Bill Mace** - No action was taken. Mr. Mace was in Florida.
- **Discussion on the Solid Waste Franchise** – Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to rescind the action awarding the bid from the prior meeting. Council Member John Campbell seconded. Motion was withdrawn with no official action being taken.

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 Isaiah Spencer 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.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2024 Water Meters Request for Proposal** - Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve the request for proposal for bidding, and Council Member John Campbell seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Human Rights Commission-Budget Inquiry** - Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to create a line item for donations with an amount of \$10,000. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously. Council Member John Campbell abstained from the vote.

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

Discussed the flags on 41-A. Mr. Joe Belew volunteered to have the flags hung and Mayor Oliver volunteered to check on patriotic bunting as opposed to flags.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member John Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting, and Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

PREPARED BY:

_____/s/_____
Princilla Spencer
Admin Asst.

APPROVED:

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

____09.04.24_____
DATE

ATTEST:

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

____09.04.24_____
DATE

***The minutes were approved during the Regular City Council Meeting on September 3, 2024.
The original signed document is available at City Hall.**