

Commonwealth of Kentucky
City of Oak Grove



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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
March 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, Edward Cook and Janet Edwards.
Quorum: Present.
- Also present for the meeting were City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher, Public Works Director Brian Ahart, Finance Director Matt Egbert, Fire Chief Bill Johnson, LT. Jeff Locklear, City Attorney Lee Wilson and approximately twenty citizen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Motion: Council Member Jean Leavell moved to approve the minutes

Second: Council Member John Campbell

Vote: Voice vote

Results: Passed

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, & COMMITTEES

Fire Chief Bill Johnson:

- Provided Certificates of Appreciation regarding firefighters who stayed at the station during the recent ice storm, sacrificing personal and family time to assist the community.
- Reported that there were 50 calls for service in February.
- Currently, 28 personnel remain on the roster. Hiring is expected to occur within the next month.
- All equipment is fully operational at this time.

- **Budget Consideration**
(Discussion by the City Council regarding changing the Fire Department's fund allocation from rescue equipment to an EV car tool):
Motion: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve
Second: Council Member Richard Baker
*Council Members Isaiah Spencer and Richard Baker withdrew their motion
Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to approve the budgetary solution so the Fire Department can purchase equipment
Second: Council Member Richard Baker
Vote: Voice
Results: Passed

Finance Director Matt Egbert:

- Reported that budget emails will be sent out to department heads.
- Provided updates on the ongoing audit and the Tyler software implementation.
- Noted that the current government shutdown has halted FEMA reimbursements; however, fund balances remain adequate.
- Municipal Road Aid Cooperative Program
(Participation includes entering into an agreement with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for the expenditure of the allotted share of MRA funds. This participation allows the city to receive emergency funding assistance for unforeseen municipal emergencies):
Motion: Council Member Janet Edwards moved to accept this program
Second: Council Member Edward Cook
Vote: Voice
Results: Passed

Community Center Director Eric Hauser

- Provided the monthly agenda for activities at the center, including a Pickleball tournament scheduled for March, upcoming job fairs, and the ongoing planning for the farmers market.

LT. Jeff Locklear:

- Reported a total of 487 calls, including 28 accidents with no injuries, 3 transports for injuries, 4 domestic incidents, and 6 theft reports.

Public Works Director Brian Ahart

- Noted that due to the government shutdown, all non-emergency activity has been halted- The storm shelter is currently on hold.
- Limb pickup in the city is scheduled for this week.
- Provided an update on the bid opening for the line extension and water tower—bids are under review by McGhee and will be presented to City Council upon completion.
- Discussed the ongoing meter replacement project, converting 2,800 meters to cellular meters.
- Currently only 10% of residents have signed up for the Eye on Water app.
- Advised that with severe weather expected, residents should be prepared with flashlights and extra supplies and to report any downed trees via the on-call phone or dispatch.
- Inclement Weather – Sponsored by Council Member Edwards: Shadow Ridge was discussed. Ahart noted that he is evaluating whether it is feasible for equipment to access the area and confirmed that no trash or debris should impede drainage, which is inspected monthly. Residents were advised to monitor the weather using a reliable app or

channel. With tornado season approaching, Council Member Campbell recommended that residents create and practice an emergency plan. A statewide tornado drill is scheduled for March 4th. Residents should know their safe place in the home, understand what actions to take, and be prepared.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mayor Oliver advised the City Council that no bond is required for surety in connection with the auto auction.
 - Mayor Oliver read a memo clarifying the city's social media commenting settings in response to concerns raised by Council Member Edwards at a prior meeting. Oliver advised that some city posts have comments disabled to ensure critical or time-sensitive information is clearly communicated. This practice is applied uniformly and is not directed at any individual. Many other posts continue to allow and encourage public comments. The City's approach has been reviewed for policy compliance and is intended to maintain clear and effective communication with the public. Some council members voiced their opinions regarding this matter.
 - Proposed Ordinance 2026-XX-Second Reading
(An Ordinance Relating to Solid Waste Management)
(Establishes provisions for the efficient collection and management of solid waste services):
Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee 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-Yes
Results: Passed
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NEW BUSINESS

- Appointment of Glenn Harris to the Board of Zoning Adjustment
(City Council approval is required to confirm this appointment):
Motion: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve the appointment
Second: Council Member John Campbell
Vote: Voice
Results: Passed
 - Resolution 2026:01 Kentucky Office Of Homeland Security
(This resolutions authorizes the mayor to make application and to enter into an agreement with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security)
Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to approve this resolution
Second: Council Member Isaiah Spencer
Vote: Voice
Results: Passed
 - Solid Waste Management-Request for Proposal
Mayor and City Attorney met with GFL to discuss ways the city can ensure the highest quality of service for residents. Council Member Campbell requested that the city be added as a certificate holder. This topic is set to be discussed further at the March 5, 2026 C.O.W. meeting.
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LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

Women’s History Month:

- Council Member Isaiah Spencer thanked the women in the city for their dedication and service.

Trash Cleanup:

- Inquired about trash cleanup in the city. Mayor Oliver advised that a dumpster will be placed for cleanup on February 28th at the old USA Video Store (White store on Pembroke Oak Grove Rd).
- Council Member Isaiah Spencer also noted that during Cookies with Council, Randy Pierce mentioned that Lorelynn Fisher helped develop the idea for the citywide cleanup initiative.
- Council Member Janet Edwards commended Jeff Davis for cleanup efforts on Highway 115 during the last trash clean up event.
- Council members encouraged residents to clean up trash in front of their homes. Director Ahart added that the City’s Roads and Grounds crew also collect trash while performing their routine duties throughout the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION KRS 61.810

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting

Second: Council Member Isaiah Spencer

Vote: Voice vote

Results: Passed

Approximate Adjournment Time: 7:24 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jacqueline Oliver
Mayor
City of Oak Grove

DATE

ATTEST:

Lorelynn Fisher
City Clerk
City of Oak Grove

DATE