

ABBREVIATED MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 20, 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 Ordinance Officer George Stewart were also present.

The Security Report was emailed and contained no significant events.

George Stewart, Ordinance Officer, discussed recent reports of ordinance violations within the city and citations associated with lack of compliance.

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

BEAUTIFICATION, Commissioner Chris von Allmen

- Christmas Lights removed
- Requested updated insurance information and/or contract pricing changes from Greenway. No rate change.
- Requested the same of Proturf, no pricing change.
- Renewed Green Spring as Tree City USA. Requirements have gotten more stringent, and we will be more formal in promoting status (via social media and in meeting minutes).

CITY SERVICES, Commissioner Mike Faith

- 1/22 Resident on Green Spring Dr requested to make a \$20 payment for a small dumpster he was having delivered. I offered to pick the payment up and shared the link to request the permit for the dumpster. I did not hear back from him. Follow up email sent on 1/27. Stopped by on 2/2 and spoke to resident. Filled out the permit application and collected \$20 cash. Emailed back dated permit. Will return overpayment of \$10.
- 1/24 Resident on Deepwood Dr reported her back door service being missed again. When I contacted Rumpke, they stated the path to the cans was not clear. I personally stopped by and the driveway was completely clear of snow and ice, and I reached out to Rumpke to review.
- 1/25 Rumpke resolved the issue at Deepwood. On follow-up, our Rumpke contact stated the issue should be resolved because our regular driver will be back.
- 2/10 Wolfspring Drive resident reached out to seek approval for a fence permit. I shared the link to apply for a building permit online. She did have a follow up question. Nothing currently submitted for review.
- 2/11 Green Spring Drive resident inquired about a fence permit. She has submitted a request. Commissioners reviewed and approved.
- I have updated the permit document so that it can be sent via email as a certified pdf document. Adding legal language about property lines not known / city not responsible.

- Commissioner Cravens has submitted permit portal payment link to Hill for integration into the Green Spring website.
- The website still lists Josh Combs as City Commissioner on the Important Forms page of the website. The downloadable form for Dumpster permit (pdf document) shows mail or deliver to Josh Combs @ (his address).

FINANCE, Commissioner Stuart Ries

Income for January was \$16,048.92. This includes \$4,085.81 from property tax collection and \$10,591 from insurance premium taxes. Expenses for January were \$33,307.48. Major December expenses included Snow Removal (\$11,595.00), Trash Collection (\$7,935.00), and Tax Bill Preparation (\$4,952.90).

2024-25 Property Taxes: Two tax liens have been filed for overdue payments.

Insurance Premium Tax: The Kentucky Department of Insurance has been notified of the Municipal Ordinance which changed the tax rate on insurance premiums. The increase will be effective July 1, 2025, with the first proceeds expected in October 2025.

Permit Payments: The link to pay for permits is now active. Thanks to Commissioner Cravens for making this possible.

TRANSPORTATION, Commissioner Trevor Cravens

- Moved spare battery and shipping boxes for ELAN City Speed Detectors to Prospect Storage. Please do not throw away the boxes as they are \$100 each in case we need to ship a unit back to them.
- Collected further information on FLOCK camera systems. See pricing below.
Flock Safety LPR Pricing:
\$2,500 per camera/year (city would need total of 4), one-time install cost of \$650 per camera
 Commissioner Cravens will reach out Wolf Creek HOA to ask about exploring a joint effort to install cameras in Wolf Creen to extend coverage area. Otherwise, per discussion, it doesn't make sense to have an "island" of coverage (i.e., only in Green Spring).
- Snow events continue and JC Mohr has done a great job clearing and salting. Have spent around \$15,000 on snow removal thus far this year.
- Street sign at Green Spring Drive and Springdale Road was falling. Contacted sign company and it is repaired.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Morton: take down 50-year anniversary flags? Commissioners: keep them up for a couple more years or until they show wear.

Conversion of Deed of Restrictions to City Ordinances: Continued discussion and revisions to document, per responses from residents.

- Clotheslines – keep as-is (prohibit clotheslines)
- Chickens – keep as-is (prohibit chickens)
- Firewood – keep as-is (not visible from street)
- Fencing – add language like “neat” and “well-maintained”
- Duty to maintain lot – broaden to allow for trimming and clean-up.

Plan for 2nd reading and vote at March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Based upon calls/complaints from residents, need for defining work vehicles and how current ordinance applies to them. Based upon weight? Current ordinance 72.15 requires boats, trailers, RVs, work trucks, motorcycles, commercial vehicles, in garage. According to KRS, commercial vehicles exceed 10,500lbs, and that’s the guidance the city currently follows.

Commissioner Ries moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Faith seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm. The next Commissioners meeting will be held on March 20, 2025 at Old National Bank.