

**THE CITY OF OAK GROVE, MISSOURI
MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
HELD AT THE OAK GROVE CITY HALL
2110 S BROADWAY, OAK GROVE, MISSOURI
JANUARY 20, 2026**

The Board of Aldermen for the City of Oak Grove, Missouri met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in Oak Grove, Missouri. Members present were Mayor Dana Webb, Alderwoman Melissa Johnson, Alderwoman Rachel Kilmer, Alderwoman Kelly Nadeau, Alderwoman Tracey Newcomer, Alderwoman Pam Pope and Alderman Shane Shawbaker. Also present to perform their duties were City Administrator Matthew Randall, City Attorney Chris Williams, Chief Mike Childs, Parks Director Scott Matson, Emergency Management Director Mark Sherwood and City Clerk Kim Drury.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A member of the ministerial alliance led the prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:02 p.m. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed those present were Mayor Dana Webb, Alderwoman Newcomer, Alderwoman Kilmer, Alderwoman Johnson, Alderwoman Nadeau, Alderman Shawbaker, and Alderwoman Pope.

NEW BUSINESS, DELETIONS OR CONTINUANCES TO THE AGENDA

There was no new business, deletions, or continuances to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

The minutes from the January 5, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting, expenditures through January 15, 2026, the December 2025 Financial Statement and the Semiannual Summary of Cash and Fund Balance for publication were considered for approval. Alderwoman Kilmer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Shawbaker seconded. Vote was in favor with the following Yes votes: Alderwoman Newcomer, Alderwoman Kilmer, Alderwoman Johnson, Alderwoman Nadeau, Alderman Shawbaker, and Alderwoman Pope.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation regarding special recognition from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for Distinguished Years of Service Proclamations

Mayor Webb and the Board presented Distinguished Years of Service Proclamations to 4 employees who have collectively amassed over 140 years of service to the City of Oak Grove. Recognizing something that too often goes unspoken: dedication, loyalty, and a lifetime of service.

Their dedication represents the very best of public service: showing up day after day, often behind the scenes, doing the work that keeps our town running. Each of them has witnessed change—new leadership, new challenges, new technologies, and new generations of residents. Yet, through all of that, one thing remained constant, their commitment to this community.

- Brandon Grote serving in the Police Department 25 years
- Jim Armstrong serving in the Parks Department 30 years
- David Graham serving in Public Works 40 years (unable to attend)
- Mark Sherwood serving in Emergency Management 45 years

Congratulations to them on this remarkable milestone and everything they have given to the community.

Presentation to Community Service League

Mayor Webb presented the Community Service League Director, Amanda Worley, with a check in the amount of \$9,755.00 for money collected through the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

Request to purchase a new 2026 Dodge Durango with police package for the Police Department.

Captain Paris reported the Police Department is requesting Board approval to purchase a new police package, 2026 Dodge Durango. This purchase will expand the police fleet to meet current staffing needs and allow for the continued use of older models with economic feasibility. The police department compared costs through the Missouri-Kansas State bid for 2026 for both the Ford Explorer and the Dodge Durango, which are very comparable in price with the Dodge being slightly cheaper. Each model does have pros and cons and the department strives to maintain a mixed fleet to balance front and rear compartment size, ensure safe operations and maintain maneuverability. For this bid, the department has selected the Dodge Durango for cost savings and immediate availability. Dodge Durango will come with a V8 engine for police use and all-wheel drive. A local state contractor dealer has provided a new 2026 Dodge Durango that meets the department's requirements at a lower cost than the Explorer with immediate delivery. This is an approved budget item, and he is seeking the Board's approval for moving forward with the purchase, which will be \$42,786. The state bids for Missouri and Kansas are in the Board packet, if you want to refer to those. He would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have.

Alderwoman Nadeau asked how many of each does the department have?

Captain Paris responded right now they have mostly Ford Explorers. When COVID hit and vehicles were difficult to get, they moved to the Dodge because they were able to get those. Currently the department has two Dodge's. One is an admin vehicle, which he drives and they added one last year to the fleet. It seems to be doing very well and the officers like it. If the purchase is approved, this will be the third Dodge Durango.

Alderwoman Pope asked if he remembered what was budgeted for this?

Captain Paris responded they have \$58,000 budgeted and this will include outfitting. Part of the remaining money will be to buy equipment to outfit it and everything with that too.

Alderwoman Nadeau made a motion to approve the request to purchase a new 2026 Dodge Durango with police package for the Police Department in the amount of \$42,786.00. Alderwoman Newcomer

seconded. Vote was in favor with the following vote: Yes votes: Alderwoman Newcomer, Alderwoman Kilmer, Alderwoman Johnson, Alderwoman Nadeau, Alderman Shawbaker, and Alderwoman Pope.

Discussion regarding regulations for curb address painting.

City Administrator Matthew Randall reported at a previous Board meeting, the Board discussed and then requested some additional discussion regarding the potential to regulate curb address painting in the city of Oak Grove. The purpose of this discussion is to consider whether or not address painting should be permitted and if so, under what standards. Curb address painting typically involves a property marking their street address on the curb, which would be in public right-of-way. There's a mix of cities some allow, some don't. Some cities that prohibit this type of activity do so by default, either under the sign code, graffiti code, or right-of-way regulations. While others allow residents to paint addresses on curbs to hopefully improve visibility, assist delivery drivers, first responders, or utility workers in finding the property. This would be in addition to the house addresses on the property. People will still need to have their home address on the physical building/house and would be in addition to on the curb. Where permitted, cities generally authorize curb addressing, painting subject to certain regulations to ensure consistency, location and size. Looking at other cities that do allow curb addressing, there seem to be some standard best practices. There's a staff memo in your packet that goes over those. For the most part, they talk about location, design and maintenance. Location, the curb addressing should be limited to the curb to the top or face of the curb. Not on sidewalks or on the road itself. The curb address location should be near the driveway, on the same side of the driveway as the principal entrance to the home. That way, for first responders, they would typically know where to look for it, as well as which is the principal address, particularly in areas of town where maybe houses are closer together that might be more difficult. Then the design of the addressing, they should be an easy-to-read block style numerals. They should be 4 inches in height with a minimum of 1/2 inch in width. They should be black in color on a white background. Maintenance put in code to be clear, the city isn't responsible for maintaining curb addressing that a homeowner may choose to put on their curb in front of their home. Property owners should ensure that if they decide to paint numbers, those numbers should remain legible so people can see what they are. To avoid confusion because it's not been maintained and cause confusion to first responders. Also, if need be, the City reserves the right to remove addressing that doesn't match those standards. The city isn't required to put back on the painted curbs if the curb breaks or has to be replaced. The City will fix the curb but not necessarily put back the address numbers. He would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have. Tonight, he is looking for feedback either no action from the Board, curb addressing would remain prohibited under right-of-way regulations or if the Board would like to proceed and direct staff to draft an ordinance to bring back to amend right-of-way regulations to allow curb addressing. Staff is asking for some direction on which regulations the Board would like to see in that proposed ordinance.

Mayor Webb stated thank you, Matt. All right, Board this is open for discussion.

Alderwoman Kilmer asked where other cities have the addresses painted on the curbs, no other municipalities, actually paints it on that's the homeowners doing it within their code typically?

City Administrator Matthew Randall responded yes, 99% of the time. He does believe Mission Hills paints the addresses on, but that's a different tax income. Very few cities around here paint it themselves and maintain it.

Mayor Webb stated that you might see an HOA do it in different cities when they're allowed to.

Alderman Shawbaker stated the thing that worries him about the whole thing is the uniformity. People being able to do it if they want to and then not being able to do anything about the problem. It could be confusing if it is 408 and paint gets messed up or some kid vandalizes in any way, shape, or form. It's

going to make it difficult, more difficult for these first responders or delivery people or cause more issues than it already is. He isn't really seeing the pros. If there are pros to it, he feels like the cons outweigh it.

Alderwoman Johnson stated to Captain Paris, her parents were really sick and lived out in the country. Eventually the Fire Department pounded into the ground these markers so they could find them more quickly. Is this something that eventually the homeowner could spray so the police or fire department could find them more quickly?

Captain Paris responded obviously anywhere that the address is in more than one place, it's going to make it easier to find. But speaking for himself, just being honest, he worked at Lee's Summit for many years and some HOAs had it and a lot of times at night, when they were responding, he personally never found himself looking at the curb. He was looking at houses, looking for threats, trying to figure out things like that.

Alderwoman Kilmer stated she thinks it's different in town than out in the country. The city has markers on every corner and blocks are arranged by a city block number. She agrees with Alderman Shawbaker she thinks that the downsides outweigh the positives.

Mayor Webb stated also consider several neighborhoods or places around town don't have curbs at all.

Alderwoman Johnson asked why it was limited to the curb and not in front of the house?

There was some discussion about placement on the road and not the curb or if it was a curved curb or a square curb for uniformity and a lot of the older neighborhoods that don't have curbs, lighting issues, parking over or blocking the address.

Alderwoman Pope asked Alderwoman Nadeau if she had at one time brought this up and if she wanted to add anything?

Alderwoman Nadeau responded she didn't need to add anything.

Mayor Webb stated all right, since there is no other discussion and everyone else was good there was no further action taken.

INFORMATION/REPORTS

Emergency Management Director Mark Sherwood reported that he was contacted by Blue Valley Public Safety, the siren vendor, and the price from the company that makes the poll has dropped \$500. Also, there is a possibility of snow and extreme temperatures this weekend.

Captain Chris Paris reported that on behalf of the Police Department he wanted to thank the Board and Mayor Webb for their continued support with the purchase of the vehicle and other things supporting them and helping them do their job. They appreciated that and wanted to say thank you.

City Clerk Kim Drury reported congratulations to everyone with the distinguished years of service.

Alderwoman Johnson reported she has decided not to run again for re-election because of her illness and a lot of the Board already knows that. But as of tomorrow, Wednesday, January 21st, she is resigning as Alderwoman of Ward 3 because of her illness, but also because she will be moving officially out of her home on Harding Street. She has had a lot of deaths in her family, and she is officially moving to take care of the farm. Ava Marie's moving in with family to finish out her senior year for a few months. Their life is going to be a little crazy so pray for them. She wanted to thank everybody for teaching her

everything they took the time to teach her, and for the Mayor for having faith in her and for Pam and Matt, especially, and Kim for always taking those texts and questions. She appreciates everyone and everything they do for the community and Oak Grove is in good hands.

Alderman Shawbaker reported he wanted to reiterate, 45 years, very impressive and congratulations to all of them.

Alderwoman Pope reported thank you to Alderwoman Melissa Johnson for everything that she has done while on the Board.

Mayor Webb reported thank you for your time Melissa, the Board appreciates it. She wished her the best for her journey ahead, for her health, and for her stability of where she is going to live. Yes, 140 years plus and going on of those years of service. Congratulations again to all of those people, it seems like now people don't even stay at jobs for two to three years, let alone 45, 40, 25. That is pretty remarkable. She thanked Amanda from CSL for everything she is doing. She is always thrilled to present the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund check to her.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

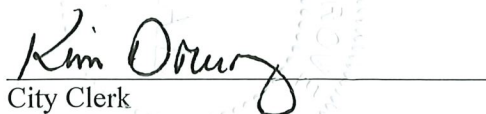
Alderwoman Nadeau made a motion to adjourn the meeting to executive session under Section 610.021(1) and 610.021(2) RSMO. Alderman Shawbaker seconded. Vote was in favor with the following Roll Call vote: Alderwoman Newcomer – Yes, Alderwoman Kilmer – Yes, Alderwoman Johnson – Yes, Alderwoman Nadeau – Yes, Alderman Shawbaker – Yes, and Alderwoman Pope – Yes.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:26 p.m.

Visitors: Pete Winstead
Amanda Worley
Brandon Grote
Jim Armstong
Mark Sherwood



Mayor



City Clerk

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DISTINGUISHED 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Grove recognizes that its strength and continued success are built upon the dedication, expertise, and commitment of its employees; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Grote began his employment with the City of Oak Grove on April 10, 2000, and has faithfully served the City for twenty-five years, demonstrating professionalism, integrity, and a deep commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Brandon Grote has contributed significantly to the efficient and effective functioning of the Oak Grove Police Department, positively impacting both colleagues and the residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, this milestone reflects a remarkable level of loyalty and devotion to the mission of the City of Oak Grove;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dana R. Webb, Mayor of the City of Oak Grove, and the Board of Aldermen do hereby recognize and express sincere appreciation and present this Proclamation to

Brandon Grote

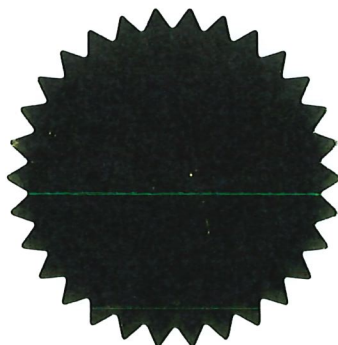
for 25 years of exemplary service and extend our gratitude for your continued dedication to the betterment of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Oak Grove, Missouri to be affixed this 20th Day of January 2026.

ATTEST:

Kimberly Dwyer

City Clerk



Dana R. Webb

Mayor



DISTINGUISHED 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Grove is proud to honor employees whose long-term service strengthens our community and upholds the highest standards of public service; and

WHEREAS, Jim Armstrong began his employment with the City of Oak Grove on May 30, 1995 and has served the City with distinction for thirty years, providing dependable leadership, valuable institutional knowledge, and steadfast commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, over three decades, Jim Armstrong has consistently demonstrated excellence in the performance of duties and has been an essential contributor to the progress and success of the Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, such significant tenure reflects personal dedication, perseverance, and an unwavering belief in the mission of the City of Oak Grove;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dana R. Webb, Mayor of the City of Oak Grove, and the Board of Aldermen do hereby honor and present this Proclamation to

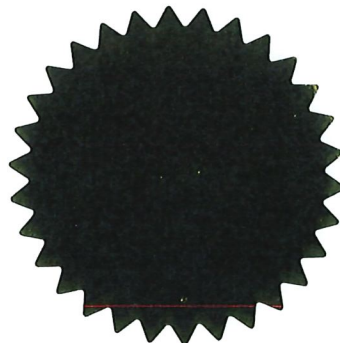
Jim Armstrong

for 30 years of exemplary service and express our profound appreciation for your contributions made to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Oak Grove, Missouri to be affixed this 20th Day of January 2026.

ATTEST:

Kimberly Drury
City Clerk



Dana R. Webb
Mayor



DISTINGUISHED 45 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Grove celebrates the extraordinary commitment of employees whose service spans generations and helps shape the very foundation of our community; and

WHEREAS, Mark Sherwood began his employment with the City of Oak Grove on December 15, 1980, having devoted forty-five years to the City of Oak Grove, stands as an exceptional example of steadfast dedication, professional excellence, and enduring public spirit; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career, Mark Sherwood has provided invaluable knowledge, leadership, and support within the Emergency Management Department, leaving an indelible mark on the City's history and future; and

WHEREAS, such a milestone represents an unparalleled level of service, deserving of the highest recognition and gratitude from the City and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dana R. Webb, Mayor of the City of Oak Grove, and the Board of Aldermen do hereby extend the City's highest commendation and present this Proclamation to

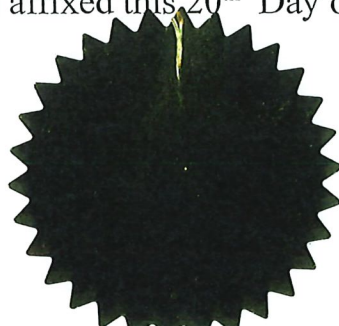
Mark Sherwood

for 45 years of extraordinary service, and express our profound appreciation for your enduring dedication and unwavering commitment that has enriched our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Oak Grove, Missouri to be affixed this 20th Day of January 2026.

ATTEST:

Kimberly Drury
City Clerk



Dana R. Webb
Mayor