**AMENDED PRELIMINARY** **MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 15, 2024 MEETING OF THE GREEN SPRING COMMISSION**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Mayor John Morton. In attendance were City Commissioners Chris von Allmen, Stuart Ries, and Josh Combs. City Attorney Chip Hayward, City Clerk Caryl Conklin, Ordinance Officer George Stewart, and City Residents Jacob Van Bogaert, Ron White, and Mike Faith were also present.

George Stewart, Code Enforcement: Inoperable vehicles on Quail Brace Ct; owner has been notified that that they are an eyesore. City Attorney Hayward will move forward with a warning letter. Wrecked car on Quail Brace Ct. has been towed. Burned house on Deepwood Ct. needs another dumpster permit.

Mr. Faith was present to follow up on permit request last month for expanding his driveway, and also to state his opposition to blocking entrances on Springdale Rd. to prevent through-traffic from new apartment complex on Springdale. He paid $10 cash for permit; permit was approved verbally by Commissioners.

Mr. White had questions about amended taxes for his property on Barbour Lane outside city limits but within boundaries and how the taxes are calculated. The Mayor and Commissioners will take a look at the amended tax ordinance to ensure clarity, consistency.

Commissioner von Allmen moved to approve the January meeting minutes, and Commissioner Ries seconded the motion. The January meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Security Report was emailed to Commissioners and included nothing of significance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BEAUTIFICATION (Chris von Allmen)**

* Banners are up at the city’s entrances to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Green Spring.
* Commissioner von Allmen shared renderings of signs to help mitigate through traffic from the new Livano apartment complex on Springdale Rd.:
1. “Livano” Sign with arrow pointing left towards Wolf Pen Branch R. at 4 way (Wolf Pen/Green Spring Dr./Barbour Lane - is the same size as the sign that would back up to it on the same post.
* has not received a response from inquiries to the apartment complex to cost share.
1. No Through Traffic sign – Green Spring/Springdale Entrance
* Existing white post; can attach there.

Additional options:

* Stand Alone white post, permanent at main entrance with “No Through Traffic”
* Temporary sign on a realtor frame, installed initially when complex opens.   Could get multiple options of these at every entrance.

Mr. Van Bogaert: Do we have recourse if actual traffic is more than anticipated based upon apartment complex’s traffic study. Commissioner von Allmen: our speed signs do have counters, so we will have a baseline if comparison needs to be made.

* Landscaping: Proturf will be doing spring landscape work soon.

**CITY SERVICES (Josh Combs)**

Rumpke contract – Commissioner Combs been in touch with Chris Pierce at Rumpke regarding their contract proposal starting this June through 2027. Rumpke is proposing 60% increase over current contract. It was discussed and agreed by all that the city will need to send RFQ out ASAP. City Attorney Hayward: we can call a special meeting to discuss and review RFQ. Plan for early March; will need to publicize since open meeting.

**TRANSPORTATION (Trevor Cravens)**

*The following report was emailed*

Speed detection sign on Green Spring Dr. was reinstalled this week

New batteries have been received for all three units.

**FINANCE (Stuart Ries)**

Income for January was $9,123.31. Income included $3,637.14 from property taxes. Expenses for January were $24,682.16. Major January expenses were trash collection ($7,383.00) and snow removal ($5,437.50).

2023-2024 Taxes: As of 2/15/2024, taxes on 4 parcels are delinquent. Tax liens have been prepared for those residents.

2023 Financial Audit: The required bi-annual audit has been completed. A copy of the audit is available by sending an email to finance@cityofgreenspring.com.

City Financial Records: The city’s books have been transferred to QuickBooks Online. The financial reports will have a new look. The Mayor and Financial Administrator have full access to the records. The cost of QuickBooks Online for the first year is $514.10.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1st reading of Ordinance for Compensation for City Officials and Mayor – Read by Commissioner von Allmen. To encourage volunteerism, participation in city government. Current compensation is $600 per annum and proposed is $2,400/year in quarterly installments.

 Proposed ordinance would go into effect for Commissioners after next election cycle, January 2025. Commissioner’s terms are two years. Have all run unopposed in recent elections.

Green Spring 50th Anniversary Celebration – October 12th; still looking for ideas from city officials and residents. Contact Mayor Morton if interested in helping.

Green Spring Social Committee: The city is seeking volunteers to help determine the future of Green Spring Social Events! **Fresh ideas are welcome to enhance our community.** Contact Mayor Morton if interested.

**Spring Egg Hunt: March 23rd at 10 am in the median.**

Commissioner Ries moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner von Allmen seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 9pm. The next Commissioners meeting will be held on March 21, 2024 at Old National Bank.