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CITY OF GREEN SPRING NEWSLETTER

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Dear Residents,

Happy New Year to you all. This new year brings us some exciting things for the City of Green Spring. First, we'd like to welcome two new commissioners to the city. Scott Radeker and Josh Combs are both long-time residents of Green Spring and have expressed great enthusiasm to serve our city for the next term and hopefully beyond.

Commissioner Radeker will take over as our City Transportation (roads and sidewalks, streetlights, snow removal, etc) duties and Commissioner Combs will take over the City Services (building permits, trash removal, etc.) position.

At this time, we would also like to give great appreciation to our outgoing commissioners, David Jenkins and Tom Phillips. Mr. Jenkins stepped in to serve at a time when the position was unexpectedly vacated and did a wonderful job overseeing our city roads and advancing our large road and sidewalk projects that we are currently hoping to complete in this budget year.

- ALWAYS WALK FACING TRAFFIC
- NO FALL PICNIC
- BE MINDFUL OF KIDS IN ROAD

Mr. Phillips has been a wonderful asset to our city for more years than I could even find. The first published election records located online with the Jefferson County Board of Elections shows that Mr. Phillips was elected in 2002, but we believe he may have started serving even before this time. We cannot thank Tom enough for his tireless service and will be planning something in his honor this Spring.

We are expecting to launch a new Green Spring website by the time this newsletter is released. It has many upgrades including online forms for House Watch requests and ordinance violation reports, online building permit applications, links to our online directory and an updated calendar as well as ongoing content management for you. Please contact me with any further suggestions or recommendations for the new website. The URL will remain the same, www.cityofgreenspring.com.

Other highlights from the minutes include our renegotiated contract with Charter Communications. The city expects to see a \$6000-\$7000 increase in revenues from Charter Communications as a result of these changes. Note that residents will not see any change on their bill. Thank you to resident Bill Huff for bringing this opportunity to our attention.

We also continue to work towards sidewalk repairs and street paving projects to take place in the Spring and Summer of 2021. Expect more information on that as Commissioner Radeker gets acclimated to his new position.

And finally, we have begun exploring the possibility of security cameras as our entrances. The intention being that we can deter would-be thieves from looking for unlocked cars and homes not only in our community, but in Wolf Creek as well. This project will be up for discussion in future meetings if anyone wishes to express an opinion.

If you wish to discuss any of the above matters or other things happening in the city, feel free to contact me or any other commissioners.

Best,

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MINUTES

ABBREVIATED MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 MEETING OF THE GREEN SPRING COMMISSION

Meeting was called to order at 7 PM via WEBEx by Mayor pro team Tom Phillips. Present were Commissioners David Jenkins and Stuart Ries.

Minutes from the August meeting were approved unanimously.

The latest Security Report was emailed to the Commissioners by Mayor Cravens and included no significant occurrences.

CITY SERVICES, Commissioner Tom Phillips

Pending Action: Five Fence Permit Applications: Feb. 4806 Biladon RD., May 4800 Springdale CT. 4815 Clipping CT. July 4813 Clipping CT. Aug. 4604 Wolfspring DR.

MSD request to evaluate erosion issues at 4511 Deepwood DR. due to runoff coming from Quail Brace CT. area still pending.

Topic: Permit Fence Permit provided to the resident at 4420 Deepwood DR.

Topic: For Sale Several houses are FOR SALE ... or being readied for sale 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>)

Thank you to David Jenkins for making this virtual meeting possible.

FINANCES, Stuart Ries

Income from all sources for August 2020 was \$29,932.84 and expenses were \$16,640.98. Major expenses included lawn care (\$5,216) and trash collection (\$6,651.60).

2020-21 Tax Bills

Printed tax bills have been requested from the Jefferson County PVA office. Bills will be mailed in late October.

TRANSPORTATION, Commissioner David Jenkins

Road resurfacing projected postponed until 2021. Focus has been shifted to seeking updated quotes from Kingsbury for Wolf Creek sidewalk repair project. Kingsbury has had a shortage of labor and abundance of projects. Target for completion is by end of 2021.

Street lamp cover tipped over – has been resolved. Street lamp at Green Spring Drive and Springdale road – Commissioner Ries noted that it is always on. Has this been reported to LG&E? Commissioner Jenkins will contact LG&E. NO snow for August and September.

BEAUTIFICATION, Commissioner Chris von Allmen

In the absence of Commissioner von Allmen, there was no report.

There was no Old Business or New Business.

Commissioner Ries moved to adjourn and Commissioner Ries seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM. The next meeting of the Green Spring Commission will be held at 7 pm on Thursday, October 17 at a location TBD.

Minutes from October 15, 2020.

Meeting called to order 7:05pm. Stuart Ries, Tom Phillips, Chris Von Allmen, Dave Jenkins and Trevor Cravens in attendance. Residents Bill Huff and Amanda Corzine also in attendance.

September 24th minutes approved unanimously.

Security report distributed.

Bill Huff presented on behalf of JCLCCC to propose benefits of Green Spring joining Jefferson County League of Cities Cable Commission.

- Proposal included changing from excise tax collection to franchise fee collection. Expected net increase of revenues approximately \$6000. No change for city subscribers.

- JCLCCC working to expand outside of Jefferson County.
 - JCLCCC changing scope to deal with more than video platforms.
 - JCLCCC Membership is approximately \$1200.
 - GS Mayor and City Attorney to follow up with Mr. Huff as well Charter Communications to get information on current contract. Commission will discuss at next meeting.
- Beautification:
- Front entrance sign to be installed soon. Chris will have current rock pressure washed prior to installation.
 - Repairs to Wolf Creek median post construction are scheduled.
 - Ledger stone at front entrance needs repair.
 - Planning to submit landscape plan to Louisville metro for NW corner of Wolf Pen Branch and Barbour Lane. These plantings will prevent vehicles from entering and or parking on shoulder.
- City Services:
- Four fence permit applications received or pending.
 - Feb.: 4806 Biladon RD.
 - May: 4800 Springdale CT.
 - May: 4815 Clipping CT.
 - July: 4813 Clipping CT.
 - MSD has scheduled repairs for 2021 at 4511 Deepwood Drive between Deepwood Drive and Quail Brace Court due to runoff issues.
 - Fence Permit provided to the resident at 4719 Fox Den CT.
- Transportation
- Kingsbury Concrete estimate was received and sidewalk repairs are slated for late 2020 or possibly 2021 depending on their schedule. Total cost is approximately \$19,000.
- Finance
- Tax bills will go out in late October.
- Old Business
- New Business
- There are two write-in candidates registered for the Green Spring city election of commissioners. Josh Combs and Scott Radeker have registered to fill the two vacancies.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm

Minutes from November 19, 2020

Meeting called to order 7:08pm. Commissioners Stuart Ries, Tom Phillips, Chris Von Allmen, Dave Jenkins and Mayor Trevor Cravens in attendance. City Attorney Chip Hayward and residents Stephen Zaricki, Josh Combs and Scott Radeker were also in attendance.

October 15th minutes approved unanimously.

Security report distributed.

Beautification:

- Green Spring Lawn and Landscape Service pressure washed the entrance
- Eagle Sign and Design installed the new sign for the front entrance. Lots of positive feedback from residents has been received.
- We have moved lights and may add lights to better illuminate the sign.
- During pressure washing, it was noticed that the entrance walls need to be re-tuck pointed. I have reached out to a masonry company to perform the work.
- Country Garden Florist has installed this year's Christmas lights and will be installing the wreaths soon.

- Pro Turf is doing their fall leaf clean up
- Greenway had performed their last mowing of the Springdale Corridor
- With construction at Wolf Pen complete, we have asked Pro Turf to come up with a planting plan to prevent future trucks utilizing that corner for a parking lot. We have received some options that we are waiting some initial revisions and quotations.

City Services:

- One pending permits:
 - Fence Permit Application: May 4815 Clipping CT. tentative by end 2020.
- MSD has scheduled erosion issue repairs at 4511 Deepwood DR. for early 2021. Problem due to runoff coming from Quail Brace CT. area.
- Ordinance Non-Compliance:
 - Failed to renew 6/4 expired Building Permit 4414 Deepwood DR.
- Three Building Permits Issued:
 - # 10-20 Fence for 4604 Wolfspring DR.
 - # 11-20 Deck for 4400 Deepwood DR
 - # 12-20 Fence for 7102 Green Spring DR
- Two dumpster permits issued:
 - # 09-20d for 4617 Wolfspring DR.
 - # 10-20d for 4414 Deepwood DR

Transportation

- Projects update - Kingbury is awaiting feedback on their proposals.
- Commonwealth paving has confirmed that they will honor this year's pricing for 2021 start date.

Finance

- Income from all sources for October 2020 was \$17,330.16 which includes \$10,493.86 from property tax collection. October expenses were \$17,813.01.
- Tax bills were mailed in late October. As of November 17, \$36,331.68 has been collected on 89 properties. There is a 2% discount if payment is postmarked by December 1, 2020. Taxes are due January 1, 2021.
- Net Income for 2020-21 budget is currently \$19,115.

Old Business

- Jefferson County League of Cities (JCLCCC) membership proposal discussed after clarification with Charter Communications.
- Charter Communications will agree to revise current franchise agreement for Green Spring to collect 5% franchise fees instead of 3% excise tax. This revision will not affect resident's bills.
- Commission resolved that we will seek to revise current Charter contract to collect franchise fee. Will provide approximately \$6,500 in increased annual revenues to the city provided cable subscribership remains about the same.
- Commission resolved that we will not seek JCLCCC membership at this time, but Commissioner Philips added the following comment, "Thank You to Bill Huff for alerting the City to the increased revenue available from Charter." Without his proposal the City would not have been aware of this additional revenue

New Business

- No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Green Spring City Commission Meeting Minutes December 17, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Pro Tem Tom Phillips. Present were Commissioners von Allmen, Jenkins and Ries along with City attorney Hayward. Steven Zaricki and Scott Radeker were residents in attendance.

Committee Reports

Beautification Report – Commissioner von Allmen reported that the stonework at the Wolf Pen Branch road entrance has been repaired and the stonework pointed. Country Garden put up the Christmas lights. Many positive comments have been received from the residents regarding the lights. Comments were made to review the lighting on the new sign at the main entrance.

City Services Report – Commissioner Phillips reported that Rumpke has audited the collection route and has billed 2 Customers for recycling service-not previously billed, 2 customers for a 2nd recycling bin, and 2 Customers for a 2nd trash bin. Rumpke audit on our services resulted in increased recycling fees for 146 active recycling customers.

Finance Report – Commissioner Ries reported that 94% of the residents have paid the 2020 Green Spring taxes. Property tax collections to date are \$113,417

Transportation Report - Commissioner Jenkins had nothing to report.

Old Business

The Charter Communications franchise agreement is under review and a draft will be presented to the Commission at the January 2021 meeting.

Comments on the new City Of Green Spring web site have been submitted to Mayor Cravens. These comments will be passed on to the web developer. Commissioner von Allmen suggested adding a section on Green Spring history to the new web site and will seek a volunteer to update the written history.

New Business

A resolution was made to recognize Commissioner Phillips on his 20 plus years as a City commissioner. The resolution passed by unanimous voice vote.

Special thanks to Commissioner Jenkins for his service and for arranging virtual meetings. Commissioner Jenkins will be stepping down on December 31, 2020.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:25PM by Commissioner von Allmen and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 21, 2021.