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Greetings Green Spring Residents,

Summer is in full swing and I, for one, am thankful for access to the Wolf Creek pool. For anyone who is not aware, Green Spring residents can join the Wolf Creek pool by contacting Cindy Lynn at the Wolf Creek Clubhouse or Ted White at Cornerstone Management Company (502) 384-9012.

Green Spring was very busy this Spring getting caught up on some projects to remove several dead limbs and dead trees in some cases. Most of this work is taking place in the median between Fox Den Ct. Wolfspring Dr. There are plans to replace these trees in the coming months.

Printed directories were delivered in late April. If you did not receive one, please let me know and I will happily drop one in your paperbox.

As many are aware, the commission was considering an ordinance to allow commissioners and the mayor to receive compensation for their service. We had many residents contact me in support of the ordinance and we thank you for that. Ultimately, the issue was not voted on at the recommendation of our city attorney. There are KY statutes about when such ordinances may be considered and passed and our timing was just outside of that window. The new commission may choose to revisit this proposal after the first of the year.

Speaking of the newly elected commission, there are currently two open spots for commissioners in the upcoming November election. Please contact me if you would consider becoming a write in candidate.

The city has contracted the services of George Stewart as our code enforcement officer. Mr. Stewart's company, Louisville Code enforcement and Mediation, LLC (www.loucodes.com) works with several cities in Jefferson County to assist in monitoring and enforcing ordinances. Mr. Stewart will be visiting our neighborhood for an hour or so per week to look for any ordinance issues and will begin communication with the resident at that time via letter. As always we start with a courtesy notice. With this, the city is also needing to reengage our code enforcement board to consider any appeals or fines levied as a result of ordinance violations. We have three willing participants currently, but need two more. This position DOES NOT require a monthly meeting. Please contact me if you would be willing to serve on our Code Enforcement Board.

If you need to report an ordinance violation or concern, please may contact Mr. Stewart via email at louisvilleceo@gmail.com or by phone at 502-599-8938.

The city budget was passed at our May meeting and is included in this newsletter. Note that property tax revenues are up due to the new PVA assessment of our city, but there is a proposal from Commissioner Ries to decrease our property taxes to help residents offset the 18% average increase in PVA assessments received recently. The Commission will vote on this at our July meeting.

If you wish to discuss any of the above matters or other things happening in the city, feel free to contact me or any other commissioners.

Best,

Trevor Cravens trevor.cravens@gmail.com 859-492-9492

**ALL RESIDENTS
ARE REQUIRED
TO GET PERMITS
FOR DUMPSTERS
AND
CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS**

MINUTES

GREEN SPRING COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at Old National Bank by Mayor Pro Tem Ries. Those present were Ries, von Allmen, Radeker, and Combs. Green Spring resident Jasmine Drinkard also joined.

Commissioner von Allmen made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by commissioner Combs. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

City Services, Commissioner Josh Combs

Commissioner Combs is working on a flyer to remind residents that permits are needed for major renovation and dumpsters. He will send a draft to the commission before printing.

Transportation, Commissioner Scott Radeker

Commissioner Radeker reported that snow removal costs YTD are \$16,825. Increased salt prices have impacted the City budget.

The snow removal company caused some minor damage to a resident's yard. They are working directly with the resident to repair the damage

Beautification, Commissioner Chris von Allmen

Commissioner von Allmen is working with the Wolf Pen Branch Association on a historical plaque. Details and costs will be shared when they are known.

Finance, Commissioner Stuart Ries

Commissioner Ries reported that there are 2 residents who are delinquent on 2021 property taxes. The City Attorney is preparing tax liens on these properties.

Old Business

There was no Old Business

New Business

There was no New Business.

Commissioner Radeker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Combs seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES-**GREEN SPRING COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 17, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm at Old National Bank parking lot by Mayor Cravens. Those present were Commissioners Ries, von Allmen, and Combs. Commissioner Radeker and City Attorney Hayward were absent.

Commissioner Combs made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by commissioner von Allmen. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

The security report was previously emailed to members of the Commission.

City Services, Commissioner Josh Combs

Printed fliers reminding residents to apply for permits a week prior to construction. Will be distributed shortly.

Discussed incidence of car parked on street for prolonged time. Mayor Cravens advised to contact Graymoor Devondale and they will deal with it – there is an ordinance against this.

Dumpster permits are being approved at a typical rate.

Beautification, Commissioner Chris von Allmen

Greenway to mulch Wolf Pen and Springdale Road planting beds. Spoke with Wolf Pen Preservation association and they would like to assist us with a design plan for the corner.

Met with Wolf Pen Preservation Association regarding sign they would like to install. Concerns surrounding the capability of putting a large rock in the median moved potential placement at the left wing of the entrance where the natural rocks wall is located. This would also allow the sign to be illuminated. Waiting on proofs and designs from Eagle Sign. Prefer bronze relief to match existing signs.

Contacted Eagle Sign to administer repairs to the Wolf Creek entrance sign; they will contract to paint it.

We received renewal of our status as a Tree City. Waiting on renderings and estimates for plaques as discussed at January meeting.

Sprinkler was repaired and resident was billed.

Tree fell into drainage easement behind Bilandon. Proturf will be pulling it out. Also have Proturf looking at lights on Wolf Creek entrance sign between Wolf Creek and Green Spring.

Bids on mowing for Springdale corridor are higher than last year; looking at other options.

Transportation, Commissioner Scott Radeker

In the absence of Commissioner Radeker, the following report was submitted:

Last Month we incurred \$1,187.50 in Snow Removal Expenses. YTD Spend is \$18,012.50.

Still need to survey sidewalks for sidewalk repair.

Will have Sealmaster come back to look at sealant application as fissures have been highlighted by salt application.

Finance, Commissioner Stuart Ries

Income from all sources for February was \$19,739.36. This includes \$17,722.56 from insurance tax collection. Major February expenses were \$7,383 for trash collection and \$11,212.50 for snow removal.

2021 Property Taxes: Tax liens have been filed on two properties.

2021 UFIR: The 2020-2021 Uniform Financial Information Report has been submitted to the Commonwealth of KY. The City is current with all state filings.

Old Business

Directory letters have gone out; in process of printing by April 1st.

New Business

A first reading of an ordinance to establish compensation for elected officials was held. Subsequent discussion led to agreement that the position of City Clerk should be included in the ordinance. Amendments to include the City Clerk will be considered before the second reading at the next commission meeting.

The Commission passes condolences on to Chip Hayward for the passing of his father, Samuel Hayward.

MINUTES-GREEN SPRING COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm at Old National Bank by Mayor Cravens. Those present were Commissioners Ries, von Allmen, and Combs and City Attorney Chip Hayward. Commissioner Radeker joined the meeting via phone. George Stewart was also present.

Commissioner von Allmen made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by commissioner Ries. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

The security report was previously emailed to members of the Commissioner Ries noted that Graymoor-Devondale police were in the neighborhood fewer hours compared to normal. This was most likely due to staffing issues. George Stewart was introduced. He is the owner of a code enforcement business. Currently, the Graymoor-Devondale police department is enforcing our ordinances. His business works for several nearby neighborhoods, including Graymoor-Devondale. He is retired from LMPD, worked for Attorney General in Jefferson county office. Started company 2015. Is the largest code enforcement company in US, serves 8 cities in Jefferson County. Has gone through our ordinances – they are strong, up to date. Commissioners stated that parking, lawn care (environmental nuisance) are our main concerns, and that consistent enforcement is desired. Cost of services is: \$500/10 hours, \$300/5 hours; includes 1-2X/week survey of neighborhood. Additional \$150/year for citations/postage. How to manage permits e.g., permit issuance. He can mail copies of permit and ordinances. Discussed pros and workflow. Commissioner von Almen suggested highlighting ordinances we are most concerned about and want to be enforced. How can we become more proactive, to avoid issues in the future. Graymoor Devondale will continue efforts to enforce Green Spring ordinances for the time being. If not effective, will consider hiring code enforcement company. Do need to consider room in budget for services. Commissioner Ries will add \$4000 so service can be covered if desired.

Beautification, Chris von Allmen

- Proturf – Spring Mulch, trimming and edging occurred around the city.
- Greenway will cut the Springdale Corridor this year
- Tree Removed from the catch basin behind BiLandon Court
- Landscape lighting – Repaired by Proturf
- Reviewed a tree that had fallen off of Clipping Court to determine responsibility of city. It was outside of the city's lines
- Working on Renderings with Eagle Sign regarding Tree City USA signage at entrances. Will distribute when available. 24-inch sign at front entrance. Black/bronze w/tree, 16-inch sign for Wolf Creek entrances. Green Spring Dr and Clipping Cross/entrances – different signs. Metal sign with Tree City logo.

City Services, Josh Combs

- Egg Hunt – very well done – thanks to Analese Craven and Social Crew for organizing. Well-attended, people happy to be back together again. Looking forward to more city events.

- Additional permit check received. Fence permit pending.
- Solar panels – resident had inquired, but no longer interested. Should think about proactively addressing this issue with ordinance.

Transportation, Scott Radeker

Pending:

- Survey of sidewalks.
- SealMaster survey of roads for warranty work.

Finance, Stuart Ries

Income from all sources was \$1839.13. Expenses were \$15,323.60. Major March expenses were Trash Collection (\$7383.00) and Security (\$1820.00).

MINUTES-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 Stewart, 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.

MINUTES-MINUTES FROM THE CITY OF GREEN SPRING COMMISSION MEETING, 16JUN2022

Called to order at 7:09 PM by Mayor Trevor Cravens. Present were Commissioners Josh Combs, Scott Radeker, and Stuart Ries. Also present was City Attorney Chip Hayward. Commissioner von Allmen was absent. Commissioner Ries motioned to approve the May meeting minutes as amended, and they were approved unanimously. The Security Report consisted of house watches.

BEAUTIFICATION – COMMISSIONER CHRIS VON ALLMEN

Commissioner von Allmen submitted the following report:

1. Kentucky Tree has done some extensive work to remove dead loss and dead trees.
2. Doing final tweaking of replacement plan with Pro-turf.
3. Removal of dead loss as well as pruning and mulching of all trees along the Springdale Corridor was performed.
4. Sign for Wolf Creek was repaired and repainted.
5. All street signs will be straightened and leveled.

Commissioners discussed replacement tree species that Mr. von Allmen recommended; approved his suggestions.

CITY SERVICES – COMMISSIONER JOSH COMBS

Noted that, if placing non-emergency call to Graymoor-Devondale police department after hours, one will most likely will be speaking with Sheriff's dispatch. City Attorney Hayward suggested that, if speaking with Sheriff's dispatch, ask to have an officer call you back. Commissioner Combs questioned if "For Rent" sign allowed. Possible that ordinance stipulates sign be set back from road.

TRANSPORTATION – COMMISSIONER SCOTT RADEKER

Has reached out to road sealing company twice. Two concerns: 1) there are a few areas that will need repair, and 2) almost one year has passed, is maintenance required?

FINANCE – COMMISSIONER STUART RIES

May Financial Statement: Income from all sources was \$16,276.27. Expenses were \$20,061.99

Major May expenses were Lawn Care (\$7820) and Trash Collection (\$7383).

2022-2023 Tax Ordinance: First reading of 2022-2023 tax ordinance to be given tonight. Proposed tax rate will be \$0.145 per \$100 of assessed value, which is a 14.7% reduction in the Green Spring tax rate.

November Election: As is customary, the City will reimburse any City resident that files to run for Green Spring Office. Please submit your receipt from the clerk's office for reimbursement.

Check #2 from American Recovery Act should arrive soon (\$80K).

May have to amend budget to cover expenses if high snow removal costs are incurred, given proposed adjustment to tax rate.

OLD BUSINESS

Code Enforcement Officer is at work; 3 citations issued thus far. Three residents have committed to serving on Code Enforcement Board. If residents have complaint, call code enforcement officer.

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Rate: Commissioner Ries gave the first reading of the 2022-2023 Tax Ordinance. Proposed \$0.145 cents per \$100/assessed value. Tax revenue is flat, but tax reduction. Will add \$50 returned check fee language to tax ordinance. Motion by Commissioner Combs to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Radeker seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. The next meeting will be held on July 21, 2022 at Old National Bank.