



**Thursday, October 2, 2025
Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

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

Motion: Committee Member Janet Edwards moved to dispense with formalities

Second: Committee Member John Campbell

Vote: Voice vote-motion passed

(Committee Member Jean Leavell was not present for this vote)

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members Present:

- Richard Baker – Chairperson/Committee Member
- John Campbell – Committee Member
- Isaiah Spencer – Committee Member
- Edward Cook – Committee Member
- Janet Edwards – Committee Member
- Jean Leavell – Committee Member (Arrived at 5:07pm)

Also Present:

- City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher
- Major/Assistant Police Chief Victor Lynch
- Public Works Director Brian Ahart
- City Attorney Lee Wilson
- Special Guest: Alex Henry-TTL Engineering
- Special Guest: Randy Graham-Christian County Emergency management Director
- Special Guest: Jacob Youngblood, Division Manager, & Lori Joyner, Municipal Marketing Director-Waste Pro (Stinky Pinky)

Public Attendance: Approximately three members of the public was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

Motion: Committee Member Edward Cook moved to approve the minutes

Second: Committee Member Isaiah Spencer

Vote: Voice vote – motion passed

(Committee Member Jean Leavell was not present for this vote)

DISCUSSION OF THE DRAIN BASIN-SHADOW RIDGE AREA

- Discussion regarding the installation of a new injection system took place, as the existing system may not be functioning properly. The injection alone is estimated to cost approximately \$100,000, with total project costs—including excavation—projected at \$300,000. The first step will be to identify the property owner and obtain permission to proceed.

Motion: Committee Member John Campbell moved to allow City Attorney Lee Wilson to conduct a Title Opinion to inquire who has the property rights

Second: Committee Member Janet Edwards

Vote: Voice Vote-motion passed

REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

- **Plan:** Committee Member Campbell suggested that the city develop its own emergency plan, separate from the County's. Graham expressed concern that a city-only plan could potentially conflict with the County's plan during a catastrophe. Committee Member Edwards stated that she felt the city was treated as a "red-headed stepchild" during the recent Oak Grove flood. Graham responded that he remained in constant communication with the mayor throughout the event. Committee Member Spencer stressed the importance of working together for the greater good of the city. The committee recommended still having a city plan that should include a Public Information Officer (PIO), a Resource Coordinator, contact information for the planning team, and a designated rally location. Once adopted, the plan should be reviewed regularly to ensure its effectiveness.
- **Rave Alerts:** Graham informed the committee that citizens may text 78015 with the word "*ChristianCounty*" (one word) to automatically receive alerts for severe weather, traffic conditions, and other emergencies.
- **Emergency Resources:** Graham reported that additional resources are now available through Emergency Management. Discussion was held regarding the shelter that was set up for Oak Grove residents during the recent flood, which was utilized by approximately seven people only. The committee inquired who would be responsible for the operations of the tornado shelter once it becomes available. Graham responded that the city will be responsible for its operations.

DISCUSSION OF KIA GRANTS:

- Director Ahart reported that RFPs have been published, with bids due on the 15th. He also noted ongoing communication with the State.

SOLID WASTE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

- Discussion was held regarding the agreement and recycling. The consensus was to defer recycling at this time, with the option to revisit if it becomes more widely available in the future.

Motion: Committee Member Isaiah Spencer moved to move this item of business to the next city council meeting.

Second: Committee Member Jean Leavell

Vote: Voice vote-motion passed

CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

- Committee Member Edwards informed the committee that the Job Description Committee met earlier today and recommended the following changes: Retain the title of Community Center/Parks & Recreation Director but move the position out of the executive band into pay band 40. The committee also recommended for the Accounting Support Specialist (Payables and Receivables) that both positions list “Associate’s degree and/or relevant work experience” as the educational requirements.

Motion: Committee Member Isaiah Spencer moved to move this item of business to the next city council meeting.

Second: Committee Member John Campbell

Vote: Voice vote-motion passed

DISCUSSION OF GOALS FOR THE CITY OF OAK GROVE

- The committee agreed to develop individual goals and bring them to the next council meeting to identify the top goals for the city.

DISCUSSION OF PARCEL OF LAND BEHIND GOLDEN BEAR

- Discussion was held regarding hiring a commercial developer to evaluate potential profits from the sale of a city-owned parcel. An executive session on land acquisition will be added to the next city council agenda.

DISCUSSION OF STORAGE BUILDING FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER

- Discussion was held and it was noted as already approved in the budget.
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ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Committee Member Richard Baker moved to adjourn the meeting

Second: Committee Member John Campbell

Vote: Voice vote – Motion passed

Time: Adjournment at approximately 7:11p.m.

APPROVED:

_____/s/_____
Jean Leavell

Vice Chairperson

____11.18.25____
DATE

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
Lorelynn Fisher, MMC, CKMC,

City Clerk

____11.18.25____
DATE

*The minutes were approved during a Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting on November 6, 2025. The original signed document is available at City Hall.