

## Abbreviated MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 19, 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 Stuart Ries, Trevor Cravens, Chris von Allmen, and Josh Combs. City Attorney Chip Hayward, City Clerk Caryl Conklin, Ordinance Officer George Stewart, and City Residents Mike Faith and Amy Faith were also present.

George Stewart, Ordinance Officer – Checking in to hear any concerns.

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

The Security Report was emailed and contained no significant events.

### **BEAUTIFICATION, Commissioner Chris von Allmen**

- Lights are hung with care; commissioners are re-booting as necessary.
- Top to dog waste bin needs repair; Chris will fix.
- Bit of overrun on budget for lights. Hadn't ordered the past three years. This year, some replacement was necessary. \$4,700 total bill for lights, wreaths, etc.

### **CITY SERVICES, Commissioner Josh Combs**

- Thanked commissioners for the experience of serving. Enjoyed opportunity to be part of city and learned a lot. Would love to remain involved in city functions.
- Transfer of materials to successor, Mike Faith is pending.

### **FINANCE, Commissioner Stuart Ries**

Income for November was \$98,229.18. This includes \$8,028 from Insurance Premium Tax and \$90,171 from property tax. Expenses for November were \$15,542.06. Major November expenses included Trash Collection (\$7,935.00) and Lawn Care (\$6,822.00).

2024-25 Property Taxes: As of December 19, 2024, 271 property owners have paid property taxes generating approximately \$134,000 in receipts. Seventeen tax bills remain unpaid. Reminder will be mailed to these owners before the end of the year.

New Business: We will have a first reading of a municipal ordinance to raise the tax rate on insurance premiums from 5.75% to 6.75%. This is anticipated to generate incremental revenue of \$16,000 in the first fiscal year, to be utilized for future road paving project.

### **TRANSPORTATION, Commissioner Trevor Cravens**

- Noticed MSD has picked up drainage issue project on Deepwood Ct. Was delayed for years due to lack of funds for capital expenditures.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Medical Cannabis Ordinance: Second Reading by City Attorney Chip Hayward.

- Prohibits a cannabis **business** (like cultivator, dispensary, practitioner, processor, producer, and safety compliance facility) from operating within the city limits. Added layer of protection.
- Does not deal with usage or non-usage.

Commissioner Ries moved to pass ordinance; Commissioner von Allmen seconded the motion. Roll call vote; passed unanimously.

Conversion of Deed of Restrictions to City Ordinances and First Reading for New Ordinances:

- Clarified inclusion of roof pitch/prohibition of flat roofs. Commissioner Ries proposed to strike roof section.
- Add verbiage to #9 about enforcement of property restoration due to unsafe conditions.
- Strike detached garage in section 10.

City Attorney Hayward will revise ordinances based upon discussion. He will send out certified summary of ordinances to commissioners, which will serve as the First Reading.

The Second Reading will be included on January's meeting agenda, and a copy of the ordinances will be sent along with the agenda emailed to residents.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Oath of Office for 2025-2026 Commissioners: read by City Attorney Hayward for Commissioners Faith, Cravens, Ries, and von Allmen.

Tax on Insurance Premiums: First reading by Commissioner Stuart Ries. Ordinance to increase tax on insurance premiums from 5.75% to 6.75%.

Per Attorney Hayward, funds can be restricted by passing an ordinance to allocate money in a restricted account not allowed to co-mingle with general funds.

The Green Spring Commission thanks Josh Combs for his service and for being a good steward to the city.

Commissioner Cravens moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Combs seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm. The next Commissioners meeting will be held on January 16, 2025 at Old National Bank.