



Commonwealth of Kentucky

City of Oak Grove



City of Oak Grove Regular City Council Meeting Minutes January 20, 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

- Taylor Hayes with the Christian County Chambers of Commerce addressed City Council and provided an update on current Chamber activities and initiatives. He stated that Chamber staff will visit Oak Grove to meet with local businesses, among other outreach efforts. He also shared a membership update and informed Council that he would be happy to return periodically to provide additional updates.

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

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

Council Members Absent: N/A

Quorum: Present.

Also present for the meeting were City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher, Police Chief Victor Lynch, City Attorney Lee Wilson and zero citizen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-JANUARY 6, 2026

Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to approve the minutes

Second: Council Member Isaiah Spencer

Vote: Voice vote

Results: Passed

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, & COMMITTEES

- **Police Chief Victor Lynch:** Updated council by recognizing the Animal Control Officer for her outstanding work. Lynch also addressed the potential for inclement weather and advised everyone to prepare accordingly. Council Member Spencer commended the Police Department on the implementation of the Flock system and noted its positive impact in assisting with the

recovery of runaways, stolen vehicles, etc. Council Member Campbell advised the mayor and council that there is a new bill being presented in congress that will stop all ALPR systems.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- Proposed Ordinance 2026-XX – First Reading

An Ordinance of the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky, Repealing Ordinance 2002-22 (Ordinance repealing Ordinance 2002-22 regarding the Kentucky Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement, following adoption of Resolution 2025-05):
Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Wilson to read said ordinance aloud, Wilson complied.

Motion: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to accept the ordinance

Second: Council Member John Campbell

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

- Walter Garrett Road Improvements – Widening and Other Improvements-Sponsored by Council Member Cook:

Council Member Cook stated that, due to existing and upcoming businesses, he believes the road should be widened to accommodate increased traffic. Council agreed to have Director Ahart review the matter, and a partial widening was also discussed. Council Members Spencer and Campbell noted that grant funding may not be viable at this time, as the city does not currently have sufficient traffic count on Walter Garrett to justify the widening. Council discussed other roads, including Hugh Hunter, that were considered more pressing. Mayor Oliver addressed the matter and stated that Hugh Hunter is on the MPO list. Council Member Edwards noted that traffic is set to be rerouted during the road/bridge construction.

- Ordinance 2023-05-Ethics Ordinance-City Council Attendance-Sponsored by Council Member Campbell

Council Members Campbell and Baker stated that they believe it would be beneficial to require mandatory training for council members, with at least one training per term. The City Attorney advised that he believes you cannot impose mandatory training; however, conduct provisions may be included in the ethics ordinance for council members pursuant to KRS 83A.

- Ordinance 2021-01-Establishing Nonelected City Offices- Sponsored by Council Member Campbell

Council Member Campbell stated that during a recent Job Description Committee meeting, the Community Center Director position was discussed. While he believes it would not be appropriate to change the title from Director to Manager while the position is currently filled, he asked the City Attorney whether the title of Community Center/Parks and Recreation Manager could be added to the ordinance even though the position would not be filled. The City Attorney advised that while it is possible, doing so could raise questions as to why an additional position is being created. He recommended waiting until the position becomes vacant and then changing the title at that time to accomplish the goal. It was also noted that the City Clerk and the Fire Chief should be included, as they are non-elected offices pursuant to KRS statutes.

- Council Member Leavell asked about police cruisers parked behind City Hall; the Police Chief stated they are working to have the vehicles surplus.
- Council Member Edwards reported that several committee meetings have been held, including the Job Description Committee, which focused on clarifying the FLSA status of the Community Center/Parks and Recreation Director. Council Member Edwards noted that many positions are not currently classified correctly; however, as positions become vacant, they will be reclassified accordingly.
- Council Member Edwards requested that City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher inform residents of current board and committee vacancies. City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher and Mayor Oliver stated the following vacancies are available: One member for the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA); One alternate member for the Ethics Board; Two alternate members for the Code and Nuisance Board. Mayor Oliver stated that interested individuals may email Lorelynn or the Mayor, or visit City Hall to submit a statement of interest.
- Council Member Edwards stated she is working on a municipal order outlining rules and regulations for boards and committees not currently governed by ordinance.
- Council Member Edwards thanked Mayor Oliver for addressing potential inclement weather. Mayor Oliver stated the city will begin pre-treating roads for snow and ice, with the following designated as primary routes: Highway 115, 911, Hugh Hunter, Walter Garrett, Stateline Road, and Carneal Lane. Mayor Oliver noted that secondary roads will be addressed after primary routes are completed.
- Council Member Edwards discussed establishing a city snow route policy, including measures such as prohibiting on-street parking and trash cans at the curb during snow events.
- Council Member Spencer stated that the city appears unkempt due to trash issues. Mayor Oliver stated she will speak with the Codes Department.

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

Results: Passed

Approximate Adjournment Time: 7:04 p.m.

APPROVED:

_____/s/_____
Jacqueline Oliver
Mayor
City of Oak Grove

02.04.26_____
DATE

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
Lorelynn Fisher
City Clerk
City of Oak Grove

02.04.26_____
DATE

*The minutes were approved during a Regular City Council Meeting on February 3, 2026. The original signed document is available at City Hall.