**MINUTES FROM THE 19MAY2022 GREEN SPRING COMMISSIONER’S MEETING**

Mayor Trevor Cravens called meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Present were Commissioners von Allmen, Ries (via Zoom), Radeker (via Zoom), and City Attorney Hayward. Commissioner Combs was absent.

Commissioner von Allmen made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Commissioner Ries seconded the motion, and they were approved unanimously

Security report included only home watches. Graymoor-Devondale police patrol time was a few hours short of normal, but city is billed by the hour.

**BEAUTIFICATION, COMMISSIONER VON ALLMEN:** Toured Green Spring w/Rick from ProTurf. Assessed trees, shrubs, grasses after winter. Saw some areas where replacement is needed for shrubbery. Should be installing annuals in next day or two. Significant amount of dead loss in median between Fox Den and Wolf Pen Parkway. Will remove and not replace. Will have more cohesive plan for replacement. Rick will get back w/ Chris on process. New median will probably be part of 2022 budget line. Trees in 2nd median are starting to show stress. Recommended arborist to do dead-limbing. Wolf Pen preservation Association reached out and they are interested in funding sign (½ payment) for historic Wolf Pen corridor, as well as planted bed at Springdale and Wolf Pen.

**TRANSPORTATION, COMMISSIONER RADEKER:** nothing to report. Emailed Brad (sealing company; no reply) will call tomorrow.

**FINANCE, COMMISSIONER STUART RIES**: Income from all sources was $18,520.70. Expenses were $13,957.57. Major April expenses included Trash Collection ($7383) and Lawn Care ($2054).

Charter Communications: A check was received in the amount of $12,763.95 from Charter Communications for the cable franchise fee.

American Recovery Act: The second distribution of funds from the American Recovery Act is expected in late May.

**CITY SERVICES, JOSH COMBS:** Permits have been issued for dumpsters on Deepwood Drive and Fox Den Ct.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Compensation ordinance – 2nd reading will not occur at tonight’s meeting, since any ordinance pertaining to compensation in 2023 needed to be passed by May 1 of this year. New commission can take it up in January 2023. City of Prospect just passed a similar ordinance. Increasing from $100/meeting to $250 meeting.

2nd reading of ordinance #1 for revision of 2021-2022 budget to allocate $199,000 from savings to road maintenance account to cover road sealing project. Commissioner von Allmen motioned to approve. Commissioner Ries seconded. Passed unanimously.

2nd reading of ordinance #2 for 2022-23 budget. Will not adjust for new tax rate. Commissioner von Allmen motioned to approve and ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance Enforcement: Proposal from George Stewart pertaining to ordinance enforcement. $300/month for 5 hours. Commissioner von Allmen stated that the city will need a code enforcement board. Members must be city residents; Mr. Stewart would be additional. Would contract Mr. Stewart’s services for code enforcement. Mayor Cravens will contact Mr. Stewart to request contract for services.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Code Enforcement Board: City Attorney Hayward recommended that the city maintain a code enforcement board for potential appeal purposes (if residents appeal violation/fine). Commissioner Ries suggested looking at Rolling Hills and see how they implement code enforcement officer. Discussed assigning a 5-member code enforcement board consisting of current commissioners plus one extra member (= George Steward, hired code enforcement officer). Commissioner von Allmen suggested that the City post a call for board volunteers and also eliminate Section H from Ordinance 2005-6, as it reads that no member of the code enforcement board can hold an office with the City. City Attorney Hayward recommended the following wording: “Section H: of ordinance 2005-7, enacted on 10/20/05 and relating to code enforcement board member qualifications is hereby repealed in its entirety”.

Tax Rate: Home assessments increased from 72M to 90M; at present tax rate, should see increased income of 15-16K/year. In lieu of increased assessment (18%), should City decrease tax rate? With 15% reduction, will break even. Tax rate currently $0.170 per $100 of assessed value. Can only increase by 4% per year. Propose 12% decrease, with planned 4% increase over 4 years. Road repairs – plan to re-treat or re-pave in 10 years for $350,000. Must pass ordinance by August to publish in September. Commissioner Ries will come to next meeting with proposals.

Commissioner von Allmen motioned to adjourn the meeting, and it was adjourned at 7:51 pm. The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2022 at Old National Bank.