



Tuesday, October 1, 2024
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers

The Oak Grove City Council convened on October 1, 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. Mayor Jacqueline Oliver, along with Council Members Jean Leavell, Richard Baker, John Campbell, Edward Cook, and Isaiah Spencer, were in attendance. Also present were City Attorney Lee Wilson, Police Chief Dennis Cunningham, Finance Director Matt Egbert, Community Center Director Melissa Lynch, Public Works Director Brian Ahart, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. There were approximately eight individuals present.

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

- Janice Baker addressed the council members regarding the Community Center sign, stating the sign is great, but there seems to be a bright light issue at night.
- Christine Kuba addressed the council members regarding sidewalks and grants.
- Yvonne Castleberry addressed the council members regarding youth programs and traffic concerns at Wades Way Park during games.

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Jacqueline Oliver requested the minutes from the meeting on September 19, 2024, be approved. 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

- **Community Center Director Melissa Lynch** provided updates on several upcoming events, informed the council on the city's 50th-anniversary celebration turnout, scheduled meet-and-greet sessions with council member candidates, and plans for a Thanksgiving basket fundraiser.
- **Finance Director Matt Egbert** provided the council with an update on the 2023 city audit. He also informed them that property tax bills were issued with an incorrect discount date and reported an upcoming GFL fee increase to customers.
- **Public Works Director Brian Ahart** updated the council on water loss, potential funding for road repairs from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and the ongoing search for a site for the waterline project. Council Member Campbell requested that Ahart explore options for improving the sound system in the council chambers.
- **Police Chief Dennis Cunningham** discussed Police Department Building Grants with the council, noting that the current building is not ideal due to several issues, including traffic, parking, and operational challenges. Cunningham also stated that the city will look into additional officers in the future.
- **Volunteer Fire Chief Bill Johnson** updated the city council on upcoming events, fire calls, and fire personnel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution 2024-05: Resolution of the Legislative Body of the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky approving the Certified City of Ethics proposal:** Mayor Oliver asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read Resolution 2024-05, which Wilson complied with. Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve the resolution, and Council Member John Campbell seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of bid proposal for Cellular Registers and Endpoints for Badger meters from FPG:** Council Member Jean Leavell moved to accept the proposal from FPG, and Council Member John Campbell seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

- **Term Limits – Supported by Council Member Cook:** City Attorney Lee Wilson informed the council about KRS 83A.040 and mentioned that he had only found one city that had enacted an ordinance on term limits. He believes the current statute prevents Oak Grove from implementing term limits. Council Members Leavell, Baker, and Spencer also stated that the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) advised that term limits are not permitted.
- **Playground Equipment Grants-Supported by Council Member Cook:** Finance Director Matt Egbert stated that he provided the council with three grant options for playground

equipment. Council Member Jean Leavell moved to move this agenda topic to the Committee of the Whole meeting, and Council Member John Campbell seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

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N/A

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 was adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jacqueline Oliver, Mayor
City of Oak Grove

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ATTEST:

Lorelynn Fisher, MMC, CKMC
City Clerk
City of Oak Grove

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