



**Thursday, May 1 2025
Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers**

The Oak Grove Committee of the Whole convened in regular session on May 1, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Oak Grove City Council Chambers at 8505 Pembroke Oak Grove Rd., Oak Grove, Kentucky. In attendance were Chairperson/Committee Member Richard Baker; Committee Members, Janet Edwards, John Campbell, Isaiah Spencer, and Edward Cook; City Attorney Lee Wilson; Police Chief Dennis Cunningham; City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher; and approximately five other attendees. Special guest included Tom Britton with CDS, Alex Henry with TTL Engineering, and Randy Graham with Christin County Emergency Management. Committee Member Jean Leavell was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

- Chairperson/Committee Member Richard Baker called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

- Chairperson/Committee Member Richard Baker; Committee Members, Janet Edwards, John Campbell, Isaiah Spencer, and Edward Cook, were in attendance, constituting a quorum. Committee Member Jean Leavell was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Committee Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve the March 6, 2025, minutes, with Committee Member John Campbell seconding the motion. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed.

AGENDA

- **Development Discussion:** Alex from TTL provided insights into the city's 100-year storm design plan, noting that the city recently experienced two such storm events within a matter of months. He also pointed out that the most recent FEMA mapping of the city was completed in 2008. Mr. Graham discussed funding for mitigation efforts and for a study, and he mentioned both short- and long-term solutions in response to the flooding event. The Echo Ridge development was reviewed with input from both the engineer and Britton from CDS, who reiterated that there should be no development issues, provided the developer adheres to all city ordinances, including those governing stormwater management and floodplain regulations.

- **Emergency Operations Plan:** The committee acknowledged that although the plan was well-designed, it was not effectively implemented during the recent flooding event. Randy Graham provided an overview of the county's response, noting that a county-wide plan is in place, but most cities do not have individual emergency plans. The committee agreed to review both the county and city plans at the Committee of the Whole (C.O.W.) meeting on June 5, 2025. It was also noted that individuals affected by the flooding should apply for FEMA assistance. Those who were previously denied are encouraged to reapply. Additionally, the deadline to apply for Red Cross assistance is May 17, 2025.
- **City-Wide Clean Up:** Committee Member Janet Edwards inquired about who would be responsible for cleanup following the flooding. Mr. Graham responded, noting that he had spoken with the mayor and representatives from GFL, the waste management company. He added that the cleanup efforts and the equipment used are eligible for FEMA reimbursement. He emphasized that the cleanup process may take several months and that individuals should carefully document any lost items for personal claims.
- Committee Member Janet Edwards, along with volunteers Breana Cash and Yvonne Castleberry, informed the group that supplies are still available at the community center for those in need. Additionally, Mrs. Cash was able to keep the food truck operating at the center for a few more days. The committee expressed its gratitude to both Cash and Castleberry for generously volunteering their time.

ADJOURNMENT

- Committee Member Janet Edwards moved to adjourn the meeting, with Committee Member John Campbell seconding the motion. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:32 p.m.

APPROVED:

Richard Baker
Chairperson

DATE

ATTEST:

Lorelynn Fisher, MMC, CKMC,
City Clerk

DATE