



Commonwealth of Kentucky
City of Oak Grove



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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
July 21, 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

- Presiding Officer Janet Edwards 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

- **Sam Stephan** expressed concerns about the proposed ABC ordinance and how it would affect her business.
- **Christine Kuba** requested the city's budget be placed on the website.
- **Bernice Henderson** expressed opposition to the proposed ABC ordinance and concerns about its impact on local businesses.
- **Denise Henderson**, expressed concerns that the proposed ordinance would negatively impact her business.
- **Celeste Smith** asked the Council to consider the long-term impact the proposed ordinance could have on both current and future small business owners.
- **Duvon Perkins** addressed the Council regarding the same topic raised at a previous meeting concerning his business's use of the Community Center and wanted verification on the matter.

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, Finance Director Matt Egbert, Public Works Director Brian Ahart, City Attorney Lee Wilson and approximately ten individuals in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-JULY 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

Police Chief Victory Lynch – Officers will be recognized and awarded for their actions during an incident at Walmart. In a separate incident, officers recovered various illegal substances, including marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, and other items. The Police Department continues to work diligently to protect the citizens and appreciates the ongoing support and cooperation of the community.

Finance Director Matt Egbert – Responded to Council Member Leavell’s request for an update regarding the Tyler billing system. He reported that all other modules transitioned smoothly; however, the utility module has presented challenges. During the data conversion process, errors occurred, resulting in overages and underages on customer accounts. Egbert explained that there is no immediate fix, and billing accounts are being reviewed and corrected manually on an individual basis. Approximately 200 refund checks were issued last week as corrections continue. Customers experiencing billing issues are encouraged to contact the Utility Department, and staff will assist in reviewing and resolving their accounts. Egbert apologized for the inconvenience. He also reported that the KLC Investment Program has been established and is operational, and he is preparing for the FY 2025 Audit process.

Public Works Director Brian Ahart – Council Member Campbell commended Ahart for his efforts regarding trash service operations. Ahart recognized the Public Works Department for their continued dedication and discussed preparations for inclement weather. He reported that an employee is always on call, and additional crew members are available to provide assistance when needed. Ahart also provided an update regarding the storage shed project at the shop, noting that staff are awaiting approval of the building permit. The project is currently undergoing review through the county’s CDS process.

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- **Proposed Ordinance 2026-XX (First Reading)-(An Ordinance of the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky, Establishing Regulations Governing the Sale, Service, Licensing, and Control of Alcoholic Beverages Within the City Limits of Oak Grove, Kentucky)**
MOTION: Council Member Janet Edwards moved to take no action
SECOND: Council Member Edward Cook
VOTE: Voice
RESULTS: Passed
- **Proposed Ordinance 2026-XX (First Reading)-(An Ordinance of the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky, Repealing Certain Ordinances Relating to Alcoholic Beverage Regulations Within the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky)**
MOTION: Council Member John Campbell moved to take no action
SECOND: Council Member Jean Leavell
VOTE: Voice
RESULTS: Passed
- **Request for Proposal -(Oak Grove Surface Paving 2026 RFP. Council to approve soliciting):**
MOTION: Council Member John Campbell moved solicit the bid
SECOND: Council Member Isaiah Spencer
VOTE: Voice
RESULTS: Passed

- **Consideration and Acceptance of Bids for Dump Truck and Mini Excavator-(City Council will select a bid for each piece of equipment for acceptance)**

MOTION: Council Member John Campbell moved to accept both bids (Boyd and Ford)

SECOND: Council Member Edward Cook

VOTE: Voice

RESULTS: Passed

- **Surplus Property -(Carport for disposition. Council to approve)**

Council Member Leavell believes this should be placed at Wades Way Park for shade

MOTION: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to have this item installed at Wades Way Park

SECOND: Council Member Richard Baker

VOTE: Voice

RESULTS: Passed

MOTION: Council Member John Campbell moved to reconsider the motion of the surplus property being installed at Wades Way Park

SECOND: Council Member Isaiah Spencer

VOTE: Voice

RESULTS: Passed

MOTION: Council Member John Campbell moved to have this item placed on the next C.O.W. meeting

SECOND: Council Member Janet Edwards

VOTE: Voice

RESULTS: Passed

- **Resolution 2026-05-(Resolution Adopting and Approving the Execution of Agreement with the Dept. of Highway for Various City Streets in the amount up to \$946,000.00 of Local Assistance Road Program Funding)**

MOTION: Council Member Janet Edwards moved to accept this resolution

SECOND: Council Member Isaiah Spencer

VOTE: Voice

RESULTS: Passed

- **Master Rental Agreement for the Oak Grove Community Center and Wades Way Park (Discussion by the City Council regarding which facilities and amenities at Wades Way Park should be subject to rental fees, and consideration of combining the Community Center rental policies into a single Master Rental Agreement)**

MOTION: Council Member John Campbell moved to accept the agreement

SECOND: Council Member Isaiah Spencer

VOTE: Voice (all members voted in favor except Council Member Janet Edwards)

RESULTS: Passed

▪ **Code Enforcement in the City-Sponsored by Council Member Cook**

- * Council Member Edward Cook inquired if the code officer's workload was heavy and discussion about a part time officer was discussed. Council Member Janet Edwards asked the Code Enforcement Officer directly whether part-time assistance was needed, and the officer allegedly stated that additional part-time help was not necessary at this time.
- * Baker noted that the last Code Board meeting was held in April and that two subsequent meetings were canceled due to a lack of a quorum.
- * Further discussion was held on the matter.

▪ **Speed Limit Discussion-Sponsored by Council Member Campbell**

- * A resident provided Council Member John Campbell with the applicable KRS regarding the matter. Council Member John Campbell stated that if an ordinance is adopted, it may require approval from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Director Ahart is researching the issue.
- * Council Member Janet Edwards reported that patrol efforts have increased. Council Member Richard Baker noted that reducing the speed limit to 35 mph would result in the same speed limit on both highways and city streets. Council Member Richard Baker questioned whether city street speed limits should also be adjusted, adding that making multiple changes would require additional maintenance and the replacement of numerous traffic signs.
- * Further discussion was held on the matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION KRS 61.810

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting

Second: Council Member Isaiah Spencer

Vote: Voice

Results: Passed

Approximate Adjournment Time: 7:13 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jacqueline Oliver, Mayor

City of Oak Grove

ATTEST:

DATE

Lorelynn Fisher, City Clerk

City of Oak Grove

DATE