



Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers

The Oak Grove City Council convened on March 4, 2025, 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, and Edward Cook, were in attendance. City Attorney Lee Wilson, Police Chief Dennis Cunningham, Community Center Director Melissa Lynch, Public Works Director Brian Ahart, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher were also present. There were approximately seven individuals present including special guest Randy Graham with Christian County Emergency Management. Council Members Isaiah Spencer and Janet Edwards were absent.

CALL TO ORDER

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

Council Member Richard Baker led those in attendance in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Oliver announced that the city collected 12.99 tons of trash during the city wide clean up.

OPEN FORUM

Breana Cash addressed the mayor and city council, updating them on the neighborhood watch, discussing the alleged missing funds from city hall, and urging the council to develop a plan of action for accountability.

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Jacqueline Oliver requested the minutes from the meeting on February 20, 2025, be approved. Council Member Jean Leavell moved to approve, with Council Member Richard Baker seconding the motion. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed.

Mayor Oliver requested Randy Graham from Christian County Emergency Management to provide an update on the recent flooding. Graham shared that he visited Oak Grove to assess the damage caused by the flooding. He identified several streets that were severely impacted by water. Unfortunately, he noted that Christian County did not meet the criteria for assistance. There was also a conversation about contacting a private property owner to explore the possibility of hiring an engineer to evaluate a retention pond, potentially helping to reduce future flooding issues during severe weather events.

REPORT OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

- Mayor Oliver informed the council that Finance Director Matt Egbert provided an update, which included the following: the Audit RFP is awaiting discussion at the COW meeting on 3/6/2025, the Tyler software implementation is progressing as planned, the Current Year/Next Year Budget Meetings are set for later this month (be on the lookout for an email from the Finance Director), ARPA documents are being prepared for the annual reporting period that began on March 1, 2025, a site visit to Wade's Way Park is scheduled for later this month, and the estimated construction period is 5 days once it begins.
- Public Works Director Brian Ahart updated the city council on several topics, including the Regional Transportation and MPO meetings. He noted that due to the arrival of Buc-ee's, the stretch of Highway 115 from the bridge to the traffic light has been prioritized for widening. Ahart also discussed the possibility of designating Hugh Hunter Road as a Minor Arterial Highway, which would enable more state funding. He acknowledged the efforts of the water employees in addressing water loss and also mentioned other roads that are in need of repairs.
- Community Center Director Melissa Lynch provided the city council with updates on various topics, including a brief overview of the Community Center Rentals and programs. These programs included the Craft Fair, Feeding America, Be Smoke Free, Colon Luncheon, VLA, 50 Plus, and March Madness.
- Police Chief Dennis Cunningham provided the city council with the Police and Animal Control Activity Summary, which he obtained from the CAD system for greater accuracy. Cunningham reported that the Police Department received a total of 1,264 calls for service, while Animal Control received 688 calls for service. He also updated the city council on the Flock system and the positive impact it has comprised for the PD and city.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **2025-XX Proposed Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2012-16 (Second reading):** Council Member Jean Leavell requested City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance. Wilson then read a summary of the ordinance aloud. Council Member Jean Leavell moved to approve the ordinance, with Council Member Richard Baker seconding the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Cook, Campbell, Baker and Leavell voted in favor; Council Members Isaiah Spencer and Janet Edwards were absent. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- N/A

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

- **Discussion on a part-time Animal Control Officer-Sponsored by Council Member Cook:** Cook suggested that the city considers hiring a part-time Animal Control officer to cover after-hours shifts or when the current officer is on vacation or unavailable. Council Member Edward Cook moved to send this item to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting, and Council Member Jean Leavell seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed.
- **Discussion of Stormwater and Flooding-Sponsored by Council Member Campbell:** This topic was discussed earlier in the meeting with Randy Graham. Campbell shared his thoughts on how Mayor Oliver/City of Oak Grove handled the flood situation.

Mayor Oliver presented a proposed plan from McGhee Pest Control for managing mosquitoes to the city council. The council requested that Mayor Oliver contact the health department to inquire about their approach to mosquito control.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 61.810

- N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jean Leavell moved to adjourn the meeting, with Council Member John Campbell seconding the motion. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:54 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jacqueline Oliver, Mayor
City of Oak Grove

DATE

ATTEST:

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

DATE