**PRELIMINARY** **AMENDED** **MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 21, 2024 MEETING OF THE GREEN SPRING COMMISSION**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Mayor John Morton. In attendance were City Commissioners Stuart Ries, Trevor Cravens, and Josh Combs. City Attorney Chip Hayward, City Clerk Caryl Conklin, and City Residents Jacob Van Bogaert, Katy Hurt, Ron White, and Karen Fedor were also present.

Mr. White had questions about amended taxes for his Green Spring property on Barbour Lane and how the taxes are calculated. Commissioner Ries stated that taxes are calculated according to assessed value of property.

Green Spring 50th Anniversary Celebration: Commissioners and residents discussed the 50th celebration including food, programming ideas (e.g., Farmer Steve, bounce houses, pumpkin patch, mazes, live music, etc), generator, porta potties, type 3 barricades to block off streets. Programming will be dialed in soon so that the celebration’s budget can be set in time to add to 2024-25 city budget.

Commissioner Ries moved to approve the February meeting minutes, and Commissioner Cravens seconded the motion. February meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BEAUTIFICATION (Chris von Allmen)**

*The following report was shared via email*

Spring has sprung

* Proturf has completed prepping and mulching of the beds around the city.
* We anticipate the corridor will be mulched in mid-April.
* We received Certification as a Tree City USA again for the 17th year!
* Planning for Arbor Day Celebration sometime this year

**CITY SERVICES (Josh Combs)**

Commissioner Combs has been answering questions from new residents about trash pick-up days and the new waste contract.

**TRANSPORTATION (Trevor Cravens)**

Commissioner Cravens has been surveying the street for repairs that need to be made when asphalt becomes available.

**FINANCE (Stuart Ries)**

Income for February was $24,388.01. Income included $19,604.66 from insurance premium tax. Expenses for February were $16,617.75. Major February expenses included Trash Collection ($7,383.00) and Snow Removal ($3,165.00)

**2024-25 Budget:** We will hold the first reading of the 2024 budget ordinance at the April meeting. Please submit any budget requests before the April meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Compensation Ordinance: The second reading of the compensation ordinance for Green Spring City Commissioners was read by City Attorney Hayward. Commissioner Combs made a motion to vote, and Commissioner Ries seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows:

Cravens – approve

Ries – approve

Combs – approve

Morton – approve

The compensation will be effective January 2025, for Commissioners elected November 2024. All 4 Commissioners’ seats are up for election. There will be an ordinance proposed for Mayor compensation prior to the next mayoral election cycle (2026).

Garbage Contract: Rumpke submitted a bid with a 52% increase over the same service. The commission is evaluating service alternatives. Commissioner Cravens suggested conducting a resident survey to obtain the voice of the customer before locking in the next contract. Surveys will go out to residents’ mail/newspaper boxes in early April.

Commissioner Ries moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Cravens seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm. The next Commissioners meeting will be held on April 18, 2024 at Old National Bank.