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Dear Residents,

I hope this finds you well. It would be impossible to write any sort of communication right now and not mention the pandemic that has affected so many of our lives. While Green Spring has not faced any major challenges, I have no doubt that many of our residents have overcome weeks of adversity. As an event promoter in my full-time job, I can assure you I empathize with those challenges and await a return to normalcy as soon as possible. I look forward to getting together in our median or at the pool one day soon, but in the meantime please respect the wishes of our city and state leaders in planning your summer activities and gatherings.

Speaking of Summer, many residents have been inquiring about the possibility of Wolf Creek pool opening. As of May 28<sup>th</sup>, the status of the pool remains closed until the governor opens pools for recreational use. They are looking into the possibility of opening for lap swimming, but it is not clear that this is feasible yet. For those members who live in Wolf Creek, the tennis courts are opening on June 1. My understanding is there will be a sign-up system in place to maintain COVID protocols.



Though we were not able to host our gathering with Councilman Reed in April, he did attend our most recent meeting and provided us with an extensive update on things going on in our district and Metro. Most notably, they are working on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year and there looks to be a considerable shortfall due to economic impact of COVID-19. He also brought us up to speed on the current construction on Wolf Pen Branch and shared some news about a proposed project that we hope will happen. I encourage you to read the full notes from his visit in the May minutes enclosed.

As for the City of Green Spring, we are closing out our 2019-20 fiscal year with a small surplus thanks to lack of snow removal for the season. These funds are being applied to some smaller projects like sidewalk repairs and updated signage at the front entrance. Commissioner Von Allmen is working with Eagle Sign to create a bronze or aluminum plaque-type sign to mount on the rock at our entrance since the engraved letters have become weathered and somewhat outdated. We also passed a 2020-21 budget that is balanced with no increase tax revenues planned. If you wish to discuss any of the above matters or other things happening in the city, please feel free to contact me or any other commissioners.

Best,

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## **ABBREVIATED MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 19, 2020 MEETING OF THE GREEN SPRING COMMISSION**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Mayor Trevor Cravens via WebEX, due to the government-declared state of emergency prohibiting gatherings larger than 10 people. The virtual meeting was advertised on the Green Spring Facebook page, NextDoor, and via an email sent out to Green Spring residents who opted to receive them. In attendance were commissioners Chris von Allmen, David Jenkins, Tom Phillips and Stuart Ries. Also present was city attorney Chip Hayward.

### **MEETING MINUTES:**

The February meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

### **SECURITY REPORT:**

The report was emailed to commissioners and included domestic issues on Quail Brace Court, which were handled by Graymoor-Devondale police.

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

Pro Turf ready to start mowing in a few weeks. They were asked to add landscape lighting at Wolf Creek entrance and do some work on lighting fixtures. Commissioner von Allmen gave them authority to move forward with repairs. Spoke with Eagle Sign. Got initial renderings for new lettering on entrance rock. Wasn't pleased, so asked for more. Direction/input would be appreciated. New benches made of Trex composite material were purchased for the median, which replace old ones. Thank you to Jackson Cravens and Nicholas von Allmen for assembling.

### **CITY SERVICES, Tom Phillips**

One building permit was delivered and one application submitted.

### **TRANSPORTATION, Commissioner David Jenkins**

Quiet month; no need for snow removal services. Commissioner Jenkins will request a RFP for road sealing and provide an update at next month's meeting.

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

Income from all sources for February 2020 was \$22,546.61. Expenses were \$12,997.09,. Major expenses were trash collection (\$6482.90) and lawn care (\$2120.00).

State Filings: The 2019 City Officials Listing and the 2019 UFIR have been filed with Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Local Government.

2019 Tax Bills: A tax lien has been filed on one city property with delinquent taxes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Because of \$13,000 surplus due to lack of snow this season, city may want to consider applying that money to sidewalk repairs. Clipping Cross/Bilandon areas may need replacement. Other ideas include more speed signs, and also entrance rock update. Commissioner Ries urges decisions made the sooner the better, as money from this fiscal year needs to be spent before June 30. Mayor Cravens will send out a note reminding residents to check on neighbors during the COVID-19 outbreak. Notes will be place in mailboxes.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ries seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm. The next meeting of the Green Spring Commission will be held at 7 pm on April 16, 2020, location TBD.

## **ABBREVIATED MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 16, 2020 MEETING OF THE GREEN SPRING COMMISSION**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Mayor Trevor Cravens via WebEX, due to the government-declared state of emergency prohibiting gatherings larger than 10 people. The virtual meeting was advertised on the Green Spring Facebook page, NextDoor, and via an email sent out to Green Spring residents who opted to receive them. In attendance were commissioners Chris von Allmen, David Jenkins, Tom Phillips and Stuart Ries. Also present was city attorney Chip Hayward.

Ken Fleming joined the meeting; he is running for state representative for the 48th District. Understands budgets, experienced with road road repairs, dealing with garbage collectors, etc. Diverse background, runs non-profit now. Has been state rep for two years, and was also on Metro Council. Open to questions about city. Mayor Cravens thanked Mr. Fleming. Our issues include traffic flow in/out Wolf Pen Branch for this area, as well as the new VA hospital. In terms of our city, road maintenance projects are coming up. Mr. Fleming has a lot of experience with transportation/ road systems /traffic flow on both state and local level. Secured about 50M as state rep for road system in his district. Has good relationship with our Metro rep Scott Reed. Commissioner Jenkins asked Mr. Fleming what he thought were important issues for our area. Fleming: This is the 5th most populated district in the state. Another concern is that there are a large number of business in Westport Rd area that will be affected by corona virus. Mr. Fleming thanked the Commission for its time and said that he would appreciate an invite to any GS social events.

### **MEETING MINUTES:**

The March meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

The Security Report was emailed to commissioners and included speeding tickets, ordinance enforcement issues, and house watches.

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

Commissioner von Allmen has reached out a couple times to Eagle Sign for additional renderings of updated entrance stone design, with no success. Pro Turf has done an excellent job getting a jump-start on the season. Landscaping didn't experience much dead loss from the winter.

### **CITY SERVICES, Tom Phillips**

Pending fence permit from February. Application not submitted. Dumpster application for Fox Den Court. A few houses are FOR SALE or RENT in the City. Please give our new residents a warm WELCOME and advise the Commission the resident's name, address (& email address) so they can receive a City Directory. (view Directory at: <https://www.atozdirectories.com/nome/login.php>).

### **TRANSPORTATION, Commissioner David Jenkins**

Commissioner Jenkins is in the process of getting estimates for sidewalk repair.

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

Income from all sources for March 2020 was \$332.71. Expenses were \$15,925.39. Major expenses were trash collection (\$6482.90) and security (\$1680.00).

Will have the first reading of budget ordinance. The proposed budget is relatively flat to the 2019 budget.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Budget ordinance. Budget relatively flat from last year. No audit, no sidewalk grinding. Neither in current budget. Small increases for utilities and trash collection. Security went up also. Graymoor-Devondale is raising rates \$2/hr. If changes needed, Commissioner Ries is open to suggestions. Mayor Cravens asked if Commissioner Ries projected any shortfalls related to coronavirus. Commissioner Ries is comfortable where we are. Commissioner von Allmen noted that auto insurance companies are giving rebates, which will affect that line item for insurance income.

Mayor Cravens gave the first reading of the the 2020-21 budget ordinance.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner von Allmen seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm. The next meeting of the Green Spring Commission will be held at 7 pm on May 21, 2020, location TBD.

### **ABBREVIATED MINUTES FROM THE MAY 21, 2020 MEETING OF THE GREEN SPRING COMMISSION**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM in the Wolf Creek Clubhouse by Mayor Trevor Cravens. Present were commissioners Chris von Allmen, Stuart Ries, Tom Phillips, and David Jenkins. City attorney Chip Hayward was also in attendance. Green Spring resident and Metro Councilman Scott Reed (16th district representative), joined the meeting to check in and give an update. He is on the budget committee for the council. It has been a difficult year because of the coronavirus pandemic, and the city is anticipating a 60M shortfall. 60% of budget is dedicated to public safety. There is room for contraction, savings to be had, but city can't afford cuts in public safety. Our public safety professionals are already underpaid. There may be more federal money available to the city; have received a coronavirus response stimulus, can possibly use that to plug holes in the budget. Box culvert on Wolf Pen Branch being repaired until mid-August. Wolf Pen Branch will also be paved on River Road side, possibly around Labor Day. Feasibility study to see if we can get turn lanes on both sides of 42. 300K is estimated cost, and easements must be secured for it to happen (from church and private property). Commissioner Ries asked where new entrance to pumping station is going to be. Answer: Barbour Lane. Also asked about the city budget. The city has a 680M budget. 134M stimulus from government. Councilman Reed's priorities are infrastructure and public safety.

The April meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

The security report was emailed to commissioners and showed a slow month.

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

Landscaping: More dead loss in city landscape than first thought. Crepe myrtles (8-10 of them) are not looking good after being hit by the late hard freeze; also dead leaves on boxwoods. If trees are not replaced, may just cover ground with seed/sod. Estimate \$3-4K for replacement of all crepe myrtles. Need to purchase before end of June to fit into this year's budget. Green Spring Entrance Sign Update: Commissioner von Allmen shared new renderings of entrance sign to neighborhood. Commissioners discussed, and refined examples will be requested from Eagle Sign.

### **CITY SERVICES, Tom Phillips**

The residents at 4806 Bilandon RD. received an application for a fence permit February 2020; however, the completed application has not been returned. Dumpster permit was issued to the resident at 4505 Wolfspring DR. Drive-way extension permit 04-20 was issued to the resident at 7504 Springdale RD.

Temporary fence permit 05-20 was issued to the resident at 7112 Green Spring DR. An application for a fence permit was given to the resident at 4800 Springdale CT. An application for a building permit was given to the resident at 4414 Deepwood DR.

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## **TRANSPORTATION, Commissioner David Jenkins**

Road Sealing: Commissioner Jenkins has met with SealMaster; they surveyed the neighborhood roads and discussed the bid process. Ambient nighttime air temps need to be higher, probably around June, for treatment to cure. Waiting on additional bids. Sidewalk repair: Bid from Kingsbury. Have not heard from S&S. Dave will reach out again. Light pole from storm — knocked half in street half in yard. City paid for 1/2 of cleanup (street). Commissioner Ries recommended additional sidewalk repair company.

## **FINANCE, Commissioner Stuart Ries**

Income from all sources for April 2020 was \$7807.27. Expenses were \$15,402.59. Major expenses were trash collection (\$6482.90) and lawn care (\$5470.00).

Closure on one delinquent tax bill. 2019 taxes remain delinquent on one property.

Will end current fiscal year in good shape. Second reading of budget ordinance tonight. The proposed budget is relatively flat to the 2019 budget.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

2020-21 Budget: Commissioner Ries added \$18,000 for sidewalk repairs. Adjusted amount for Rumpke trash pickup. Adjusted insurance premium receipt (decreased 4% from last year). \$15,000 for snow removal. \$6,200 for water. Mayor Cravens gave the second reading of the 2020-21 budget ordinance. The budget passed unanimously. Lot on Green Gate Court — City ownership not yet finalized.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Ries inquired if there are any more landscaping plans for Springdale corridor? Commissioner von Allmen stated that phase two didn't take very well, and he is waiting to see what comes back before doing more. Seeing some growth of trees and shrubs, but want to monitor it longer. Get past phase one and two first.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ries seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm. The next meeting of the Green Spring Commission will be held at 7 pm on June 18, 2020 in the Wolf Creek Clubhouse.