



Commonwealth of Kentucky
City of Oak Grove



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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
February 3, 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 Janet Edwards.

Council Members Absent: Edward Cook

Quorum: Present.

Also present for the meeting were City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher, Police Chief Victor Lynch, Public Works Director Brian Ahart, Finance Director Matt Egbert, Community Center/Parks and Recreation Director Eric Hauser, City Attorney Lee Wilson and three citizen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-JANUARY 20, 2026

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

- **Mayor Oliver:** Addressed the recent inclement weather in Oak Grove. She noted that the city has approximately 33 miles of roads, and nine employees from the Roads and Grounds, Public Works, and Water Departments worked tirelessly to plow and salt the roads. With only four snow plows available, these employees worked around the clock, stopping as necessary to handle other issues such as a water main break, frozen water meters, and their regular daily duties. Mayor Oliver recognized and commended these employees for their dedication and hard work during the ice storm.

- **Community Center/Parks and Recreation Director Eric Hauser:** Reported that the center has lost a yoga class but is working on adding a new class. February 23rd is National Tootsie Roll Day, and Council Member Janet Edwards donated Tootsie Rolls for the Knights of Columbus. All other scheduled activities are continuing as normal.
- **Police Chief Victor Lynch:** Reported that the Police Department handled 62 Code 5 calls, which include vehicles in ditches, breakdowns, and similar incidents; 12 welfare checks; and 17 collisions with no injuries. Officers also spent five hours working with Animal Control on animal welfare checks. Council Member Campbell inquired about overtime.
- **Fire Chief Bill Johnson:** Mayor Oliver reported that the Fire Department responded to a total of 91 incidents for the month. The majority of calls were medical assists and EMS support, with 39 responses accounting for 43.82% of all incidents. The Department also responded to 9 motor vehicle accidents with injuries (10.11%) and 4 accidents with no injuries (4.49%). Other notable responses included 5 gas leaks (3.37%), 1 chemical spill (1.12%), 11 other service calls (12.36%), 1 person in distress (1.12%), 1 public service call (1.12%), and 2 incidents of unauthorized burning (2.25%). Additionally, there were 1 good intent call (1.12%), 1 authorized controlled burn (1.12%), 1 report of steam or other gas mistaken for smoke (1.12%), and 1 smoke scare or odor of smoke (1.12%). The Department also handled 2 smoke detector activations due to malfunction (2.25%), 4 alarm system malfunctions (4.49%), 5 unintentional smoke detector activations with no fire (5.62%), 1 unintentional detector activation with no fire (1.12%), and 2 unintentional alarm activations with no fire (2.25%).
- **Finance Director Matt Egbert:** Reported that the city is continuing implementation of the Tyler Tech software, with some departments already live and others expected to go live in the near future. He also noted that the auditors will be on site next week and that the city has received reimbursement funds from the KIA grant.
- **Public Works Director Brian Ahart:** Reported that road conditions are improving, although work remains, and the department is currently awaiting a shipment of salt. He noted that plowing ice is particularly challenging. He also advised that the city was not awarded the Delta Regional Grant and reported that water loss for January is approximately 17–18%. Council Member Edwards stated she had received several emails from residents and asked for the best way to inform Ahart, who replied that email is preferred. Kudos were given to him and his department for their efforts. Council Member Campbell noted that, with the potential for refreezing due to rain, certain streets may require closer attention.
- Oak Grove Water Tank and Line Bid Advertisement
(Council approval to solicit bids for the Buc-ee's Water System Extension Project):
Motion: Council Member Janet Edwards moved to solicit bids
Second: Council Member John Campbell
Vote: Voice vote
Results: Passed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Proposed Ordinance 2026-XX – Second 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: John Campbell-Yes, Richard Baker-Yes, Jean Leavell-Yes, Isaiah Spencer-Yes, Janet Edwards-Yes; Edward Cook was absent

Results: Passed

NEW BUSINESS

- Black History Month-Proclamation

(Proclamation to recognize and celebrate the rich history, culture, and lasting contributions of African Americans to the United States): Mayor Oliver read aloud a proclamation recognizing February 2026 as Black History Month in Oak Grove, honoring the rich history, culture, and lasting contributions of African Americans to the United States. Council Member Spencer expressed his appreciation for the proclamation and shared personal experiences of discrimination he faced in the past, noting that, unfortunately, racism remains an issue today.

- Proposed Ordinance 2026-XX-First Reading

An Ordinance Establishing Non-Elected City Offices within the City of Oak Grove

(An ordinance outlining all non-elected city offices within the city, which are appointed by the mayor and approved by city council):

Council Member Janet Edwards asked 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: John Campbell-Yes, Richard Baker-Yes, Jean Leavell-Yes, Isaiah Spencer-Yes, Janet Edwards-Yes; Edward Cook was absent

Results: Passed

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

- **Mayor Oliver:** Informed the city council of the upcoming Eagle Ambassador Breakfast at the Oak Grove Racing, Gaming, and Hotel on February 25, 2026, at 7:30 a.m., and extended an invitation to attend. All council members present confirmed attendance, except Council Member Leavell, who indicated she might attend.
- **Council Member Campbell:** Asked for an update on the Solid Waste Ordinance and related RFP. The City Attorney advised that he is working on preparing a draft version to be sent to the City Clerk in time for discussion at the Committee of the Whole.
- **Council Member Edwards:** Inquired about GFL and the continuation of trash pickup services following last week's ice storm. The Mayor advised that GFL will make an effort to resume pickups this week, but it is more likely that service will continue next week.
- **Council Member Edwards:** Asked Council members who would like to host "Cookies with Council" on Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Council Members Campbell and Spencer volunteered, along with Council Member Edwards.
- **Council Member Edwards:** Asked about the incentive grant for businesses and advised the City Clerk that she would reach out soon to schedule an Economic Development Council (EDC) meeting.
- **Council Member Edwards:** Informed the council that the Human Rights Commission is seeking a new representative for Oak Grove.

N/A

Approximate Adjournment Time: 6:40 p.m.

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*The minutes were approved during a Regular City Council Meeting on February 17, 2026. The original signed document is available at City Hall.