Commonwealth of Kentucky

City of Oak Grove

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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
August 18, 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

- Acting Presiding Officer Janet Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

- Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance: Pastor Nicolson 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, Community Center/Parks and Recreation Director Eric Hauser, City Attorney Lee Wilson and approximately fourteen individuals in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-AUGUST 4, 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 Victor Lynch: Presentation of Letters of Commendation to Police Department Personnel:** Reported on a new law regarding stopping for school buses. He also recognized Officer Michael Villegas and Sergeant Michael Platero for going above and beyond their duties during a medical crisis incident involving an individual at Walmart. Both officers demonstrated true kindness, dedication, devotion to their duties, and professionalism.

- **Community Center/Parks and Recreation Director Eric Hauser: Council to consider approval of an Improv Team to rent the gymnasium for a Murder Mystery Event with $10 admission, and**

to host monthly free public events such as Comedy/Open Mic Night: Hauser presented the proposal to the City Council. The City Council agreed to look into the proposal more thoroughly and continue discussions at the September 1st Council meeting.

- Fire Chief Bill Johnson: Reported 73 calls for service and 28 personnel on the roster. All equipment is operational, with a truck currently in the shop for preventative maintenance. Reported that the Fire Department received notification that it was awarded a Kentucky Division of Forestry Grant. The grant requires a 50/50 match and will assist with the purchase of wildland equipment. The purchasing window is from October 1, 2026, through June 2027.
- Public Works Director Brian Ahart: Updated the Council on the Water Tank Construction meeting. Reported that he attended a class regarding the EyeOnWater App and reiterated that the app is free to use; however, only approximately 10% of residents are currently using it. He also reported that the City can utilize the app to send notifications, such as Boil Water Advisories, etc. Ahart discussed the Paving Request for Proposal. Council Member Edwards stated that she believes the City should not move forward with paving Good Hope Road due to the current construction taking place in the area. Carneal Lane was also discussed in relation to the construction from Buc-ee's.

OLD BUSINESS
N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- Appointment of Christine Kuba-(Ethics Committee as an Alternate Member for a one-year term):
  MOTION: Council Member Jean Leavell moved to approve the appointment
  SECOND: Council Member John Campbell
  VOTE: Voice
  RESULTS: Passed

- Appointment of Christine Kuba-(Code Enforcement and Nuisance Board as an Alternate Member for a three-year term):
  MOTION: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve the appointment
  SECOND: Council Member Richard Baker
  VOTE: Voice
  RESULTS: Passed

- Appointment of Jane McKnight-(Steering Committee as a Regular Member):
  MOTION: Council Member John Campbell moved to approve the appointment
  SECOND: Council Member Richard Baker
  VOTE: Voice
  RESULTS: Passed

- Appointment of Kaylyn White-(Steering Committee as a Regular Member):
  MOTION: Council Member John Campbell moved to approve the appointment
  SECOND: Council Member Isaiah Spencer
  VOTE: Voice
  RESULTS: Passed

- Proposed Ordinance 2026-XX (First Reading) -*(An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 1984-10 Relating to Noise Control within the City):* Council Member Edwards asked City Attorney to read aloud, Wilson complied.
  Motion: Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to accept the ordinance
  Second: Council Member John Campbell
  Roll Call Vote: Members Cook, Spencer, Edwards, Leavell, Baker, and Campbell all voted in favor
  Results: Passed

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

- Discussion of Bulk Pickup-Council Member Campbell: Informed the Council and residents that Impact will be providing bulk pickup services beginning September 1st. Impact will adjust the Tuesday trash pickup schedule by dividing the regular Tuesday route between Monday and Wednesday. Tuesdays will be designated solely for bulk pickup. Impact will notify the affected residents of the changes to the trash pickup schedule.
- Discussion of Towable Road Signs-Council Member Campbell: Stated that, with all of the upcoming construction, it would be beneficial for the City to begin making plans for the purchase of a towable road sign. Financial considerations were discussed. It was recommended that the matter be discussed further at the September 3, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to take a 10 minute recess
Second: Council Member Edward Cook
Vote: Voice
Results: Passed

Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to return to open session
Second: Council Member Edward Cook
Vote: Voice
Results: Passed

- Consideration and Acceptance of Paving Bid-*(Rogers Group's Hot Mix Asphalt Paving Bid-only bid received):* It was announced that the city did receive an additional bid from Murray Paving, Inc. The council reviewed both bids.
  Motion: Council Member John Campbell moved to accept Rogers Group bid (Oak Grove Surface Paving 2026)
  Second: Council Member Isaiah Spencer
  Vote: Voice
  Results: Passed

ADDITIONAL TOPICS:

- Construction Dust and Air Quality: Council Member Richard Baker asked Director Ahart to reach out to Bill Mace Homes regarding the possibility of spraying water to help improve air quality by reducing dust from the dirt associated with the construction.
- Buc-ee's Construction: Council Member Janet Edwards asked Director Ahart about the Buc-ee's construction. Director Ahart stated that they are in the process of obtaining temporary rights-of-way to begin reconstruction of a portion of Highway 115 and Carneal Lane.
- Walter Garrett Road Traffic: Council Member Janet Edwards asked Director Ahart and Police Chief Lynch about addressing traffic on Walter Garrett Road. Council Member Jean Leavell stated that portions of the road are already damaged. Council Member John Campbell stated that he had brought the matter up at a previous meeting and that the consensus was not to take action due to the difficulty of enforcing weight limits on the road.
- Tom Britton: Spoke before the council to assure members that Oak Grove still has a Planning Commission. He also briefly mentioned the ongoing discussion of language regarding Data Centers. Council Member Jean Leavell asked for a status update on RV parks and requested that the topic be placed on the September 3, 2026, Committee of the Whole agenda.
- Upcoming Community Events: Council Member Janet Edwards announced the Butterfly Festival at Valor Hall on September 5, 2026, which will include the release of 3,000 butterflies. Council Member John Campbell announced the September 11th Memorial Event, which will take place on September 12, 2026, at the Lisenby Oak Grove Community Center.

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: 7:06 p.m.

APPROVED:

_____/s/_____ 09.08.26_____
Jacqueline Oliver, Mayor DATE
City of Oak Grove

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____ 09.08.26_____
Lorelynn Fisher, City Clerk DATE
City of Oak Grove

*The minutes were approved during a Regular City Council Meeting on September 1, 2026. The original signed document is available at City Hall.