



**City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 6:00pm
in the City of Oak Grove Council Chambers
8505 Pembroke-Oak Grove Rd., Oak Grove, Kentucky**

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

Pastor Chris Nicholson led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

- Arthur Gates, citizen of Oak Grove, spoke about the Pennyryle Electric text that was sent out to Oak Grove regarding possible lapses of service due to their maintenance schedule. Mr. Arthur Gates asked questions of an abandoned truck in the field on the north side of Pembroke-Oak Grove Rd., diagonal from the Pilot store/gas station/truck stop. Mr. Arthur Gates was given information on both topics.

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Council Member Jean Leavell, Council Member Isaiah Spencer, Council Member Richard Baker, Council Member John Campbell, Council Member Janet Edwards, and Council Member Edward Cook were present. A quorum was established. The attendance also included Major Victor Lynch of the Oak Grove Police Department, City Attorney Lee Wilson and Deputy City Clerk Lisa L Beckman. There were approximately three citizens present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

- Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to approve the June 17, 2025, regular city council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Council Member John Campbell. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken, and all members present voted in favor. The motion passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Public Works Director - Brian Ahart

- Engineers have started working on the waterline upgrade for the new water tower.
- The waterline from Carter Rd. to Grant Avenue has been installed and doing everything it was supposed to do.
- We have submitted some Grants for the waterline and water tower upgrade. In a few months we'll have some information as to where we stand with those Grants and have some good information for everyone.
- A few months ago, Captain D's Restaurant had closed. Mr. Ahart stated that he has reached out to them a couple times to see why they closed, no one has got back with him. We did receive a permit and plans for that building from "Freddie's Steak Burgers Restaurant". That building is being remodeled and Freddie's Steak Burgers Restaurant will be coming in on HWY 41A, so that is good news that that building will be opening back up as a restaurant.
- We are still in the process of completing the Meter change-outs within the city. We're just over one-third of the way through the project, and it's progressing smoothly.
- The percentage of water-loss is at 12% currently. The State average is at 15%.

- Council Member Janet Edwards gave accolades to the Oak Grove Code Enforcement Officer, Brendon Wadland, for a good job responding to her and residents as to questions and concerns. Council Member Janet Edwards stated that the citizens of Oak Grove and herself appreciate it. Public Works Director Brian Ahart stated that he will pass that along to him and that he will appreciate that.
- We put an RFP out for the paving project, and council should have a list of the roads that are going to be paved. The first six are going to be wheeled and re-paved, and the roads in Beel's subdivision is going to be paved on top of what is there. If the roads are already in ill-repair, they will go ahead and make the road ready for re-paving. We advertised for bids, and I also contacted three contractors and only received one back and that was from Roger's Group, LLC. The city has used this company before. The paving monies will be coming from the Municipal Road Fund. Time frame to start maybe a month or so, and the project will take about a week.

MOTION

- **Council member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to accept the paving bid from Rogers Group. The motion was seconded by Council Member John Campbell. There was no further discussion.**
- Discussion on the Resolution 2025-02. We have applied for some extra road money from the Department of Transportation. We listed basically all the roads that were on the list for paving, and a few others. We did get granted \$54,000.00 for the paving of Oak Tree Dr. We will move forward with this and send an RFP out on this once the Mayor signs the authorization to accept these funds

MOTION

- **Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-02. This motion was seconded by Council Member Edward Cook. There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken, and all members present voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Police Department - Major Victor Lynch

- Animal Control Officer Jennifer Mosier was given accolades from Major Victor Lynch as to her performance as our Animal Control Officer. Major Victor Lynch stated that Jennifer is working very hard for the citizens of Oak Grove. Officer Jennifer Mosier had expressed concern regarding animals being left outside without food and water as being a form of abuse and requested that it be mentioned as a reminder to all citizens to feed and water their outside pets, to include providing proper shade.
- Major Victor Lynch stated that Christian County Animal Shelter is at full capacity.
- Major Victor Lynch stated that the "Flock System" reported high traffic levels for the month of July, due to holiday travelers.

Community Center Director - Melissa Lynch

- Director Lynch went over previous events, along with events in detail, that are up and coming to the Community Center.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor Jackie Oliver requested the city council members to make a motion to appoint Jane McKnight to the city of Oak Grove Steering Committee.

MOTION

- **Council Member Isaiah Spencer made a motion to appoint Jane McKnight to the Steering Committee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Janet Edwards. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken, and all members present voted in favor. The motion passed.**

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Janet Edwards – Ordinance- 2022-14

- Council Member Janet Edwards stated that council need to send this ordinance to the subcommittee for review.

MOTION

- **Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to send this ordinance 2022-14 to the Animal Control subcommittee to have this ordinance reviewed. This motion was seconded by Council Member John Campbell. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken, and all members present voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Council Member Janet Edwards – Firework Ordinance- 2011-09 & Ordinance 2019-07.

- Council Member Janet Edwards stated her review of this ordinance, and the changes she would like to see in this Ordinance.

MOTION

- **Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to send Ordinance 2011-09 to the Committee of the Whole meeting for review. This motion was seconded by Council Member John Campbell. Discussion was held. A voice vote was taken, and all members present voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Council Member Edward Cook – Homeless Shelter Discussion

- Council Member Edward Cook opened the discussion regarding a possible Homeless Shelter in the city of Oak Grove. Discussion was held. No official action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 61.810

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION 61.810 • Enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(g) for 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-discussion for a proposed project in Oak Grove.**

MOTION

- **Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(g) to discuss a proposal. Council Member John Campbell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken, and all members present voted in favor. The motion passed.**
- **Council Member John Campbell made a motion to return to regular session. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken, and all members present voted in favor. The motion passed.**
- **Mayor Oliver stated that during Executive session, no decisions were made.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION 61.810

- **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.**

MOTION

- Council Member Jean Leavell made a motion to enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(c) to discuss pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Council Member John Campbell. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken, and all members present voted in favor. The motion passed.
 - Council Member John Campbell made a motion to return to regular session. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken, and all members present voted in favor. The motion passed.
- Mayor Oliver stated that during the Executive Sessions, no decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

- Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconded the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was taken, and all members present voted in favor. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm.

PREPARED BY:

/s/

Lisa Beckman
Deputy City Clerk
City of Oak Grove

APPROVED:

/s/

Jacqueline Oliver, Mayor
City of Oak Grove

08.06.25

DATE

ATTEST:

/s/

Lorelynn Fisher
City Clerk
City of Oak Grove

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*The minutes were approved during a Regular City Council Meeting on August 5, 2025. The original signed document is available at City Hall.

