



Commonwealth of Kentucky
City of Oak Grove



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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Council Chambers – 8505 Pembroke Oak Grove Rd, Oak Grove, KY

CALL TO ORDER

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

- Pastor Nicholson led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

- **Mr. Cobb:** Stated that he was verbally abused by Council Member Cook at an event and requested a formal apology. Mr. Cook addressed licensing matters, then issued an apology, and the two shook hands. Mr. Cobb also spoke about his work at the Community Center, commended Melissa Lynch for her outstanding contributions, and expressed concern that it was unfair she was let go. He requested an explanation for her dismissal.
- **Alvia Littleton:** Addressed the termination of Melissa Lynch, speaking highly of her leadership and the positive impact she made as Director of the Community Center.

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Council Members Present: Jean Leavell, Richard Baker, John Campbell, Isaiah Spencer, Janet Edwards, and Edward Cook.

Quorum: Present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2025 meeting.

Second: Council Member Richard Baker

Vote: Voice vote – Motion passed

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, & COMMITTEES

C.O.W. Chairperson – Richard Baker

- Notified the public of a Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for September 4, 2025 at 5:00p.m.

Mayor Oliver

- Informed the public of the Butterfly Festival at Valor Hall on September 6, 2025.

Council Member John Campbell

- Requested an update on the status of the audio system in the council chambers and the purchase of television for the chambers.
- Announced a Chili Cookoff on November 8, 2025, featuring participation from both the Police and Fire Departments.

Public Works Director Brain Ahart

- **KIA Grant – Water Project:** Requested permission to put out bids for a backhoe and skid steer.

Motion: Council Member Richard Baker moved to solicit bids for backhoe and skid steer

Second: Council Member Edward Cook

Vote: No official vote was conducted

Withdrawal Motion: Council Member Richard Baker

Motion: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved this topic to the C.O.W. Meeting

Second: Council Member Richard Baker

Vote: Voice vote-Motion passed

- Oak Tree Surface Paving-Request for Proposal-Bid Acceptance

Motion: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to accept Roger's Group Bid

Second: Council Member John Campbell

Vote: Voice vote-Motion passed

- **Buc-ee's Update:** Surveying has begun for the tank location. Building plans have been approved and site plans are under review.
- **Waterlines Update:** Surveying is underway for the installation of new lines on Hugh Hunter Road and Highway 115.
- **Water Meters:** The City continues daily installations, with approximately 50% completed; all meters have been acquired.
- **FEMA Meeting:** Discussed reimbursement for City expenditures, with a 60-day submission window. Dumpsters remain eligible for reimbursement for about one more month. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled.
- **Code Enforcement:** Council Member Edwards inquired about code enforcement activity.

Fire Chief Bill Johnson

- Reported 57 calls for service in August. Current roster includes 31 personnel. Announced an Open House scheduled for October 11, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Assistant Police Chief/ Major Victor Lynch

- Reported traffic activity in Oak Grove, including 202 non-injury accidents, 44 accidents with injuries, 1,957 traffic stops, 38 theft reports, and 641 citations issued. Commended officers for their hard work and performance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- Appointment of Victor Lynch as the New Police Chief
Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to appoint Victor Lynch as the New Police Chief effective November 2, 2025 following Cunningham's retirement
Second: Council Member Isaiah Spencer
Vote: Voice vote-Motion passed
Lynch delivered a thank you speech
- Appointment of Jane McKnight to the Board of Zoning Adjustment
Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to appoint McKnight to the Board of Zoning Adjustment
Second: Council Member Isaiah Spencer
Vote: Voice vote-Motion passed
- Proposed Ordinance 2025-XX: Establishing the Tax Levy for City Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025, and Ending June 30, 2026-First Reading
Council Member Janet Edwards requested that City Attorney Lee Wilson read the ordinance aloud. City Attorney Wilson complied and read the ordinance.
Motion: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to accept the ordinance
Second: Council Member Richard Baker
Discussion: Council Member Janet Edwards believes the city should take the compensating tax rate due to several reasons.
Vote: No official vote was conducted
Withdrawal Motion: Council Member Isaiah Spencer and Council Member Richard Baker

Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to move this item to the next city council meeting
Second: Council Member Jean Leavell
Vote: Voice vote-motion passed

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

- Contacting state regarding additional road to 115 for traffic relief-Sponsored by Council Member Cook
Council Member Cook stated that he has received several messages from residents regarding this matter and asked when the city received information from the state regarding the road. Ahart stated that decisions regarding additional roads are at the discretion of the developer. Ahart will contact the State regarding the matter. Discussion took place with citizens and City Council regarding sidewalks and road widening. Ahart noted that the City is a member of the MPO.

- Council Member Janet Edwards and City Council Discussion
Reported receiving numerous messages, emails, and phone calls regarding the termination of Director Lynch. Inquired about the plan for the Community Center and noted that the director position should be changed from an executive to a supervisor role. Respectfully requested that City Council be informed of any major changes regarding significant city matters. Other issues were discussed from city council, residents, and Mayor Oliver.

Motion: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to adjourn the meeting

Second: Council Member Edward Cook

Voice: Voice vote- motion failed

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Council Member Janet Edwards moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Council Member Jean Leavell

Vote: Voice vote – Motion passed

Approximate Adjournment Time: 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jacqueline Oliver,
Mayor
City of Oak Grove

DATE

ATTEST:

Lorelynn Fisher
City Clerk
City of Oak Grove

DATE