

ABBREVIATED MINUTES FROM THE 15DEC2022 MEETING OF THE GREEN SPRING COMMISSION

Called to order 7:06 pm by Mayor Trevor Cravens

Present were City Attorney Chip Hayward, Commissioners Stuart Ries, Chris von Allmen, Josh Combs, and Scott Radeker (by phone). Also present was ordinance officer George Stewart.

Minutes from the October meeting were approved unanimously. Since there was not a quorum, the November meeting was not held and there were no minutes to approve.

Security Report – nothing of note, except deer involved in auto collision was euthanized by officer. Mr. Stewart gave a review of recent citations issued, which included several environmental nuisances (traffic hazard/ safety issue -- foliage extending into roadway); blockage of storm drain, inoperable vehicles.

Beautification (Chris von Allmen) -- Holiday lights are hung, 2nd dog station has been installed, all replacement trees have been planted, Will also ensure that landscape lighting is good after replanting of trees. Working with WPPA (Wolf Pen Preservation Association) on two items: trying to get final design for sign that'll be placed on Wolf Pen Branch, near the left wing of the entrance; also, planting of trees and shrubs at the corner of Springdale and Wolf Pen Branch. WPPA received a generous grant from Scott Reed's office, and WPPA will match these proceeds to dress up that corner. As City of Green Spring is maintaining this area currently, we are working to assist in finalizing this project.

City Services (Josh Combs) -- City decorations look amazing. Has received compliments from visitors. In response to questions from residents, Commissioner Combs will compose a summary for inclusion in next newsletter regarding ownership of limbs hanging down/across property/blocking MSD drainage. Will include MSD phone #.

Transportation (Scott Radeker) -- Sent contract for snow removal to Mayor Cravens to sign.

Finance (Stuart Ries) -- Income for November was \$133,744.81. This includes \$119,576 in property tax collection and \$12,939.14 in insurance premium tax receipts. Expenses for November were \$25,552.93. Major expenses included Lawn Care (\$10,830.00) and Trash Collection (\$7,383).

2022-2023 Property Taxes: As of December 13, 2022, 94% of property owners have paid their 2022 taxes. Total tax receipts are approximately \$127,500. 2022 taxes are due December 31, 2022.

Collection is ahead of schedule.

New Business:

George Stewart shared a copy of the solar panel ordinance from the City of Beechwood. Commissioners discussed ordinance and proposed modifications for Green Spring. After further research, possible first reading in January.

The Commission recognized and thanked Trevor Cravens for nine years of service as Green Spring Mayor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm. Commissioners that will continue their service in 2023 were sworn in by City Attorney Chip Hayward. The next Commissioners meeting will be held January 19, 2023.

Submitted by Caryl Conklin, City Clerk