**ABBREVIATED GREEN SPRING COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 15, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm via Zoom by Mayor Trevor Cravens. Present were Commissioners Josh Combs, Scott Radeker, Stuart Ries, Chris von Allmen, and City Attorney Chip Hayward. Also present were Green Spring residents Katie and John Terry.

Minutes from the March 2021 Commissioner’s meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Ries motioned to approve and Commissioner von Allmen seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

The monthly Security Report was emailed to commissioners prior to the meeting and included only house watches.

**Beautification, Commissioner Chris von Allmen**

Spring has sprung so we are keeping an eye on any dead loss that has occurred over the winter.  Will plan with ProTurf to remove and replace accordingly. Management of Tree City status. Neighbor in Wolf Creek, Patty Peachy, has asked us to review a tree that is in poor condition near the right of way and catch basin on Bilandon.   Commissioner von Allmen reviewed the LOJIC maps to better determine the trees position in relation to our right of way. It was determined that the tree is between the properties and the city will split the cost of removal.

**City Services, Commissioner Josh Combs**

Rumpke Yard Waste Pick-Up: It appears that everything began on time.

2 Dumpster Application approved. 1 Fence Replacement approved

Rumpke Trash Pickup: Had 1 issue with trash removal and returning cans to the backyard. Mayor Cravens clarified that Rumpke should go to back of house, take trash, and remove it. Trash must be bagged; Rumpke is not obligated to dispose of unbagged garbage. Unsure if our contract includes bringing trash can back to the back yard. Mayor Cravens suggested that resident speak directly with Rumpke to express their wishes. Change in service may be due to employee turnover/previous employee went above and beyond contract.

Resident Terry -- mailbox issue on Green Spring Drive. They are having consistent problems with mailbox getting knocked over. Have proposed constructing a pullout in front of mailbox. Realize that there is an ordnance against parking pads. Does this qualify? Discussion of width and length of pullout. Commissioners suggested to shrink the width down so the pullout wouldn’t be mistaken as a parking pad.

**Finance, Commissioner Stuart Ries**

Income from all sources for March 2021 was $2206.83. March expenses were $20,002.89.

Major March expenses were: Trash Collection ($6651.60) and Snow Removal ($5050.00).

2020-2021 Financial Report: The Uniform Financial Information Report (UFIR) was submitted to the commonwealth of Kentucky. The City is in compliance with all required reports.

New Business 2021-2022 Budget: We will have the first reading of the FY 2021-2022 budget. The budget can be easily modified before the second reading in May. We will need to consider additional source of revenue to build up the reserves for future road improvement projects. There are several opportunities to build up the reserves: 1) Reduce Operating Expenses. Potential to save $3000/year from various line items – water being the largest contributor 2) Enter into a franchise agreement with LG&E for natural gas service. We discussed this several years ago. The franchise fee would be the rate that we establish however the cost would be passed onto the users. At $3*/*month X 275 houses would generate about $10000*/yr* 3) Raise the insurance premium tax. Increasing the tax rate from 5.75% to 6*%* would increase revenue by approximately $4000/year. Once again, this would be passed on directly to the policy holders. 4) Levy a maintenance fee to the property owners in the "old" sections of Green Spring. This is per the deed restrictions for sections 1&2 but not allowed for the Wolf Creek residents. This would be a flat fee and not a tax increase. The City did this about 8 or 9 years ago to raise revenue. This would generate about $5000*/*year 4) Increase the property tax rate. An increase in the rate from $0.165/$100 to $0.170/$100 would generate approximately $4000*/*year in incremental revenue. 5) Decrease the discount given to the residents of The Overlook from 60% to 40% resulting in $1500*/*year incremental income.

**Transportation, Commissioner Scott Radeker**

Sidewalk Repair: Defer to next year.

Paving Project: Finalized project with Commonwealth. Pre work (repair of roads and widening of Clipping Ct) to be done prior to the June resealing. Resealing scheduled for the week of 14th and 21st. Work will be done in 4 phases, each phase taking two concurrent days from 07:30 am to 6:00 pm.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business**.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

 First reading of the 2021-22 Budget

Discussion around new revenue sources for GS to replenish funds for capital projects

The next meeting will be held on May21, 2021, at a location TBD.