

## **PRELIMINARY MINUTES FROM THE 20JUL2023 MEETING OF THE GREEN SPRING COMMISSION**

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Mayor John Morton. In attendance were Commissioners Stuart Ries, Josh Combs, Chris von Allmen, and Trevor Cravens. City Attorney Chip Hayward,, City Clerk Caryl Conklin, and Ordinance Officer George Stewart were also present.

Commissioner Cravens motioned to approve the June meeting minutes as amended, and Commissioner Ries seconded the motion. The June meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Security Report was emailed to commissioners and included mainly house watches. Commissioner Ries stated that city is averaging 30 patrol hours per week, but we are contracted for 40 hours. Mayor Morton will speak with Lyndon police chief. Commissioner von Allmen noted that last month, there were only a few night patrols; emphasize to Lyndon police that the city wants increased patrols after midnight.

Residents' Concerns: no residents were in attendance.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS BEAUTIFICATION (Chris von Allmen)**

Electrical maintenance was performed to get front entrance fountain working. Replaced electrical outlet that has since failed. Will return to diagnose.

Neighborhood girls trimmed and mulched trees along Springdale corridor.

### **CITY SERVICES (Josh Combs)**

4<sup>th</sup> of July parade w/firetruck was excellent; very well attended.

There were a few dumpsters without permits that Commissioner Combs was unaware of; is there a better process to identify and give permit to residents? Ordinance officer will print off permit application (currently on Green Spring website) and mail it to them. Commissioner von Allmen will work with Hill Harcourt to adjust the recipient email address on the permit form that is located on the Green Spring website.

Commissioner Ries noted that there is a storage pod on Deerview Ct.

### **FINANCE (Stuart Ries)**

Income for June was \$1720.97. Expenses for June were \$40,957.30. Major June expenses were trash collection (\$14,766) and lawn care (\$5899).

The city ended the 2022-2023 fiscal year with a \$10,083.88 surplus. One deposit was not recorded (~\$1200); final surplus will be around \$13,000.

New Business: First reading of the 2023-2024 ad valorem tax ordinance. The proposed tax rate is unchanged from last year, which is \$0.1450 per \$100 of assessed value.

### **TRANSPORTATION (Trevor Cravens)**

Meeting with Commonwealth Paving to review warranty issues with road sealing project on July 24th. Will also survey roads same day. Addressing areas not covered or defective product. Road damage that occurred during AT&T fiber installation (e.g., AT&T bored under the road), along with any other damage, will be noted during survey. Two months remain on warranty.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Meeting Location: 2nd reading by City Attorney Hayward to amend ordinance regarding meeting space to reflect current location (Old National Bank 9708 Brownsboro Rd, Louisville, KY 40241). Commissioner von Allmen motioned to approve, and Commissioner Combs seconded. Passed unanimously.

Environmental Nuisances: 2nd reading by City Attorney Chip Hayward amending ordinance 2015-3. Added definition of dead tree and wood stack (firewood) to definition of environmental nuisances. Added verbiage “dead tree, dead limb, rubbish, grass, and other vegetation”, “existing”, and “private land” to Section 92.2. Commissioner Cravens motioned to approve, and Commissioner Combs seconded the motions. Ordinance was approved unanimously.

City Attorney Hayward will edit ordinance to reflect most recent verbiage agreed upon at this meeting; Mayor Morton and City Clerk Conklin will then sign. Afterwards, Attorney Hayward will publish ordinance on American Legal site, as well as Courier Journal. After Courier Journal publication, ordinance can be enforced. Going forward, Attorney Hayward recommends that summaries of all new ordinances be published in Courier Journal.

Reconciling Deed Restrictions with City Ordinances: Attorney Hayward will contact American Legal and press them to take action on this.

Discussion of virtual storage space for neighborhood documentation. Options are Google Drive and Drop Box; in addition, Commissioner von Allmen will ask Hill Harcourt (who maintains the Green Spring website) for other ideas.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

First reading of the 2023-2024 ad valorem tax ordinance by Stuart Ries. Same rate as last year.

Commissioner von Allmen motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Combs seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm. The next Commissioners meeting will be held August 17, 2023 at Old National Bank.