



Tuesday, December 3, 2024
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers

The Oak Grove City Council convened on December 3, 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, Isaiah Spencer, and Janet Edwards, were in attendance. City Attorney Lee Wilson, Police Chief Dennis Cunningham, Finance Director Matt Egbert, Public Works Director Brian Ahart, Community Center Director Melissa Lynch, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher were also present. There were approximately five individuals present.

CALL TO ORDER

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

Council Member Isaiah Spencer led those in attendance in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

No participation

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Council Members Jean Leavell, Richard Baker, John Campbell, Edward Cook, Isaiah Spencer, and Janet Edwards were in attendance, constituting a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Jacqueline Oliver requested the minutes from the meeting on November 19, 2024, be approved. Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve, and Council Member John Campbell seconded. Council Member Janet Edwards requested that the word "unanimously" be removed from the item regarding the repeal of Ordinance 2019-06 on page 3 of the minutes. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

- **Community Center Director Melissa Lynch** provided information about upcoming events at the Oak Grove Community Center for December.

- **Public Works Director Brian Ahart** discussed the water tower inspections, cellular meter changeouts, the guardrail on Good Hope Cemetery Road, equipment for winter weather, and the contract with Bill Mace.
- **Finance Director Matt Egbert** gave an update to the council on the audit.
- **Fire Chief Bill Johnson** provided information on calls for service, the personnel roster count, certifications, and equipment status.
- **Police Chief Dennis Cunningham** reported on police activity, the academy, interviews for hiring, efforts to attract police officers, and equipment status.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **RFP Accounting Software-Bid Acceptance:** Council Member John Campbell moved to table this until the December 17, 2024, council meeting and Council Member Janet Edwards seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Appointment of Rebecca McCoy as a regular member to the Code Enforcement and Nuisance Board for a three-year term:** Council Member Jean Leavell moved to approve the appointment and Council Member John Campbell seconded. Discussion was held. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Appointment of Andy Walters to the Board of Zoning Adjustment as a regular member for a four-year term:** Council Member Jean Leavell moved to approve the appointment and Council Member John Campbell seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **2024-XX Proposed Ordinance Relating to the Collection of a Three Percent Transient Room Tax to Provide Funds for the City of Oak Grove Recreational, Tourist, and Convention Commission and an Additional One Percent to Fund the Operation and Maintenance of a Convention/Multipurpose Events Center (First Reading):** Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance. Mr. Wilson read a summary of the ordinance aloud. Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve the ordinance and Council Member John Campbell seconded. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Cook, Baker, Campbell, Leavell, Spencer, and Edwards voted in favor, with no votes against. The motion passed unanimously.
- **2024-XX Proposed Ordinance Repealing Ordinances 1986-4; 1996-4; 2002-01; 2007-04; 2007-15; 2009-04; 2013-06 Relating to Transient Room Tax (First Reading):** Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance. Mr. Wilson read a summary of the ordinance aloud. Council Member John Campbell moved to approve the ordinance and Council Member Richard Baker seconded. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Baker, Spencer, Leavell, Edwards, Cook, and Campbell voted in favor, with no votes against. The motion passed unanimously.
- **2024-XX Proposed Ordinance Establishing a Classification and Compensation Plan for City Employees (First Reading):** Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance. Mr. Wilson read a summary of the

ordinance aloud. Council Member Janet Edwards moved to accept the ordinance and Council Member John Campbell seconded. Discussion was held. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Edwards, Campbell, Cook, Baker, Spencer, and Leavell voted in favor, with no votes against. The motion passed unanimously.

- **2024-XX Proposed Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2024-08 Establishing a Classification and Compensation Plan for City Employees (First Reading)**: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance. Mr. Wilson read a summary of the ordinance aloud. Council Member John Campbell moved to approve the ordinance and Council Member Jean Leavell seconded. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Spencer, Baker, Leavell, Edwards, Cook, and Campbell voted in favor, with no votes against. The motion passed unanimously.
- **2024-XX Proposed Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2021-13 Establishing a Code Enforcement and Nuisance Board (First Reading)**: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance. Mr. Wilson read a summary of the ordinance aloud. Council Member Jean Leavell moved to approve the ordinance and Council Member John Campbell seconded. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Leavell, Campbell, Cook, Baker, Spencer, and Edwards voted in favor, with no votes against. The motion passed unanimously.
- **2024-XX Proposed Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2021-11 Providing New Zoning Regulations for Cannabis Businesses in the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky (First Reading)**: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance. Mr. Wilson read a summary of the ordinance aloud. Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve the ordinance and Council Member John Campbell seconded. Discussion was held. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Leavell, Campbell, Cook, Baker, Spencer, and Edwards voted in favor, with no votes against. The motion passed unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

- **Discussion on the location of future tornado/emergency shelter-Council Member Cook**: The council discussed the preference for the shelter to be located on the 20-acre parcel the city recently purchased. Mayor Oliver mentioned she would contact Randy Graham for additional information about the shelter, and the council directed Director Ahart to coordinate with the county.
- **New ideas for attracting of police officers-Council Member Cook**: This topic was addressed during Chief Cunningham's report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 61.810

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 7:17 p.m.

APPROVED:

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

____12.18.24_____
DATE

ATTEST:

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

____12.18.24_____
DATE

***The minutes were approved during a Regular City Council Meeting on December 17, 2024. The original signed document is available at City Hall.**