

PRELIMINARY MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 18, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GREEN SPRING COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor John Morton. In attendance were City Commissioners Stuart Ries, Trevor Cravens, Chris von Allmen, and Josh Combs. City Attorney Chip Hayward, City Clerk Caryl Conklin, and City Residents Mike Faith and Daniel Slott were also present.

Commissioner von Allmen moved to approve the March meeting minutes, and Commissioner Cravens seconded the motion. March meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

2024-25 Budget: The first reading of the 2024-25 budget was given by Commissioner Ries. It is based upon the anticipated increase for the new garbage service contract. Highlights of the budget include income of \$75-78,000 from insurance premiums, a 4% tax increase to partially cover the increased cost of garbage pick-up, payroll for 6 months of commissioners and clerk compensation, and \$8,000 for landscape irrigation.

Green Spring 50th Anniversary Celebration: Preliminary planning is taking place, with a decision to hold the 50th Anniversary celebration in addition to the annual Green Spring Fall Festival. Additional funds will be pulled from the 2023-24 budget surplus to enhance the budget for the 50th celebration.

Survey for Garbage Pick-up: included responses from 110 households, with 56% in favor of once/week rear-door service, as opposed to 43% favoring twice/weekly street-side pickup. The once/week rear-door service in the new Rumpke contract will be provided at a \$7,000/year increase from the previous contract. Twice/week street service would have cost around \$13,000/year additional. All other service components provided by Rumpke (recycling option, yard waste pick-up) will remain the same.

Commissioner von Allmen moved that Mayor Morton and City Attorney Hayward pursue and finalize the contract with Rumpke, Commissioners review the contract, and then vote to approve the contract as a municipal order at next month's meeting. Commissioner Combs approved the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner von Allmen moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Ries seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm. The next Commissioners meeting will be held on May16, 2024 at Old National Bank.