

MINUTES FROM THE JULY 18, 2024 MEETING OF THE GREEN SPRING COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor John Morton. In attendance were City Commissioners Stuart Ries, Trevor Cravens, Josh Combs, and Chris von Allmen. City Attorney Chip Hayward, City Clerk Caryl Conklin, and City Resident Mike Faith were also present.

Kate Farrow, a candidate for 48th District State Representative, was in attendance. She introduced herself and listened to concerns.

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

The Security Report was emailed and contained no significant events.

BEAUTIFICATION, Commissioner Chris von Allmen

Pro turf reminded us about the age of our sprinkling system. Many of the heads are just worn out and will likely have to be replaced over time. Estimate was to budget \$3,500.

Unable to get an alternate quote from the company currently maintaining the Springdale corridor for East End bridges. Declined to bid.

Dead loss was replaced unfortunately during the hottest point of the summer. Stress caused the leaves to fall. All are coming back.

FINANCE, Commissioner Stuart Ries

Income for June was \$6456.90, which includes \$5024.05 of interest income. Expenses for June were \$41,096.50. The expense budget increase was due to additional maintenance and beautification expenses for new plantings and tree trimming. Major June expenses included Trash Collection (\$7383.00) and Beautification (\$19,979.00).

2024-2025 Tax Ordinance

We will hold the second reading of the 2024-2025 tax ordinance. The tax rate will be set at \$0.150 per \$100 of assessed value, which represents a 4% tax revenue increase.

2023-24 Fiscal Recap

The City ended the fiscal year with a \$3482 surplus. The City was over budget for water, beautification, and social functions and under budget for snow removal and security.

TRANSPORTATION, Commissioner Trevor Cravens

Asphalt repair on Deepwood Drive and Green Spring Drive is completed.

CITY SERVICES, Commissioner Josh Combs

Typical business (fence permit request). Code enforcement – a resident's yard was reported as overgrown. Cravens: contact George Stewart (code enforcement officer) w/address, he will issue citation, then city can take action.

Cravens: is it possible to set up a gateway or portal to apply and pay for permits online? Example, Stripe, Zelle. Ries will contact Old National to set up Zelle.

OLD BUSINESS

2nd reading of ordinance for Mayor compensation: by Stuart Ries. Compensation to begin January 1, 2027. \$2400/year paid in quarterly installments. Passed unanimously

2nd reading of 2024-2025 tax ordinance increase: by Stuart Ries. Tax rate to be set at \$0.150 per \$100 assessed value. Additional funds to partially cover increase in trash collection charges. Passed unanimously.

Green Spring 50th anniversary: planning is underway, reported by Commissioner Cravens

- Sunday, Sept 8
- 4-7 pm at Wolf Creek Clubhouse
- 21 & over
- Expecting attendance of 100-150 people
- 4 Pegs will provide food: brisket and chicken
- Beer, wine, soda, water provided
- 3-piece rock band (Frequency)

Commissioner von Allmen will confirm that liability coverage is in place.

Future Repaving of City Roads:

Estimated cost in 10 years will be \$700,000 projected by Louisville Paving (to mill and re-pave 5.2 miles of road). Mayor Morton has reached out to League of Cities, Metro Councilman Reed to seek additional sources of funding, to no avail. City has never paved all roads at once. Have paved in sections in the past. What wasn't paved previously will be paved next.

Commissioners discussed incremental revenue generation over 10 years:

- 4% /year tax increase ~ \$50,000
- Reassessment will result in property valuation increase ~ \$50,000
- LG&E Franchise -- ~10,000/year or \$100,000
- Insurance premium tax – increase to match similar cities \$150,000 over 10 years
- Save \$10,000/year by placing moratorium on projects

Commissioner von Allmen recommends pursuing LG&E franchise fee sooner rather than later. Ries asked Attorney Hayward to reach out to attorney at LG&E to get started.

Conversion of Deed of Restrictions to City Ordinances:

Current deed of restriction not enforceable by the city. Private right of action, not municipal right of action (i.e., Would take a private action by a resident to enforce).

Mayor Morton will email a list of deed restrictions to be considered for conversion to ordinances to commissioners. City Attorney Hayward will start work on those deemed to be priority.

Traffic Study:

Traffic study for intersection of Wolf Pen and Springdale has been provided by metro, with the help of Scott Reed. Details # of turns at various hours during the day. Can use as a baseline when monitoring traffic associated with new Livano apartment complex. Will also be able to track future traffic using speed monitors within Green Spring.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Commissioner von Allmen moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Ries seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm. The next Commissioners meeting will be held on August 15, 2024 at Old National Bank.