



Commonwealth of Kentucky
City of Oak Grove



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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
October 21, 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

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

OPEN FORUM

- No participation

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

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

Quorum: Present.

Also present for the meeting were City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher, Public Works Director Brian Ahart, Major/Assistant Police Chief Victor Lynch, City Attorney Lee Wilson and one citizen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-OCTOBER 7, 2025

Motion: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve the minutes

Second: Council Member John Campbell

Vote: Voice vote

Results: Passed

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, & COMMITTEES

- Ethics Annual Report for 2025-Presented by Ethics Chairperson Morris Willoughby
(Report showcasing the Ethics Board progress for the 2025 year): City Attorney Wilson read the Ethics Board Report aloud.
Motion: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to accept the report
Second: Council Member John Campbell
Vote: Voice Vote
Results: Passed

- Major/Assistant Police Chief Victor Lynch: Stated that Flock does not collect personal information or sell data, it only captures images of license plates — not people.
- Chief Johnson: Nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Solid Waste Franchise Agreement
(Agreement between the City of Oak Grove and Stinky Pinky for residential garbage services; effective December 8, 2025): City Attorney Wilson stated he is waiting to receive the draft agreement from Stinky Pinky.

NEW BUSINESS

- Proposed Ordinance 2025-XX: Repeal of Ordinance 2024-13 (Tax Levy) – First Reading
(Repeals the 2024 Tax Levy ordinance following adoption of the 2025-13 Tax Levy Ordinance. Violations under the 2024 levy remain enforceable. This action updates and organizes the city's ordinances): Council Member Janet Edwards as City Attorney Wilson to read said ordinance aloud, Wilson complied.
Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to accept the ordinance
Second: Council Member Isaiah Spencer
Roll Call Vote: Edward Cook-Yes, John Campbell-Yes, Richard Baker-Yes, Jean Leavell-Yes, Isaiah Spencer-Yes, Janet Edwards-Yes
Results: Passed
- Proposed Ordinance 2025-XX: Repeal of Ordinance 2025-11 (Classification and Compensation Plan) – First Reading
(Repeals the previously adopted 2025-11 Classification and Compensation Plan Ordinance following adoption of the new 2025-15 plan. This action updates and organizes the city's ordinances): Council Member Janet Edwards as City Attorney Wilson to read said ordinance aloud, Wilson complied.
Motion: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to accept the ordinance
Second: Council Member Edward Cook
Roll Call Vote: Edward Cook-Yes, John Campbell-Yes, Richard Baker-Yes, Jean Leavell-Yes, Isaiah Spencer-Yes, Janet Edwards-Yes
Results: Passed

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

- City Goals
(City Council members have each identified their top goals for the city. This discussion will focus on reviewing and considering the five goals deemed most valuable for the city's progress):
Cook:
 - Cook-Shadow Ridge water drainage improvements
 - New City Hall
 - Relocate the old police station into the current City Hall
 - Sell 10 acres of city property to fund improvements and construction
 - Ensure 500-vehicle parking space as required for the emergency shelter

Spencer:

- Develop City front to gather community
- Fire station, City Hall, and park on city land
- Maintain a fully paid full-time fire department
- Improve the community and park behind the Community Center
- Widen Good Hope Cemetery Road to accommodate increased traffic from new housing
- Widen Hugh Hunter Road

Campbell:

- Maintain a paid fire department
- Identify additional revenue sources for the city
- Widen Hugh Hunter Road
- New City Hall
- Build and expand the city's tax base

Edwards:

- Create a strategic plan for 5, 10, and 20+ years outlining goals and strategies
- Improve infrastructure (Hugh Hunter, Derby Park, Shadow Ridge)
- Encourage economic development
- Enhance public safety (fire and police)
- Promote high-end, quality housing development

Baker:

- Agreed with the goals presented by other members; consensus on priorities. He stated that the council has already been working on some of these goals listed.

Leavell:

- Agreed with other members' goals
- Emphasized the need for revenue sources and engineering support for design work on new City Hall/Fire Department building

Additional Discussion:

- Campbell highlighted the distinction between short-term and long-term goals, and inquired about investments options.
- Edwards mentioned the upcoming EDC meeting that will discuss a strategic plan for economic growth in the city.
- Fire Department-Road Construction-Sponsored by Council Member Campbell
(Discussion of potential temporary locations for the Fire Department during ongoing construction):
Director Ahart stated the State will not block the fire department access during construction. The timeline for the work is pending confirmation from the project manager. A backup plan was discussed in case fire department access is impeded during construction.
- Homeless Shelter-Sponsored by Council Member Cook
(Consideration and discussion of a potential ordinance related to homeless shelter regulations):
It was noted that homeless shelters are already addressed in the current zoning ordinance. Discussion included amending the ordinance to prohibit shelters. The Council requested that the city contact Mr. Britton to proceed with the text amendment.
- Paving in the city-Sponsored by Council Member Cook
(Public Works to update the city council on the paving status):

Director Ahart reported that Rogers Group has three jobs to complete for KYTC before scheduling work in Oak Grove, which is expected during the first or second week of November. Notifications regarding the paving will be sent via social media, alert texts, and included with water bills.

- Request for Proposal-Skid Steer:

Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to select Boyd Cat's proposal

Second: Council Member Janet Edwards

Roll Call Vote: Edward Cook-Yes, John Campbell-Yes, Richard Baker-Yes, Jean Leavell-Yes, Isaiah Spencer-Yes, Janet Edwards-Yes

Results: Passed

- Request for Proposal-Backhoe:

Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to select Boyd Cat's proposal

Second: Council Member Isaiah Spencer

Roll Call Vote: Edward Cook-Yes, John Campbell-Yes, Richard Baker-Yes, Jean Leavell-Yes, Isaiah Spencer-Yes, Janet Edwards-Yes

Results: Passed

- Request for Proposal-Commercial Meters Installation:

Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to select Scott & Ritter's proposal

Second: Council Member Edward Cook

Roll Call Vote: Edward Cook-Yes, John Campbell-Yes, Richard Baker-Yes, Jean Leavell-Yes, Isaiah Spencer-Yes, Janet Edwards-Yes

Results: Passed

- Request for Proposal-Waterline Extension Material:

Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to select Fortiline's proposal

Second: Council Member Isaiah Spencer

Roll Call Vote: Edward Cook-Yes, John Campbell-Yes, Richard Baker-Yes, Jean Leavell-Yes, Isaiah Spencer-Yes, Janet Edwards-Yes

Results: Passed

All of the equipment listed above will be purchased using KIA grant funds.

- Additional Legislative Body Comments:

Community Center: Council Member John Campbell raised a question regarding a cash payment of \$175.00 that was discussed previously at a prior council meeting and how it was handled. Mayor Oliver noted that city policy requires all rental payments for the center to go through City Hall. More discussion followed.

Buyouts-Council Member John Campbell raised a question regarding Governor-issued buyouts from the recent flooding this year and why the city was not involved; Mayor Oliver stated that she had not received any information from Emergency Management regarding this matter. More discussion was held.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Enter into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(b)

(Deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency; discussion regarding potential sale of a city-owned parcel. Publicity could affect its value.):

Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to enter into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(b) to discuss potential sale of city owned parcel where publicity of discussion could affect the property value

Second: Council Member Edward Cook

Vote: Voice vote

Results: Passed

No action was taken during the Executive Session

o Enter into Regular Session:

Motion: Council Member Janet Edwards moved to return to Regular Session

Second: Council Member John Campbell

Vote: Voice Vote

Results: Passed

- o **Halloween and Community Events:** Mayor Oliver spoke about Halloween activities at Valor Hall on October 25, 2025 starting at 5:00pm. and noted that the Community Center will host a health fair on October 22, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with food trucks in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to adjourn the meeting

Second: Council Member John Campbell

Vote: Voice vote

Results: 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