

Commonwealth of Kentucky
City of Oak Grove



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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
April 21, 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, Public Works Director Brian Ahart, Finance Director Matt Egbert, City Attorney Lee Wilson and approximately seven citizens.
- Special Guest-Emergency Management Director Randy Graham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-APRIL 7, 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

Finance Director Matt Egbert:

- The UFIR form is due by May 1 and is currently in progress.
- The ARPA fund report has been completed.
- The Tyler utility data draw is underway, with the final submission scheduled for this week.
- The Finance and Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for April 30 at 9:30 a.m.
- The FEMA application has been approved, with reimbursement exceeding \$300,000.00.
- The 2024 audit is in progress; year-end entries have been completed prior to the final trial balance.

Public Works Director Brian Ahart:

- The City was awarded \$2 million through the Kentucky Wastewater Grant program.
- The first council meeting in May is expected to include approval of contracts for the water system extensions.
- Approximately 500–600 meter changeouts are left to complete.

Police Chief Victor Lynch:

- Provided the mayor, council, and the public the traffic count during this construction phase.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Proposed Ordinance 2026-XX-Second Reading

(An Ordinance Pertaining to Electrical Inspections Fees for the City)

Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee 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-Yes

Results: Passed

NEW BUSINESS

- Randy Graham-Emergency Management Director: The I-24 construction project remains ongoing and is slated for completion by the end of the year. A major chemical incident resulted in the eastbound lanes being shut down for approximately 22 hours. An environmental response crew was dispatched to vacuum and remove the hazardous material to minimize public health risks. The chemical detour on the Tennessee side required additional time to establish. As a result of the detour, roadways in Oak Grove experienced significant congestion due to diverted I-24 traffic. The Kentucky State Police (KSP) coordinated with local law enforcement to assist with traffic control, improve motorist awareness, and reduce speeds. The Sheriff's Office promptly scheduled law enforcement presence during peak traffic periods. These combined efforts, along with the Tennessee detour, led to a substantial reduction in traffic congestion. GPS routing has since been updated to direct traffic to appropriate detour routes, avoiding Oak Grove roads that are not equipped to handle high traffic volumes. Graham expressed appreciation to the Mayor for maintaining consistent communication throughout the incident, noting the significant impact on the Oak Grove community.

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Oliver:

- It was announced that the city received four bids for solid waste services. These companies will be invited to attend the May 5, 2026, council meeting to address any questions from council members.

Council Member Edwards:

- Reported receiving multiple complaints regarding the event at Wade’s Way Park, particularly related to traffic congestion.
- Edwards inquired about the procedures for renting park restroom facilities.

Motion: Council Member Edward Cook moved to send the bathroom rental and discussion of park rental to the May 7, 2026 C.O.W. meeting.

Second: Council Member Jean Leavell

Vote: Voice

Results: Passed

Council Member Jean Leavell:

- Discussion included the current status of council’s position on permitting RVs.
- Council expressed a desire for clear regulations and noted the potential for RV-related policies to serve as a revenue-generating opportunity for the city.

EXECUTIVE SESSION KRS 61.810

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting

Second: Council Member Janet Edwards

Vote: Voice

Results: Passed

Approximate Adjournment Time: 7:03 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jacqueline Oliver
Mayor
City of Oak Grove

DATE

ATTEST:

Lorelynn Fisher
City Clerk
City of Oak Grove

DATE