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CITY OF GREEN SPRING NEWSLETTER

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City honors the Cato's for long and dedicated service To the City of Green Spring

At a reception held on March 21, 2014, current and former city leaders gathered to honor Joyce and Walt Cato for their 35 years of service as City Clerk and City Attorney respectively. Joyce Cato was appointed City Clerk in January 1978 and Walt Cato joined the City Commission later that same year. Several former Mayors shared their experiences working with the Catos during their tenure in office.

City Commissioner, Tom Phillips presented a scroll to the Catos upon which many residents noted their personal thanks for the Catos' long service as well as best wishes for their retirement.

We also presented the Catos with a gift from the City that you will see in the near future. In honor of their contributions to Green Spring, two bronze plaques will be placed in front of the new Black Gum trees planted on each side of the median at Green Spring Dr. and Fox Den Ct.

This year will mark the 40th Anniversary for the City of Green Spring which has a long and rich heritage. The Catos have played a key role in the success of our City during this period and will be deeply missed as members of our city government.

**THANKS for your years
of dedicated service!**

MINUTES

Highlights from the February 20, 2014 Green Spring Commission Meeting

Mayor Trevor Cravens called the February 20, 2014 meeting of the Commission of the City of Green Spring to order at 7pm at the Harrods Creek Fire Department.

Elected officials in attendance were Mayor Cravens, Commissioners Chris von Allmen, Tom Phillips, and Jeremy LaMontagne. Stuart Ries was absent.

Guests present were Lynn Barger, Jim Barger, Chip Hayward, and Josh Schneider.

Josh Schneider is a candidate for District Court Judge. The primary election is in May; it is a non-partisan election. For more information, please visit [Facebook.com/votejschneider](https://www.facebook.com/votejschneider).

Lynn Barger is editor of the Mainstream newsletter for the City of Green Spring. She discussed having permanent placement of an ad in the newsletter for Green Spring digital properties such as Yahoo Groups, Facebook, and the proposed new Green Spring website. All are intended to deliver more timely information to residents. Submissions for the newsletter are due to Lynn by Tuesday after the commission meeting in odd months. Filler material that is not time-sensitive is requested.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as read.

The security report was approved.

Transportation Report from Commissioner Jeremy LaMontagne:

Budget Update: \$18,420 spent fiscal YTD on snow removal. Snow Events/Cost from Kingsbury for January & February: Jan. 21st/\$2620; Jan. 25th/\$2710; Feb. 2nd & 3rd/\$2660; Feb. 5th/\$790.

Property damage from Kingsbury plows was reported at the following properties: 7203 Iron Gate Ct, 7209 Iron Gate Ct, and 7207 Iron Gate Ct. Kingsbury agreed to repair damage this spring. On 01/25/14, residents called Jeremy to express concerns about courts being cleared. Kingsbury has confirmed that the standard procedure is to make one pass as soon as possible during or immediately after the snow/ice event to allow for residents and emergency vehicles to access the neighborhood. They will then come back and completely clear all streets "curb to curb" and fully clear the courts. Jeremy will provide the clearing priorities policy from Kingsbury. There is additional damage on Deepwood Ct from a mail truck getting stuck. Kingsbury has agreed to repair damaged turf.

City Services Report from Commissioner Tom Phillips:

Old Business Topic: Cable Contract Tom is awaiting city approval to make contact with the governmental Time Warner Cable contact. The pending Time Warner purchase by Comcast presents an obligation on the part of Comcast to notify the City of the purchase. The same as when Time Warner notified the City when they purchased Insight. It is possible that our contract has expired. City Attorney Chip Hayward is to review contract and make suggestions.

New Business Topic: Yard Waste RUMPKE will be making an early yard waste collection Friday March 21st, at no additional cost. Residents who have tree limb debris from our ice storm event are asked to bundle the limbs in small tied bundles no more than four (4) feet in length.

Beautification Report from Commissioner Chris von Allmen:

Chris and Trevor had a final meeting with Dwyer to review the proposal for the new neighborhood entrances, which resulted in additional savings and an extended warranty. Final paperwork has been submitted to Councilman Downard's office for a grant application to help pay for the entrance improvements. Chris is getting a quote to fix Mr. Curb damaged in median. Chris is also getting quotes for lawn and landscape services for 2014-2016. Council agreed that residents are responsible for clean up of trees that exist in easements around the city. City will clean up fallen tree on city property behind Bilandon Ct.

Financial Report submitted by Commissioner Stuart Ries:

Total income for January was \$7,163.38. Expenses were \$17,330.61. Please note that as of February 16, we have spent \$18,420 on snow removal. We budgeted \$13,500 for snow removal in 2013-14.

Old Business: Blasting from East End Bridge construction is getting seemingly stronger.

New Business: A replacement for Jeremy is needed on the Board of Ethics committee.

There was a motion to purchase domain for new website for city. All votes yay. CityofGreenSpring.com to be purchased. Chris and Jeremy will work together to build the site.

The next city meeting is Thurs., March 20, 2014 at the Harrods Creek Fire Department, 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Caryl Conklin, City Clerk



Highlights of the Minutes from the March 20, 2014 Green Spring Commission Meeting

Mayor Trevor Cravens called the March 20, 2014 meeting of the Commission of the City of Green Spring to order at 7:08 pm. at the Harrods Creek Fire Department.

Elected officials in attendance were Mayor Cravens, Commissioners Chris von Allmen, Tom Phillips, and Jeremy LaMontagne. Stuart Ries was absent.

The minutes from the February meeting were unanimously approved.

The security report was approved. There were no major security incidences.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT from Commissioner Jeremy LaMontagne

We have spent \$24,900 fiscal YTD on snow removal, not including outstanding invoice of \$3,580 from March 2-3 snow event. We will need a budget amendment for the additional snow removal cost above budgeted amount. Snow Event Date/Cost from Kingsbury for January & February: Feb. 10th/\$850; Feb. 14-15th/\$2,730; Feb. 26/\$1,040; Mar 2-3rd/\$3,580. Ken Simms at Kingsbury says they will be out repairing lawn & property damage at the beginning of April. They are waiting to remove the salt spreaders off their trucks until we are 100% certain winter is gone. Kingsbury paid the homeowner at 7207 Iron Gate Ct directly (via check) for damage. They will repair damage at 7203 & 7209 Gate Ct. If there are any other areas we have noticed damage, please report to Jeremy and he will pass along to Ken. As part of the recent lawn care RFP's (Request For Proposals) sent out from the beautification commissioner, we have also asked the bidding companies to submit proposals for snow removal and road salt for 2014/2015.

CITY SERVICES REPORT from Commissioner Tom Phillips

The resident at 7001 has received an Application for Building Permit form for rear deck, landscaping and parking pad. Plans are finalized for the Retirement Appreciation Event for Walt and Joyce Cato's 35 years of devoted service to the City of Green Spring.

BEAUTIFICATION REPORT from Commissioner Chris von Allmen

General: The rough winter has caused a number of ruts due to cars off the road, and many bushes have been damaged by either salt or a harsh weather. We are hopeful that the plants and trees come back to a healthy state.

Quote received from Dwyer to replace damaged Mr. Curb (at entrance to Section 3). Old structure will be replaced with taller limestone border. Obtained quote to remove and replace dead serviceberry tree in the elbow of Deepwood Ct.

Received quote to remove tree from Bilandon Court Easement (& obtaining additional quotes). Additional funding assistance, through Councilman Downard's office & WVB Partners, is still being sought for our new neighborhood entrances.

Entrances Project: Contract with Dwyer was slightly adjusted to include specific contract wording: we will have a 2-year workman warranty on the landscape lights, 1-year warranty on the plantings, and a "not-to-exceed" clause stating that expenses will not go over \$60,000 without an approved change order. Contract was signed 3/12/2014.

Signage: Contracted with Eagle Sign for Walt and Joyce Cato Appreciation markers. These will be placed in the center median at the site of the new tree plantings.

Lawn and Landscaping Maintenance Contract Review: Our current lawn and landscaping contract is through Cundiff. Five other lawn and landscape contractors were researched. After contacting references, Brickman, Pro-Turf, and Cooke Landscaping were presented with RFP's, along with Cundiff. References and bids were compiled for consideration by the City Commission. After much discussion, the commission voted unanimously to contract with Pro Turf when the current contract with Cundiff's expires this year.

FINANCIAL REPORT from Commissioner Stuart Ries

Total income for February was \$11,969.88. Expenses were \$22,554.23.

Old Business: Editor Lynn Barger is still requesting filler material for the Mainstream newsletter, including photographs, that is not time-sensitive. The new website CityofGreenSpring.com is up and running and looks great (thanks to Jeremy LaMontagne).

New Business: The annual city Spring Egg Hunt is planned for April 12 at noon in the center median.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm. The next Commission meeting will be 4/17/2014.

Caryl Conklin, City Clerk

SPRING EGG HUNT
APRIL 12th @ NOON



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Residents are invited to Monthly City Meetings the 3rd Thurs of each month at HARRODS CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT 7:00PM