



# MAINSTREAM

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CITY OF GREEN SPRING NEWSLETTER

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Greetings Green Spring Residents,

Congratulations to our new Mayor elect, John Morton. I am excited to serve under Mayor Morton again and excited for the collective group of elected officials we have in place. In case you have not seen results of the November election, John Morton was elected as Mayor and the following individuals were elected as commissioners: Stuart Ries, Josh Combs, Chris Von Allmen and me, Trevor Cravens. Mr. Ries, Mr. Combs and Mr. Von Allmen will continue their current commissioner roles and I will begin this term as Commissioner of Transportation dealing with snow removal, roadway and sidewalk maintenance and repairs.

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

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve as your Mayor for the past two and half terms. I thoroughly enjoyed working with my fellow commissioners and feel like we accomplished some good things for the city. I look forward my new role to serve the city in a different capacity. It is my intention to revisit the sidewalk repair project that we started a few years back. I would encourage anyone to get involved in some way, whether it be an elected position, social committee, tree board or other project that you would like to see happen in Green Spring.

I know the city is likely taking up the topics of solar panel installations, short term rentals, tree ordinances and elected official compensation in the coming months so there are a few opportunities to at least voice your opinion. Please contact one of your commissioners if you wish to discuss one of these topics.

Though projects are slowing down for the winter, I hope you have noticed several new trees installed along Green Spring Drive. We had to remove several due to poor health and/or severely damaged limbs and this is part of the process in maintaining our urban forest as a member of Tree City USA. Residents also play an important role in this process by monitoring and maintaining their own trees. Dead trees are more susceptible to disease and harmful insects that can hurt other healthy trees in their vicinity, but also pose a significant safety risk with weakened limbs and roots that can give way unexpectedly.

Another project on the horizon is in conjunction with the Wolf Pen Preservation Association (WPPA) and Councilman Reed's office. The WPPA are seeking to install a historic plaque denoting the entrance to the Wolf Pen Branch corridor where several historic sites exist, including the Wolf Pen Mill. Commissioner Von Allmen has been working with the WPPA to design and install a historic plaque at the Wolf Pen Branch/Barbour Lane intersection and also create a plan for revamping the landscaping at the Springdale Rd./Wolf Pen Branch intersection Though this property is not technically part of Green Spring, the overall beautification of the area directly adjacent to our city is ultimately beneficial to our city. My understanding is that Councilman Reed's office has committed Neighborhood Development Funds to help with the landscaping project.

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,

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# MINUTES

## **ABBREVIATED MEETING MINUTES      AUG 18, 2022 GREEN SPRING COMMISSION**

Called to order by Mayor Trevor Cravens at 7:05 pm

Present were commissioners Stuart Ries, Chris von Allmen, and Green Spring resident John Morton.

Commissioners Combs and Radeker and City Attorney Hayward were absent.

July meeting minutes -- Commissioner Ries motioned to approve and von Allmen seconded. Minutes were approved.

July Security Report – majority was home watches.

No reports from Transportation and City Services

**Beautification** – “Tree City” signs are up at city entrances. Street signs have been straightened and re-affixed. Pro-Turf repaired holes where trees were removed; will re-plant around October. Still considering tree species – e.g., sweet gum, red maples, sweet bay magnolia, alternate with crepe myrtles. Wolf Pen Preservation Association – has established idea for sign to be placed in median at Wolf Pen Branch/Green Spring Dr. Commissioner von Allmen has applications from KYTC to enable city to plant trees at corner of Springdale and Wolf Pen.

**Finance** – Income for July was \$2,591.47. Expenses were \$12,048.25. Major July expenses were: Trash collection (\$7,383.00) and Insurance (\$1,752.00).

Updates on road sealing repairs – Commissioner Radeker is confirming late August repair date.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

AT&T requested a permit for running utilities for fiber optic. Green Spring has no permit process, so none granted. No timeline given.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Municipal order No 2 -- Interlocal agreement for police services -- read by Mayor Cravens. Graymoor Devondale police department being acquired by Lyndon. All in favor; unanimously passed.

Green Spring Fall Festival – will be held Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 4-7 pm in the median.

Motion to adjourn meeting by commissioner Ries; seconded by Commissioner von Allmen.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 15SEP2022 at Old National Bank.

## **ABBREVIATED Minutes City of Green Spring      Sept 15, 2022**

Meeting called to order 7:04pm

In attendance: Stuart Ries, Scott Radeker, Chris vonAllmen Josh Combs,

Guests: George Stewart & John Morton

Aug 17 minutes approved unanimously

George Stewart (Louisville Code Enforcement) updated us on his work:

Some citations issued and continue to educate residents about Code Enforcement.

**Beautification**: Some trees removed and planning to plant new trees later in fall. Commissioner vonAllmen suggested we look into a more detailed tree ordinance as there are a lot of dead or unhealthy trees in the city. This is a safety concern and a threat to our urban forest.

**Transportation**: Commonwealth Paving continues to reapply sealcoating in areas where it did not take in 2021. Expected to finish by the end of September. Warranty for this sealcoating project is two years. We will review applications again in the spring to make any final warranty claims.

**City Services**: Some permits issued.

**Financial**: Major August expenses were trash removal (\$7300) and lawn care (\$3700). The city continues to have a strong balance sheet.

No old business.

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

## **ABBREVIATED MINUTES      OCT 20, 2022    Green Spring Commissioners Meeting**

Called to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor Trevor Cravens.

In attendance were Commissioners Stuart Ries, Chris von Allmen, and Josh Combs. City Attorney Chip Hayward and Green Spring resident John Morton were also present. Commissioner Scott Radeker was absent.

Commissioner Ries motioned to approve September meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner von Allmen seconded the motion and minutes were approved unanimously.

Security Report – nothing significant to note.

**City Services (Josh Combs)** – A couple of dumpster permits have been received. Suggested having a Q&A in newsletter to explain why permits are required. Expressed appreciation for a grand Fall Festival. Commissioners appreciate all the effort from the Social Committee that went into executing the festival.

**Beautification (Chris von Allmen)** – WPPA continues to discuss historical plaque in front of neighborhood as a larger project along Wolf Pen. Renderings of a potential option is available, but still under review. Pro Turf has removed dead or dying trees in multiple medians. Planting started on the 19<sup>th</sup> and will continue till the 21<sup>st</sup>. We are excited to further our push to promote healthy trees as part of our role as a Tree City. New dog waste station installed in median at Wolf Spring/Green Spring Drive. Mayor Cravens -- two dead trees on Iron Gate Court. Should city consider tree ordinance – dead or dying trees, since we are part of Tree City USA? Commissioner von Allmen -- we now have arms to enforce ordinances (code enforcement board, George Stewart). Will prepare a draft of a tree ordinance prior to the next meeting (research on other cities' like ordinance). Commissioner Ries has noticed trees hanging over/infringing on roadway along Wolf Spring Drive; this would fall under environmental nuisance ordinance.

**Finance (Stuart Ries)** – Income for September was \$1267.02, and expenses were \$17,817.36. Major September expenses were Trash Collection (\$7383) and Lawn Care (\$3940). 2022-2023 tax bills have been printed. Will be in mail the week of October 24.

**Transportation (Scott Radeker)**– no report. Commissioner Ries noted that material Commonwealth put down 2<sup>nd</sup> time for touch-ups is different from initial application. One year remains on warranty. Will revisit road condition and make another warranty claim if needed.

**Old Business** -- City Attorney Hayward – received call from upset resident who received ordinance violation. Commissioner von Allmen spoke to resident and confirmed that only a warning was issued. Commissioner Cravens will add to newsletter that George Stewart (ordinance officer) is a neutral party who is now enforcing ordinances.

**New Business** – none

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner von Allmen. Meeting adjourned 7:38 pm. The next meeting will be held on 17NOV2022 at 7pm, Old National Bank.