

ABBREVIATED MINUTES FROM THE 19JAN2023 MEETING OF THE GREEN SPRING COMMISSION

Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Mayor John Morton. Present were commissioners Trevor Cravens, Chris von Allmen, Stuart Ries, and Josh Combs. Also present was City Attorney Chip Hayward.

The December meeting minutes were approved as amended.

Security Report was emailed to all; nothing of note. All house watches.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BEAUTIFICATION (Chris von Allmen)

- We have a rendering for the WPPA/Mill sign. A true size example will be available prior to finalizing.
- Metro Works was notified by Terri Combs regarding the failed pavement at the 4 way near the island median.
- Spoke with ProTurf regarding potential dead loss from the abnormally hard freeze we experienced in December. Should these plantings need to be replaced we have a budgetary number of \$2800-3200. Due to high loss region-wide, there could be a shortage of replacements. Green Spring is in line if that is the case.

CITY SERVICES (Josh Combs)

- Social Committee planning dinner at Gustavos – Friday, February 3 @ 7 pm. Interested residents are invited.
- Rumpke – issue with resident pick-up; quick response from Chris at Rumpke; indicative of good relations between Green Spring & Rumpke.
- New homeowner expressed frustration that he didn't know avenue for requesting permits. Are homeowners given city directory? Yes, if commission is notified, city directory will be delivered. Ultimately, it is up to owner to seek out local laws and ordinance requirements. City Attorney Hayward noted that this responsibility is typically communicated by realtors and is a part of documents associated with home mortgages.
- Water issue in resident's backyard next to where house was removed for Gene Snyder expansion. MSD had previously created a berm to alleviate the issue. Commissioner von Allmen had worked with the resident at that time; advised Commissioner Combs to call MSD on behalf of resident.
- Mayor Morton -- when will new trash collection bids be sought? This time next year. Who empties pet stations? ProTurf every two weeks; in summer at cuttings. Commissioner von Allmen adds new bags.

FINANCE (Stuart Ries)

Income for December was \$11,215.63. Expenses for December were \$24,077.93. Major December expenses were trash collection (\$7383) and lawn care (\$5800).

2022-2023 Property Taxes: As of January 19, 2023, three property owners have not paid their 2022 taxes. Notices have been mailed to these residents. Taxes will be considered delinquent on January 23, 2023.

December Snow Removal: Billed \$7500, paid in January.

TRANSPORTATION (Trevor Cravens)

- No snow in January
- First quote on sidewalk repairs has been received (\$19,800). Will have three proposals within the week. Would like to complete repairs by end of June. Approx. \$200/section for add-ons if more areas are identified. If budget allows, perhaps next year have sidewalks pressure-washed to make appearance more uniform.

OLD BUSINESS

Scanning of Green Spring Historical Documents: Commissioner von Allmen has received two quotes for document scanning (~ \$1000-1500). Will obtain another quote prior to making decision (Commissioner Cravens recommended Data Vault). Documents include historical items such as minutes, old social gathering invites, newsletters. Commissioner Cravens – can scanned documents be filed in folders? Commissioner von Allmen – yes. Can add some documents to Green Spring website; set up a Google drive to maintain all.

Solar Panel Ordinance – First Reading: Commissioner Cravens gave the first reading of the Solar Panel Ordinance, to establish compliance when solar panels and associated equipment are installed. Restricts solar panels to back of house, not yards; equipment to be mounted on side of home & away from property lines. Purpose of ordinance is to be proactive, help regulate installation. Commissioner Cravens revised the original version of the ordinance to remove part of Section 9 saying owner has to maintain an annual certification. Updated penalties to be consistent with other Green Spring ordinances (not less than \$50 or more than \$500). Can make further changes prior to second reading.

NEW BUSINESS

City Attorney Hayward emailed open meetings act to commissioners. Discussed setting up Green Spring email accounts instead of using personal email.

Compensation Ordinance: Commissioner von Allmen reintroduced proposal for ordinance to increase compensation for city commissioners and city clerk. Originally brought up in spring 2022 to entice service on commission and make compensation commiserate with in-kind cities. Put forth in ordinance \$2400, payable in quarterly installments, effective July 2023. Based upon guidance from KY League of Cities. Commissioner Cravens previously sent out email to notify city residents of this proposal and he received 14 responses. All were positive except for 3 who were opposed. First reading to occur at February Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner von Allmen motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Cravens seconded. Meeting was adjourned @ 8:07pm. The next commissioners meeting will be held on February 16 at Old National Bank.

Submitted by Caryl Conklin, City Clerk