



Commonwealth of Kentucky
City of Oak Grove



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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2026 – 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, and Edward Cook.

Council Members Absent: Janet Edwards

Quorum: Present.

Also present for the meeting were City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher, Police Chief Victor Lynch, Community Center/Parks and Recreation Director Eric Hauser, Finance Director Matt Egbert, Fire Chief Bill Johnson, City Attorney Lee Wilson and ten citizen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-DECEMBER 16, 2025

Motion: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve the minutes

Second: Council Member John Campbell

Vote: Voice vote with all members present

Results: Passed

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, & COMMITTEES

- Mayor Oliver read aloud the Public Works Director Brian Ahart's Year-End Review, which included the following highlights: City of Oak Grove: Year in review 2025 Over three hundred permits were issued for the year. Seven new businesses opened in 2025, including Dollar Store, Starbucks, and Freddy's. New businesses under construction: Studio Res Hotel, Thoroughbred Auto Auction, and the Blue Sage Cannabis Dispensary. Flying J at exit eighty-six is also installing an EV charging station. Construction on the Echo Ridge Subdivision is progressing nicely. New homes will be available early 2026. We also have other homes and apartments under construction including

Blackwell Construction on State Line Rd. and the Reserves at Rose Edd. The city has spent over \$800,000.00 in grant money for equipment, water line extensions, meter replacement, paving and a new playground this year alone. Meter replacement should be complete by the end of April. This will allow all residents to take advantage of the Eye on Water app to monitor daily usage of water in their homes. The completion of the Carter-Grant water line extension over the summer provides customers with increased pressure and fire suppression. Construction on the 115 main line extension and tank will begin in the spring with a completion date of early 2027. The city has applied for grants to assist with the construction of the tank and line. This upgrade will provide better water pressure for all residents and will provide water and fire suppression for Buc-ee's, which will open in 2027, and any other growth by its arrival. We continue collaborating with our engineers to see what options are available to lessen the threat of flooding after receiving eight inches of rain in February and fifteen inches of rain in April. We are also working with the county emergency management folks looking for grant money to help assist with flood mitigation control. Thompsonville Lane should be complete by the end of 2026. This will help with traffic flow and provide better safety for walking and biking pedestrians. We are working with KYTC and the Clarksville MPO to upgrade other city and state roads to provide safety for our residents.

- **Finance Director Matt Egbert:** Updated the City Council on the audit, noting that onsite work is being scheduled. He reported that the new software system is targeting a full go-live date of July 1, 2026, with components being implemented in phases. He also advised that budget meetings will begin in early March, with the goal of finalizing and adopting the budget by early June.
- **Community Center Director Eric Hauser:** reported that 2025 was a successful year, highlighting events such as the chili cook-off, Little Giants banquet, craft fair, 50 Plus programs, and Halloween and Christmas events. He also informed the Council of planned 2026 events, including vendor markets, job, career, and college fairs, 50 Plus programs, and holiday events, noting that the upcoming year is expected to be very productive. He additionally thanked organizations such as the Ft. Campbell Masons and Thomas A. Simms for their donations/contributions to the Community.
- **Fire Chief Bill Johnson:** Presented the Fire Department's 2025 year-in-review. Total incidents included 440 EMS calls and 279 fire-related calls, for a total of 719 incidents. Mutual aid was given on 25 occasions and received 11 times, with 80 overlapping calls. Average response times were 5:20 minutes for EMS and 6:04 minutes for fire, with an average on-scene time of 25:30 minutes. Incident types included 53 fires, 440 rescue/EMS calls, 104 false alarms or false calls, 46 service calls, 40 good intent calls, 31 hazardous condition calls (no fire), 3 overpressure or explosion-related incidents without fire, and 2 severe weather or natural disaster incidents.
- **Police Chief Victor Lynch:** Updated the council by recognizing both Animal Control and Police Officers for their outstanding work. He also reported that two officers were recognized for seatbelt and DUI enforcement efforts related to highway safety. Additionally, he announced the promotion of two officers: Danielle Adams was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant, and Jeff Locklear was promoted from Detective to Lieutenant. Lynch is very proud of his department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mayor Oliver addressed the council and citizens regarding a dumpster that will be available for resident use on January 10 and 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. She also responded to social media concerns about delayed email responses, explaining that the delay was due to a family death and a family member being involved in an accident. She apologized for the delay and asked for understanding.

- Mayor Oliver also addressed questions regarding donated supplies at the Community Center from the previous meeting, stating that all supplies had been distributed, as confirmed by an individual assisting with the effort. She noted that some supplies were donated, while others were taken from organizations like the Knights of Columbus.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

Legislative Body Member Comments

- **Council Member Jean Leavell** asked Mayor Oliver what she would like to see accomplished for the new year. Mayor Oliver stated she hopes for increased teamwork, more support for the Community Center, continued ordinance cleanup, and expressed support for the new building regulations and fee ordinance. She also hopes to see more development along Walter Garrett Road. Council Member Jean Leavell noted the road must be expanded first, and Mayor Oliver agreed.
- **Council Member John Campbell** noted that the zoning map on the city's facebook needs updated.
- **Council Member Isaiah Spencer** informed the group about a Martin Luther King Jr. Day March at Freedom Elementary School. He also stated that he contacted Representative Dossett regarding naming Oak Grove on Ghost Bridge; Representative Dossett requested that he submit his request for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION KRS 61.810

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting

Second: Council Member Isaiah Spencer

Vote: Voice vote with all members present

Results: Passed

Approximate Adjournment Time: 6:52 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jacqueline Oliver
Mayor
City of Oak Grove

DATE

ATTEST:

Lorelynn Fisher
City Clerk
City of Oak Grove

DATE