

**OAK GROVE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 28, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Oak Grove City Council was called to order by Mayor Denno at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2022. Pledge of Allegiance was said, and roll call taken.

Present: Dan Denno, Mayor
Mike Wylie, Council Member
Paul Tradewell, Council Member
John West, Council Member

Also Present: Loren Wickham, City Administrator
Jessica Rieland, City Clerk

Via Zoom: Weston Rolf, Council Member

1. PUBLIC FORUM

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member West reminded everyone of the tree lighting event this Friday beginning at 6:00.

3. SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA. All in favor.

4. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2022

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. All in favor.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. Parks Commission minutes for November 16, 2022
- B. Planning Commission minutes for November 17, 2022

Council acknowledged receipt of commission minutes.

6. PETITIONS, INDIVIDUALS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INQUIRIES

7. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contains several items, which are acted upon by the Council in one motion. Upon request by any one Councilmember, City staff, or the public a consent agenda item may be removed and put on the regular agenda for discussion and consideration.

- A. Claims and Accounts
- B. Resolution 22-183 accepting donation to Fire Department
- C. Resolution 22-184 merit pay increase for Fire Chief
- D. Resolution 22-185 merit pay increase for Heavy Equipment Operator
- E. Resolution 22-186 approving Step Increases for Firefighters

Council Member West requested to remove B.
Council Member Rolf requested to remove E.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE TO APPROVE A, C, D. All in favor.

Council Member West thanked Ron and Suzanne Herman for collecting donations for the fire department at their seasonal produce stand.

Suzanne Herman 809 Sims Rd NW mentioned that R and R Contractors donated a lot of fruits and vegetables for their stand this year.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRADEWELL, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST TO APPROVE B. All in favor.

Council Member Rolf asked for more information about the step increases for firefighters. Administrator Wickham explained the step system in place for the firefighters.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLF, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEST TO APPROVE E. All in favor.

14. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES & DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Administrator Updates

Administrator Wickham mentioned that the planning commission has continued to work on the THC ordinance and have made progress. They've suggested using the framework of the tobacco license with the structure of the alcohol license including the fee amount.

Administrator Wickham noted that he checked the budget to see if the wage study could be done this year and he believes the city has the funds, however, he does not believe that there is enough time to complete it by the end of the year. He stated that he has a proposal from Abdo, and it will cost \$10,000-\$15,000 and will take 2-3 months to complete. He contacted two other firms, and those estimates were in the same range.

Council Member Rolf is in favor of moving forward with the wage study and encouraged the council to consider moving forward with the study.

Mayor Denno is in favor of moving forward.

Council Member Tradewell is in favor of moving forward.

Council Member Wylie is in favor of moving forward.

Council Member West stated that he would abstain from the vote without having more information about the wage study.

Council Member Wylie suggested having Abdo present more information about the study at an upcoming meeting.

Lorraine Denno 20531 Sleepy Hollow Dr NW reminded the council to consider the residents when making decisions that affect the budget.

Brad Johnson, Planning Commission Chair, provided an update on the IUP revocation that came before the planning commission recently. He stated for the record that the complaints being made about the property are being taken seriously and the planning commission is working on resolving the issues. He noted that the resident with the IUP has made significant progress and due to winter conditions was given until May 2023 to finish bringing his property into compliance. He mentioned that the commission is also considering adding a zoning classification for hobby farms.

Administrator Wickham noted that the Truth in Taxation public hearing will be held at the December 12th meeting.

Jerry Tri, Parks Commission Chair, mentioned that the tree lighting event organized by the parks commission is on Friday, December 3rd. He noted that the sledding hill at Dunlop Park is ready for the season, and they have added more lights and benches at that park.

Angie Bray Johnson 19070 Silverod St NW introduced herself and thanked the residents for electing her to the city council.

15. MAYOR/COUNCIL REQUESTS/UPDATES

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. with an EDA meeting at 6:50 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLF, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER WYLIE TO
ADJOURN. Motion carried 4-1. Council Member West opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26
p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Rieland
City Clerk