

Amended MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 16, 2025 MEETING OF THE GREEN SPRING COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Mayor John Morton. In attendance were City Commissioners Stuart Ries, Trevor Cravens, Chris von Allmen, and Mike Faith. City Attorney Chip Hayward and City Clerk Caryl Conklin were also present.

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

The Security Report was emailed and contained no significant events.

BEAUTIFICATION, Commissioner Chris von Allmen
Holiday lights will be taken down once snow has melted.

CITY SERVICES, Commissioner Mike Faith

- 1/04 – Resident on Deepwood Drive stated that she was having issues with backdoor pickup. Rumpke route supervisor addressed the issue.
- 1/6 – Rumpke communicated that services would be delayed for the week due to hazardous road conditions. For the most part, they were on top of collection by the end of the week, though it was much later than normal.
- 1/9 – Resident on Springdale Road reported that their trash service hadn't been picked up for many weeks and was very concerned about it. Reached out to Rumpke and they reported that the normal driver was out with an injury, and the utility driver had been missing it. The route supervisor addressed the issue with the utility driver and it's my understanding that trash has been picked up.
- 1/15 – Picked up paperwork from former commissioner Josh Combs and ready to move forward into 2025.

FINANCE, Commissioner Stuart Ries

Income for December was \$37,482.54. This includes \$36,115.14 from property tax collection. Expenses for December were \$25,084.84. Major December expenses included Trash Collection (\$7,935.00), Lawn Care (\$7,065.00) and Holiday Decorations (\$4,724.00).

2024-25 Property Taxes: As of January 15, 2025, property tax collection has generated \$140,623.36. There are 5 residents who have not paid. There is a 10% penalty on taxes not paid by January 22, 2025. Reminder letters have been mailed to the 5 property owners. Tax liens will be filed on February 1, 2025 on any unpaid taxes.

Bank statements were made available for review by Commissioners.

New Business: We will have the second 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.

TRANSPORTATION, Commissioner Trevor Cravens

- Snow budget is nearly depleted with the events of the couple of weeks (\$12,735). I thought JC Mohr did a nice job and he returned when requested to clean up some spots.
- Booked a demo with Flock Cameras to learn about pricing. Leased subscription plan for cameras; not a capital purchase. Would be \$10K per year for the city and would cover 4 entrances. Capable of license plate detection; is linked to police departments.
- I reported the streetlight at Quail Brace and Deepwood as going out or at least very different from other lights in the city.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance to Increase Tax on Insurance Premiums: Second reading by Commissioner Stuart Ries. Ordinance to increase tax on insurance premiums from 5.75% to 6.75%. Effective July 1, 2025. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cravens; motion seconded by Commissioner Faith. Ordinance was approved with a unanimous roll call vote.

This is anticipated to generate incremental revenue of \$16,000 in the first fiscal year, to be designated towards future road paving projects. Funds will be kept separate from the general budget.

Conversion of Deed of Restrictions to City Ordinances: Continued discussion and revisions to document.

Commissioner Ries moved to table the second reading of the ordinance. Commissioner Cravens seconded the motion. Second reading and voting will take place at the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Reach Alert – Commissioner Faith emailed information about Reach Alert system to Commissioners. City can send message blasts via multiple delivery methods (texts, email, etc.). Commissioner Cravens will explore if A to Z has a text alert system we can utilize. Commissioner Faith to obtain more details, including cost. Adoption would be dependent upon funding, and currently no surplus exists in budget. Commissioners discussed potential revenue sources, including franchise agreements.

Commissioner Cravens moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Faith seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm. The next Commissioners meeting will be held on February 20, 2025 at Old National Bank.