

Commonwealth of Kentucky
City of Oak Grove



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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. CST / 7:00 p.m. EST
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

- Roger Joiner questioned why the speed limit on Hugh Hunter Road is set at 35 mph. He expressed concern that children living along Hugh Hunter Road are no less important than children in other residential neighborhoods where the speed limit is 25 mph and asked that the speed limit be reviewed.

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, Fire Chief Bill Johnson (left meeting due to an emergency), Finance Director Matt Egbert, Community Center/Parks and Recreation Director Eric Hauser, City Attorney Lee Wilson and approximately five individuals in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-MAY 19, 2026

MOTION: Council Member John Campbell moved to approve the minutes

SECOND: Council Member Isaiah Spencer

VOTE: Voice

RESULTS: Passed

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, & COMMITTEES

Community Center/Parks and Recreation Director Eric Hauser

- Reported that Gun Violence Awareness Day was a success. Council Member Isaiah Spencer spoke at the event, and representatives from the Police Department and Fire Department were also in attendance. Director Hauser stated the Community Center has a new Nonverbal Mission's message which is "Unity in the Community."

- Hauser announced that the Christian County Summer Feeding Program will run from June 1 through July 31. Dawn with Mission of Hope will host the Ron Brown Memorial Lunch Program, providing free bag lunches to anyone in the community who needs a meal.
- Upcoming events at the Community Center include:
 - June 6: Cookies with Council, 10:00 a.m. – Noon
 - June 10, 17, and 24: Family Game Nights, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - June 12: Women's Veterans Recognition Day Luncheon
 - June 20: Juneteenth Proclamation Reading at the Community Center
 - June 24: Employee Appreciation Day, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - June 27: Daddy-Daughter Dance
 - June 30: Health and Wellness Expo

Police Chief Victor Lynch

- Reported more than 64 hours of alcohol-related enforcement activity during May, including 25 hours of A.I. (Alcohol Initiative) activity, 18 hours of DUI enforcement, and 3 hours of domestic-related activity. There were 10 injury-related traffic accidents and several welfare checks conducted during the month. Lynch also reminded residents to be mindful of traffic congestion, monitor children's activities during the summer months, and remain alert to potential scams.

Finance Director Matt Egbert

- Reported that the Fiscal Year 2024 audit has been completed. The Utility Post system has gone live, and staff are currently addressing minor issues. A new online utility payment portal is expected to go live within the next week.

Public Works Director Brian Ahart

- Mayor Oliver read Ahart's email to council stating that a construction meeting was held with Phoenix Tank to discuss the project timeline, which had expired and was subsequently rebid. Water loss continues to remain stable, and meter changeouts are progressing well. The Community Center parking lot has been striped and is now complete.

Mayor Oliver

- Addressed confusion regarding the new trash service provider. Residents who receive their water bill from the City of Oak Grove do not need to contact Impact Waste Service to establish service.
- Residents who receive water service from another provider must contact Impact Waste Service to set up service.
- Existing senior discounts will continue. Residents who qualify for this discount can call the Water Department to set up if they are not currently receiving the discount.
- Residents should wait until they receive their first curbside cart before requesting an additional cart, which can be arranged through the Water Department.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Zoning Ordinance 2021-11-RV Parks- (Council discussion regarding permitting RV parks): Council Member Jean Leavell: Reported that a zoning meeting was held with Tom Britton on May 26. Copies of the related materials have been provided to Council members for review, and the matter will be discussed at a later meeting. Council Member Edward Cook also stated that the City of Hopkinsville is developing language regarding AI data centers and will share that information with Oak Grove for consideration in determining how the city wishes to proceed.
2. Proposed Ordinance 2026-XX- (An Ordinance Establishing Regular Meetings for the Steering Committee)-Second Reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance aloud. City Attorney Lee Wilson complied.

MOTION: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve the ordinance

SECOND: Council Member John Campbell

ROLL CALL VOTE: Jean Leavell-Yes, John Campbell-Yes, Janet Edwards-Yes, Isaiah Spencer-Yes, Edward Cook-Yes, Richard Baker-Yes

RESULTS: Passed

3. Proposed Ordinance 2026-XX-(An Ordinance Amending the City of Oak Grove Annual Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, by Estimating Revenues and Resources and Appropriating Funds for the Operation of City Government and the Water Enterprise Fund (Closeout))-Second Reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance aloud. City Attorney Lee Wilson complied.

MOTION: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve the ordinance

SECOND: Council Member Janet Edwards

ROLL CALL VOTE: John Campbell-Abstained (goes with majority vote), Janet Edwards-Yes, Richard Baker-Yes, Isaiah Spencer-Yes, Jean Leavell-Yes, Edward Cook-Yes

RESULTS: Passed

4. Proposed Ordinance 2026-XX-(An Ordinance Adopting the City of Oak Grove Annual Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, by Estimating Revenues and Resources and Appropriating Funds for the Operation of City Government and the Water Enterprise Fund – 4% Tax)-Second Reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance aloud. City Attorney Lee Wilson complied.

MOTION: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve the ordinance

SECOND: Council Member Jean Leavell

ROLL CALL VOTE: Richard Baker-Yes, John Campbell-No, Edward Cook-No, Janet Edwards-No, Isaiah Spencer-Yes, Jean Leavell-Yes, Mayor Oliver broke the tie.

RESULTS: Passed

5. Proposed Ordinance 2026-XX-(An Ordinance Establishing a Classification and Compensation Plan for City Employees)-Second Reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance aloud. City Attorney Lee Wilson complied.

MOTION: Council Member Edward Cook moved to approve the ordinance

SECOND: Council Member Isaiah Spencer

ROLL CALL VOTE: Janet Edwards-Yes, Isaiah Spencer-Yes, Edward Cook- Yes, Richard Baker-Yes, Jean Leavell-Yes, John Campbell-Yes

RESULTS: Passed

6. Proposed Ordinance 2026-XX-(An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2025-15, Which Established a Classification and Compensation Plan for City Employees)-Second Reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance aloud. City Attorney Lee Wilson complied.

MOTION: Council Member John Campbell moved to approve the ordinance

SECOND: Council Member Isaiah Spencer

ROLL CALL VOTE: Isaiah Spencer-Yes, John Campbell-Yes, Edward Cook-Yes, Jean Leavell-Yes, Janet Edwards-Yes, Richard Baker-Yes

RESULTS: Passed

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council to reject all bids submitted for the Buc-ee's Water Main Extension-(Due to the expiration of the original bid period while awaiting a required utility easement, these bids must be rejected):
MOTION: Council Member John Campbell moved to reject all bids
SECOND: Council Member Edward Cook
VOTE: Voice
RESULTS: Passed
2. Proposed Ordinance 2026-XX-(OGZTA26-4-1 Zoning Text Amendment-Manufactured Homes and Single-Family Placement)-First Reading: Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance aloud. City Attorney Lee Wilson complied.
MOTION: Council Member John Campbell moved to approve the ordinance
SECOND: Council Member Edward Cook
ROLL CALL VOTE: Edward Cook-Yes, Richard Baker-Yes, Janet Edwards-Yes, John Campbell-Yes, Jean Leavell-Yes, Isaiah Spencer-Yes
RESULTS: Passed

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

- **Council Member Janet Edwards:** Invited residents to attend Cookies with Council on Saturday at the Community Center. Council Members Edwards, Leavell, and Campbell will be in attendance.
- **Council Member John Campbell:** Encouraged all women veterans to attend the Women's Veterans Recognition Day event on June 12 and asked veterans to submit photographs for display to janet.edwards@oakgroveky.org. He also reminded residents of the upcoming Juneteenth Proclamation reading at the Community Center and announced the Yard of the Month winners. He expressed appreciation to all residents who continue to maintain their properties and keep their yards well-kept.
- **Council Member Isaiah Spencer:** Spoke about Gun Violence Awareness efforts and emphasized the importance of personal responsibility and community involvement. Council Member Isaiah Spencer highlighted the many community events available for children and families and encouraged residents to work together to promote unity within the community.
- **Council Member Jean Leavell:** Expressed concerns regarding the condition of streets, easements, and rights-of-way throughout the city. She noted that grass is growing rapidly and stated that Oak Grove needs additional cleanup efforts. Council Member Jean Leavell reminded residents that, pursuant to city ordinance, property owners are responsible for maintaining easements adjacent to their property. She also raised concerns regarding wrecked vehicles being stored in yards and Council Member Edward Cook stated issues involving trailers on residential properties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION KRS 61.810

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting

Second: Council Member Isaiah Spencer

Vote: Voice

Results: Passed

Approximate Adjournment Time: 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jacqueline Oliver
Mayor
City of Oak Grove

DATE

ATTEST:

Lorelynn Fisher
City Clerk
City of Oak Grove

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