

Commonwealth of Kentucky
City of Oak Grove



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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
March 17, 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, Police Chief Victor Lynch, City Attorney Lee Wilson and approximately six citizen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-MARCH 3, 2026

Motion: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve the minutes

Second: Council Member John Campbell

Vote: Voice

Results: Passed

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, & COMMITTEES

Mayor Oliver:

- Reported that Director Ahart indicated the company will resume paving in the next couple of days as temperatures rise within the city.

Police Chief Victor Lynch:

- In March, there were 191 traffic stops, 23 arrests, and 26 reports generated. Officers responded to 9 collisions with no injuries and spent a total of 83 hours in February on alcohol-related accidents.

Council Member Spencer:

- Inquired about the Job Fair at the Community Center.
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Zoning Ordinance 2021-11-RV Parks
(Council discussion regarding permitting RV parks):
Council Member Jean Leavell asked that a letter of request be prepared by Riddle to obtain general information about the RV park, including its layout and number of units. Council Member Leavell stated that the zoning committee agreed it is a positive step and would like to move forward. No official action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

- Proclamation-Women's History Month
(Proclamation acknowledging the importance of honoring women's contributions to society):
The Mayor read aloud a proclamation declaring March 2026 as Women's History Month in the City of Oak Grove.
- Solid Waste Management
(Request for Proposal to Provide Solid Waste Collection Services in the City-Council approval to solicit bids):
Motion: Council Member Janet Edwards moved to solicit the bids
Second: Council Member Isaiah Spencer
Vote: Voice
Results: Passed
- Municipal Order 2026-XX
(Order outlining the rules and regulations for all non-ordinance boards and committees):
Council Member Edwards asked City Attorney to read aloud the order, Wilson complied.
Motion: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to accept the order
Second: Council Member John Campbell
Roll Call Vote: Members Cook, Spencer, Edwards, Leavell, Baker, and Campbell all voted in favor
Results: Passed
- Resolution 2026-XX
(Resolution initiating a zoning text amendment to establish standards for the placement of qualified manufactured homes within the city and make amendments in accordance with KRS 100.348):
Council Member Edwards asked City Attorney to read aloud the resolution, Wilson complied.
Motion: Council Member Janet Edwards moved to accept the resolution
Second: Council Member Jean Leavell
Roll Call Vote: Members Leavell, Edwards, Campbell, Spencer, Baker, and Cook all voted in favor
Results: Passed

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

- Full-Time Mayor Position: Council discussion on the potential transition to a full-time mayor:
Council Member Spencer stated that he believes the position should be full-time. Council Member Campbell agreed, adding that while it should be designated as a full-time position, the salary should remain unchanged until the city establishes a paid fire department.

- City Council Compensation: Council discussion on salary options for the next legislative term: Council Member Spencer discussed increasing compensation for the next elected council, noting that council members have never received a raise. Council Member Edwards stated that members should receive a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) rather than a raise, acknowledging that the time and skill required exceed current compensation, and suggested revisiting the matter in two years. Council Member Campbell agreed that both positions deserve higher compensation but only after a paid fire department is established. Council Member Spencer emphasized that he is not motivated by money but believes the positions should be better compensated, a viewpoint supported by both Edwards and Campbell. Council Member Leavell shared that in 1994, when council members were paid \$25, she returned each check to the city to support the fire department.
Motion: Council Member Janet Edwards moved to stop all merit raises until further notice
Second: Council Member Jean Leavell
City Attorney Lee Wilson advised Council Member Edwards that merit raises are the responsibility of the executive branch, not the legislative branch. Council Members Edwards and Leavell both withdrew their motions. More discussion was held regarding raises. Council Member Edward Cook requested the Finance Director’s attendance at the next meeting.
- Bulk Waste Pickup: Council discussion regarding bulk waste collection: Council Member Edward Cook stated that several residents have inquired about bulk pickup. Mayor Oliver explained that the temporary contract does not include bulk pickup, which is why the city is providing dumpsters for residents. Dumpsters will be available each month until the new franchise takes effect. Code violations will be enforced for residents who move out and leave piles of trash.

EXECUTIVE SESSION KRS 61.810

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Council Member Richard Baker moved to adjourn the meeting

Second: Council Member Isaiah Spencer

Vote: Voice

Results: Passed

Approximate Adjournment Time: 6:34 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jacqueline Oliver
Mayor
City of Oak Grove

DATE

ATTEST:

Lorelynn Fisher
City Clerk

DATE

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