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CITY OF GREEN SPRING NEWSLETTER

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Dear Residents,

Spring is upon us and we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel for COVID. I hope we can resume some of our own city gatherings before the end of the year. In the meantime, we have a big project upon us and that is the focus of my communication with you today.

In mid-June, we expect to start a road sealing project that will provide both aesthetic and physical benefits to the roads in Green Spring. The product we have chosen is Liquid Road™ Ultra Pavement Sealer. It is a premium polymer-modified, fiber reinforced asphalt emulsion coating that contains specifically graded aggregate for application on pavement surfaces. We expect the product to extend the life of our roads by 7-10 years or possibly more before any resurfacing or repaving would be required. Additionally, the product will provide a consistent color to the roads that should last for many years.

You may have noticed that preparations for this project have already begun with crack sealing happening throughout the city. There are still repairs to be made. If any resident wishes to comment on the project, immediately before our regularly scheduled May 21st meeting, a Special Meeting will be held to allow public comments on the Road Project.

In preparation for the project, there is some particularly important information that every resident will need. The project will involve road closures throughout the city for 10-12 hours at a time over the course of two weeks. The project will take place in four sections with each section closing from 7am until 6pm each day for two days. We will be circulating detailed information in your paper boxes over the next few weeks so please be on the lookout. This will include maps and times that will show when closures are scheduled to occur.

What you need to know now is that when the road is closed in your section, you will not be able to enter or exit this section with a vehicle from 7am until 6pm that evening and again the next day for the same amount of time. Note that this will allow for residents to return to their homes each evening. Exceptions will only be made in the event of an emergency where an emergency vehicle needs to enter. Look in your mailbox for these details to come before our May 21st meeting.

In other news, the commissioners are voting on a new budget. Proposed budget changes include additional expenses for electricity and water due to rate increases that have occurred or are proposed. Additionally, the City is planning for the next big road project that will likely take place in 10-12 years. Considering increased expenses and looking ahead, there is a proposed property tax increase from \$0.165 to \$0.170 per \$100 of assessed value. Green Spring last adjusted the property tax rate in 2018 from \$0.187 to \$0.165 so this is still a decrease from the previous rates.

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

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MINUTES

***ABBREVIATED GREEN SPRING COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 21, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm via Zoom by Mayor Trevor Cravens. Present were Commissioners Josh Combs, Scott Radeker, Stuart Ries, Chris von Allmen, and City Attorney Chip Hayward. Green Spring residents Moe Bata and Matt Kubancik were also in attendance.

Minutes from Dec 17, 2020 were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Monthly Security Report was emailed to commissioners prior to the meeting and included enforcement of several city ordinances.

Beautification, Commissioner Chris von Allmen

Many compliments from residents were received for the holiday lights and decorations. Commissioner von Allmen has been in contact with Arthur Gordon Electric to get ideas for updating lights at the city entrance, for the median in front of the city entrance on Wolf Pen Branch, as well as the median on Wolfspring Drive. He is also working on plans for planting beds at the NE corner of Wolf Pen Branch and Barbour Lane, in order to deter vehicular parking on that spot. This area is an easement on private property. Permission will be sought from the property owner before proceeding with landscaping of that area (Green Spring will be responsible for all costs). Commissioner Ries noted that some of the city sign posts are not level. Commissioner von Allmen said that he will ask Eagle Sign to realign posts as part of regular spring maintenance.

City Services, Commissioner Josh Combs

Resident Bata is seeking a permit for a circular driveway. Commissioners discussed and saw no conflict with city ordinances. The permit will be granted.

Transportation, Commissioner Scott Radeker

- Snow Removal: No Snow Removal this season to date
- Sidewalk Repair: Meeting with Precision Concrete on 1/26 at 10:30 am in GS to discuss their quote.
- Paving Project: Reached out to Commonwealth Paving. They will give us an idea on a phasing plan by mid-February. We can tweak it solidify a date by early March. David Jenkins, past transportation commissioner, indicated that Mayor Cravens needs to sign documents with Commonwealth to lock in the pricing. Need to know if a public meeting is required to proceed with the project (presumably to be held at the Green Spring Commissioners meeting next month). City Attorney Hayward will check with League of Cities and inform the Commissioners if this is necessary.
- There are a few streetlights out. Commissioner Radeker will contact LG&E to fix.

Finance, Commissioner Stuart Ries

Income from all sources for December 2020 was \$13,370.35, which included \$11,496.24 from property tax collection. December expenses were \$20,055.39. Major December expenses included Trash Collection (\$6651.60) and Holiday Decorations (\$3475.00).

2020-2021 City Taxes: As of January 20, 2021, all but one property owner have paid the 2020-2021 City of Green Spring taxes, with \$117,914.04 being collected. A tax lien will be filed in February if the tax bill remains unpaid.

OLD BUSINESS

- Charter Cable Agreement – Amended agreement is signed. Awaiting fully executed copy.
- Green Spring Website – website is live. Check out www.cityofgreenspring.com. Commissioner Ries will research online payment options for permits.
- Surveillance camera quotes were received and presented to the Commission for discussion. There are two types of cameras: one can record images of vehicles entering and exiting the neighborhood, and the other type of camera has license plate recognition capability. The cameras with license plate recognition capability are more expensive. In order to effectively deter theft, the city would need cameras at all entrances (Barbour Lane/Wolf Pen Branch, both Springdale Road entrances, and Wolfspring Drive into Wolf Creek). Wolf Creek HOA will discuss at their next meeting the possibility of sharing cost of a camera on Wolfspring Drive. All Commissioners are in support of purchasing security cameras, with preference for the model with license plate recognition. Graymoor Devondale Police Chief Grady Throneberry has stated that vehicle break-ins are the #1 crime in Jefferson County.

NEW BUSINESS

Resident Kubancik inquired about the existence of ordinances regulating the display of yard signs. Mayor Cravens will look into this and get back to Mr. Kubancik.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm. The next meeting will be held on February 18, 2021, at a location TBD.

***ABBREVIATED GREEN SPRING COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm via Zoom by Mayor Trevor Cravens. Present were Commissioners Josh Combs, Scott Radeker, Stuart Ries, Chris von Allmen, and City Attorney Chip Hayward.

Minutes from the January 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 nothing of significance.

Beautification, Commissioner Chris von Allmen

Not much to report. Has put improvements to the NW corner of Wolf Pen Branch on hiatus. Has not heard back from owners. In interest of budget, project can be deferred.

City Services, Commissioner Josh Combs

3 fence applications were approved.

1 Rumpke issue resolved. Trevor will ensure that Josh has been established as point of contact with Rumpke. Chris Pierce is Rumpke contact.

Josh is enjoying meeting residents so far in his new role.

Transportation, Commissioner Scott Radeker

- Snow Removal

Date	Service	Amount			
			2/11/2021	Snow / Ice	\$850
1/27/2021	Snow / Ice	\$650	2/12/2021	Snow / Ice	\$700
1/28/2021	Snow / Ice	\$650	2/14/2021	Snow / Ice	\$850
2/8/2021	Snow / Ice	\$850	2/15/2021	Snow / Ice	\$2,650
2/10/2021	Snow / Ice	\$1,650	2/16/2021	Snow / Ice	\$ TBD
Total:		\$8,550			

- Sidewalk Repair: Met with Precision Concrete to discuss their quote. Their offer is to grind approximately up to 194 of 220 trip hazards identified in their survey of our sidewalks. There are two options: Option A is to grind hazards 1/4" to 2" (194 hazards) - \$12,964.50. Option B is to grind hazards 1/2" to 2" (94 hazards) - \$8,119.00. This offer will not improve the aesthetic quality of the sidewalks by eliminating any surface quality issues like pitted surfaces or small cracks. They recommended a 2nd company that could, for an additional (and to date unknown) fee repair those types of defects. Emailed Kingsbury to get clarification and an update on their proposal from last year. Their updated bid is in two parts. Part I is to replace 387 sq ft of concrete for \$11,470 (29.63 / sq ft). Part II is to replace 356 sq ft of concrete for \$9,900 (27.08 / sq ft). Total is \$21,370 for both parts. This offer, while more expensive, will completely replace sections of the sidewalk. But it doesn't appear to be as extensive as the Precision offer in addressing all the trip hazards.

Summary: Unfortunately, these are apples to oranges comparisons – hence my bringing back to the group for a wider discussion on the history of the need and input on which solution would better fit the city's needs. Commissioner Radeker will email repair quotes to all commissioners so they understand the scope of work. Commissioner Ries stated it is the responsibility of residents to maintain their sidewalks. We do have a city ordinance that describes the condition in which sidewalks must be maintained. There is a line item in current budget for \$18,000 to cover sidewalk repairs. Ultimately, the goal of sidewalk repair is to fix all areas that need repair. If repair cost is $\geq 20,000$, we can publish scope and put project up for bid. That way, we are likely to find a contractor to complete this comprehensive project.

Paving Project: Will be meeting with Commonwealth Paving next week to go over the phasing.

Finance, Commissioner Stuart Ries

Income from all sources for January 2021 was \$16,615.02, which included \$3017.72 from property tax collection.

January expenses were \$13,146.91.

Major January Expenses included Trash Collection (\$6651.60) and Web Site (\$2967.64).

2020-2021 City Taxes: One property owner is delinquent on 2020-2021 City of Green Spring taxes. A tax lien will be filed. Will likely use all of our snow removal budget for first time in 6 years.

OLD BUSINESS

- Security Camera update: Decision from Wolf Creek is Nay. Snow removal budget is currently being used, so propose to discuss again after snow season; possibly 2021-22 budget item.
- Paving Project finalization meeting February 23rd. Priority is to finalize a traffic control plan for getting people in/out of homes during the project. Update coming soon. Bottom line: will sign contract and project will be completed this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Combs: Do we want to address property rental in GS? Currently, there is no ordinance regarding property rentals in GS. Our ordinances cover property maintenance. City Attorney Hayward advised to not go forward with the topic at this time.

Commissioner Ries made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Radeker seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next meeting will be held on March 18, 2021, at a location TBD.

***ABBREVIATED GREEN SPRING COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 18, 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 Debbie Hovious and Kenton Glass.

Minutes from the February 2021 Commissioner's meeting were reviewed. Commissioner von Allmen motioned to approve and Commissioner Radeker seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

The monthly Security Report was emailed to commissioners prior to the meeting and included only house watches. Resident Hovious had heard from a neighbor about streets being paved. Was interested in details. Mayor Cravens clarified that streets are being re-sealed, and this was on the agenda for tonight's meeting..

Beautification, Commissioner Chris von Allmen

- ProTurf has been given a "Spring Clean Up" list of things to do around the city
- Set up quarterly review of Landscape Lighting to confirm all is in good working order
- Scheduling an Electrostatic painter to paint Wolf Creek Entrance Sign, which is showing a fair amount of rust.
- Contract with Greenway to maintain the corridor landscaping (Springdale Rd) should be about the same as last year's.

City Services, Commissioner Josh Combs

- Rumpke will provide yard waste pick-up the 3rd Friday of-March, then every Friday starting April 1st.
- KY Telecommunications – Commissioner Combs received an invite to a Zoom meeting on April 21st. Mayor Cravens clarified that we fall under the auspices of Louisville/League of Cities and generally don't participate in those meetings.
- 1 dumpster application approved.
- Question from resident -- sidewalk to be built from Wolf Creek to Paddock shops? Metro Council Representative Reed would know the status of this.
- We have one more year of current Rumpke contract (just had an extension)

Finance, Commissioner Stuart Ries

Income from all sources for February 2021 was \$9837.05, which included \$9207.19 from insurance premium receipts. February expenses were \$17,003.21. Major February expenses included Trash Collection (\$6651.60) and Snow Removal (\$4650.00).

2020-2021 City Taxes: One property owner is delinquent on 2020-2021 City of Green Spring taxes. A tax lien has been filed.

2021-2022 Budget: We will have the first reading of the FY 2021-2022 budget at the April meeting. Please submit any special budget requests prior to the meeting.

Mayor Cravens -- We will have a slight increase in revenue from the Charter franchise agreement. Should see this in the 2nd quarter.

Transportation, Commissioner Scott Radeker

Snow Removal

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			2/11/2021	Snow / Ice	\$850
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2/8/2021	Snow / Ice	\$850	2/15/2021	Snow / Ice	\$2,650
2/10/2021	Snow / Ice	\$1,650	2/16/2021	Snow / Ice	\$850
Total:		\$9,400			

Sidewalk Repair

No progress

Paving Project

Met with Commonwealth paving to go over phasing plan (two options attached). Finalizing contract by next week.

Sealing work will occur June 14-June 21st, M-F.

Commissioner Radeker presented two [2] options (4 Phase and 7 Phase):

- 4 Phase -- residents will have vehicular access to their homes in the evening – if driving, must be out of home by 7 am, but could drive on surface at 6 pm same day; this would span the period of two [2] days.
- 7 phase – residents won't have vehicular access to their homes for one [1] 24-hour span (from 7 am one [1] day until 7 am the following day).

After discussion, Commissioners unanimously agreed upon the 4 phase proposal. Commissioner Radeker will have Commonwealth's proposal adjusted to reflect this decision. An abundance of communication will be sent to residents leading up to commencement of the paving project.

Resident Hovious mentioned widening of the culdesac on Clipping Court – people drive on grass between 4608 and 4811 at the entrance of the culdesac. Has been a problem for 10+ years, and creates a depression in the yards where water then collects. Commissioner Radeker received an inquiry from the resident at 4800 about widening of this section of the road; Commonwealth Paving quoted \$7500 to repair prior to pavement sealing. Commissioner Ries – do we need to have a survey, determine easements? Commissioner Radeker – residents asked for it to be widened (it is on their property). Attorney Hayward – will look into this; definitely need to get consent from residents. Mayor Cravens – which funds to use? Commissioner Ries will look into it.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Commissioner von Allmen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Radeker seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm. The next meeting will be held on April 15, 2021, at a location TBD.

*****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 ordinance 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.

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Residents are invited to Monthly City Meetings the 3rd Thurs of each month at Wolf Creek Clubhouse 7:00PM