



Tuesday, November 19, 2024
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers

The Oak Grove City Council convened on November 19, 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 Janet Edwards, were in attendance. City Attorney Lee Wilson, LT. Richard McCormack, Finance Director Matt Egbert, Public Works Director Brian Ahart, Community Center Director Melissa Lynch, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher were also present. Council Member Isaiah Spencer was absent. There were approximately ten 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

- Andy Walters spoke before the council regarding speed limit issues and safety concerns for children.
- Yvonne Castleberry spoke before the council regarding the Neighborhood Watch program and provided details about an upcoming meeting on November 21, 2024, at 5:30pm.
- Yvonne Castleberry also spoke before the council regarding the youth programs in Oak Grove and potential locations for events.
- Breana Cash spoke before the council regarding the lack of resources in Oak Grove, suggested the possibility of an extension office in Oak Grove, spoke regarding a school in Oak Grove, and spoke about her concerns with the city switching software systems for accounting.
- Patricia Rosas spoke before the council regarding inquiries about rules and regulations for tiny homes in the city. Mayor Oliver advised her that the city ordinance does not permit it, but she is welcome to contact Code Enforcement Officer Sasha Burgess for assistance.

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Jacqueline Oliver requested the minutes from the meeting on November 6, 2024, be approved. Council Member Richard Baker moved to approve, and Council Member John Campbell seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

- **Public Works Director Brian Ahart** provided an update on the contractor's project for the installation of the guardrail on Good Hope, confirming that the agreement has been signed. He mentioned that the city's water loss is approximately 10% and discussed upcoming water tank inspections. Ahart also acknowledged Todd Siler, Dustin Pendleton, and David Ercolino for earning their Water Distribution Operator Level III certification. Additionally, he briefly addressed the speed limit on Highway 115.
- **Community Center Director Melissa Lynch** provided upcoming event dates for December and discussed new programs being introduced at the Community Center, as well as a certification class for AEDs.
- **Finance Director Matt Egbert** updated the council on the ARPA fund deadline, and the audit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

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- Council discussion concerning a specific proposal:** Council Member John Campbell moved to 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- Council discussion concerning a specific proposal and Council Member Janet Edwards seconded. No discussion was held. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Oliver announced that no decisions were made during the Executive Session.

Bill Mace-Contract Agreement: Council Member Jean Leavell moved to approve the mayor to execute the agreement contract between the City of Oak Grove and Billy J. Mace and Council Member John Campbell seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- **Proposed Ordinance 2024-XX: Establishing Regulations for the Oak Grove Community Center (Second reading):** Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read ordinance aloud. Mr. Wilson read a summary of the ordinance aloud. Council Member John Campbell moved to approve the ordinance, and Council Member Edward Cook seconded. Discussion was held. A roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Cook, Campbell, and Baker voted in favor, and Council Members Leavell, and Edwards voted against. The motion passed.
- **Proposed Ordinance 2024-XX Repealing Ordinance 2019-06 (Second reading):** Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read ordinance aloud. Mr. Wilson read a summary of the ordinance aloud. Council Member John Campbell moved to approve the ordinance, and Council Member Edward Cook seconded. No discussion was held. A roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Cook, and Campbell voted in favor, and Council Members Leavell, Edwards, and Baker voted against. The motion failed. The City Attorney stated that, because the motion did not pass, two ordinances will be in effect governing the center, and these ordinances will conflict with one another, requiring resolution of those conflicts. Council Member Edward Cook moved to reconsider and Council Member John Campbell seconded. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Campbell, Edwards, Leavell, Baker, and Cook voted in favor with no members voting against. The motion passed unanimously. The revote for the passing of Ordinance No. 2019-06 was as follows: Council Members Edwards, Cook, Campbell, and Baker voted in favor, and Council Member Leavell voting against. The motion passed **unanimously**.
- **RFP-Accounting Software-Bid acceptance:** Council Member John Campbell moved to have this item placed on the December 3rd council meeting and Council Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. Discussion was held. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Discussion of Airbnb's and Ordinance No. 2009-04-Transient Room Tax:** The council suggests incorporating provisions related to short-term rentals into the room tax ordinance. Tourism Director Traci Cunningham and City Attorney Lee Wilson have discussed this matter extensively. The council has decided to have the attorney draft language based on Georgetown's 2022-08 ordinance and to include this item on the agenda for the December 3rd council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 61.810

- **Enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(c) Discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency:** Council Member John Campbell moved to enter into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(c) Discussions of proposed

or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency and Council Member Edward Cook seconded. No discussion was held. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously. Council Member Janet Edwards moved to return to open session and Council Member John Campbell seconded. No discussion was held. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Oliver announced that no decisions were made during the Executive Session.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- **2024-XX Proposed Ordinance Establishing a Sewer and Water Ordinance for Oak Grove:** Council Member John Campbell moved to have this item of business placed on the December 17th council meeting and Council Member Janet Edwards seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **2024-XX Proposed Ordinance Repealing Ordinances 1985-6; 1985-8; 1985-9; 1993-3; 1993-8; 1993-16; 1993-20; 1994-12; 1995-14; 2001-07; 2002-20; 2003-01; 2005-05; 2006-07; 2007-02; 2007-08; 2007-14; 2007-17; 2008-04; 2008-07; 2008-17; 2010-03; 2015-02; 2020-07; 2022-04; 2023-02:** Council Member John Campbell moved to have this item of business placed on the December 17th council meeting and Council Member Janet Edwards seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member John Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting, and Council Member Janet Edwards seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

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

____12.4.24_____
DATE

ATTEST:

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

____12.4.24_____
DATE

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