

PRELIMINARY MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 19, 2023 MEETING OF THE GREEN SPRING COMMISSION

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Mayor John Morton. In attendance were Commissioners Stuart Ries, Chris von Allmen, and Trevor Cravens. City Attorney Chip Hayward, City Clerk Caryl Conklin, and Green Spring resident Mike Feldhaus were also present. Commissioner Josh Combs was absent.

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

Security Report was emailed to commissioners and included mainly house watches.

Residents' Concerns: no concerns were voiced at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS BEAUTIFICATION (Chris von Allmen)

Wolf Pen Preservation thanked Green Spring in their latest newsletter for our partnership on the new historical plaques recently installed.

Commissioner Cravens: median sprinklers are still going off. von Allmen: They are due to be winterized. Likely will occur in next couple weeks.

CITY SERVICES (Josh Combs)

No report

FINANCE (Stuart Ries)

Income for September was \$10, which was from one dumpster permit. Expenses for September were \$18,155.29. Major September expenses were trash collection (\$7383.00) and lawn care (\$4690.00).

2023-2024 Taxes: Tax bills have been received and should be mailed out by October 23, 2023. Taxes will be due December 31, 2023 with a 2% discount if paid by November 30, 2023.

Total expenses for Fall Festival were \$1300; under the budget of \$1500.

TRANSPORTATION (Trevor Cravens)

Snow contract secured with JC Mohr. Rates will remain the same for 2023-24 season.

Speed detector update. Need to find someone to remove the unit and box it to ship it back to manufacturer for repair and recalibration. Have received a quote for this work. Will reach out to Eagle Sign Co. to see if they can assist.

Road sealing project – Resident Feldhaus commented that he was happy with touch-ups and road sealing project in general. Perceives communication and outreach to be better than in years past. Thanked Social Committee for events.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Camping in Green Spring Median: City Attorney Hayward the City of Hurstbourne's comprehensive ordinance on traffic and safety that includes discussion of what is allowed/not allowed on island/median. Hayward will email a copy of the ordinance to commissioners; commissioners will share suggestions/additions/modifications. This is a proactive approach. First reading will occur at next meeting.

Short Term Rental/AirBnB: City Attorney Hayward spoke to a local expert, who stated that, because Green Spring doesn't have zoning authority, it falls under Louisville Metro's authority. To be listed on AirBnB and Vrbo, have to pay for permit. Fines and penalties are pretty severe. Commissioners' discussion included the following questions: Can city charge permanent licensing fee? How is St. Matthews handling? Can Green Spring legally tax short-term rentals out of existence, make the fees prohibitive? Can people rent houses for Derby, would that be considered a short-term rental (self-listed)? The KY League of Cities has not gotten back to Hayward; they may have additional insight. He is working under the assumption that Green Spring does not want short-term rentals. Prior to next meeting, Hayward will have update.

Process to review ordinances: City Attorney Hayward will speak to American Legal and inquire if they have a service to incorporate deeds into ordinances. von Allmen: can they check for gaps? Hayward will ask, but it may be up to commissioners to read through themselves.

Proposed traffic study in regards to opening of new apartment complex on Springdale Drive: Mayor Morton predicts there will be more traffic associated with the new complex. What would be the solution? Ries: could be more traffic down both Green Spring Drive and Clipping Court. Cravens: current speed monitoring signs can track flow, speeding, number of cars; we just need to mine that data. Using Metro speed signs, can track traffic going from Green Spring onto Springdale before/after construction. von Allmen: can we put up "No Thru Traffic" signs? Conklin: Add sign at Wolf Pen/Barbour Lane entrance pointing to direction of Springdale Rd. Traffic concerns are a legitimate question for Scott Reed – he may have city staff investigate and make suggestions. Cravens will email Reed with concerns.

Feldhaus : how many speeding tickets are issued per month in Green Spring? ~1 per month. ~ 1 per month for not stopping at stop sign. Feldhaus has seen many drivers not stop at Green Spring Dr./Wolfspring Dr. Is there the possibility of installing speed bumps? Morton: previously MSD was concerned about side erosion (hilly without gutters). Cravens: we have always been told snow plows were the issue w/ speed bumps. City has added speed monitoring signs, and in the past, temporary speed bumps & stops signs to mitigate. Morton will ask Lyndon to step up patrols. Ries: they are currently at 30 hrs/month, but are contracted for 40 hrs. Feldhaus noted that the stop sign in front of 7109 Green Spring Drive is placed on left side of street, not right; is this legal? Hayward noted that traffic citations can be a Catch 22 – don't want to anger residents; want to catch people cutting through. von Allmen: suggested to have car stickers for residents (e.g., 50th Anniversary Green Spring) as a way to identify cars that are cutting through Green Spring.

Green Spring 50th Anniversary: Discussed having banners made for 50th anniversary to hang at city entrances. von Allmen will reach out to Eagle Signs to inquire about making and installing.

Morton confirmed that the 50th Anniversary celebration will occur in the fall (25th celebration was held in August). Currently, several residents have volunteered to help with festival, and more volunteers are welcome.

Ordinance No 5, Series 2023: Introduced by Hayward. Compensation for City Clerk @ \$1800/year, quarterly payments.

MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS:

A reminder to pet owners -- dogs must always be on a leash when you are walking your special pet, Also, if your dog is roaming around your property there must either be fencing or the dog should be under the owners or caretaker's supervision.

The owner of 4604 Deepwood Court has assured us that he will keep the premises mowed and free of trash. The owner has full intentions to redo the property.

Commissioner von Allmen motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Ries seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm. The next Commissioners meeting will be held November 16, 2023 at Old National Bank.