

` City of Fincastle
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Mayor:
John Bell
Commissioners:
Ollie White
Elton Harris, Jr
Jerry Gregory
Samuel Jackson
James Holt
Jack Mills

City Attorney:
Michael Lawrence
Treasurer/Clerk:
Jean Reid

8-10-2023

The meeting of the City of Fincastle called to order at 6:30pm at the Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4200 Shenandoah Drive.

Present: Mayor John Bell, Michael Lawrence, City Attorney and Treasurer/clerk Reid. Commissioners: Ollie White, Jerry Gregory, Gene Harris, Jr., James Holt, and Samuel Jackson. The guests were residents of the city, the city website administrator and a local contractor.

MINUTES

The minutes from meeting 7-13-2023 were reviewed. Commissioner Harris moved to accept the minutes as presented, a second came from Commissioner Gregory, motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT

General Fund YTD as of 7-31-2023	\$242,211.06
General Fund Savings YTD as of 7-31-2023	\$259,664.65
Total Road Fund YTD as of 7-31-2023	\$201,972.49

The above balances are from July bank statements. There were no unusual expenses in July. An ad for the RFP for concrete work/sidewalks was placed at a cost of \$183.33. Second quarter '23 insurance premium taxes and 2023 property taxes are coming in. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit, a second came from Commissioner Gregory, motion passed.

LEGAL

The attorney confirmed that bankruptcy court for M. Cobb accepted the city's figure of what was owed for delinquent taxes. The mayor will assist in getting an address for the city attorney to send a letter to AT&T regarding safety hazards with AT&T boxes. Treasurer/clerk requested that the city attorney provide a copy of the lawsuit filed for 4304 Culpepper/outbuilding in violation of deed restrictions. This is needed for city records.

OLD BUSINESS

A discussion on the issue of past due property taxes, code violation citations and complaints on condition of property for Watson property ensued. Amount due now is \$6021.27. Commissioner Harris moved to have the city sell the taxes owed to an outside administrator, Commissioner Gregory seconded. Discussion involved the attorney giving input on the process. A vote was taken with 4 aye, 1 no, motion passed. The basketball goals out in city roadways were discussed. City attorney gave an interpretation of the ordinance intent. Commissioner Jackson moved that if a basketball goal was left in the street, a citation per the ordinance should be given. Commissioner Holt seconded, a vote of 4 aye and 1 no, motion passed. The message being that when children are finished playing, move the goal back into the driveway, out of the street and easement. This should be communicated to code enforcement officer Stewart. The overgrowth and fence at 11405 Halifax Drive was mentioned, if not corrected, code officer should cite. The new sanitation pickup process has resulted in sometimes, trash is dropped. Commissioners questioned whose responsibility is it to remedy. The city website, cityoffincastle.com outlines Waste Management's procedure for comments/complaints/requests. An ad for an RFP for concrete work, ADA compliant sidewalks was placed with mayor receiving 2 sealed bids. AEP Enterprises LLC bid was \$86,843 and bid from Allied Concrete & Design was \$66,400. Both bids addressed the 83 hazard sidewalk sections identified and sections made ADA compliant. City attorney reviewed proposals and noted AEP had many more exclusions with no warranty. Allied bid came with a 1 year warranty. Commissioner Harris moved to accept the Allied bid, a second came from Commissioner Jackson, motion passed. ARPA funds are designated for this city improvement to benefit all residents. Kingdom Builders attended the meeting to give input about the gazebo under consideration using ARPA funds. A structure approximately 20x20 in size would be used for the benefit of city residents. Commissioners White and Jackson will preview options and give suggestions to the council.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Holt asked about a citywide yard sale. It was decided to hold one September 9, 8am to 2 pm with a rain date Sunday September 10. Commissioner Harris advised that information is available about the ordinances that other cities have adopted. He will send this information to all council members. Commissioners gave thoughts about properties with overgrowth in backyards.

OPEN FLOOR

A resident thanked the mayor for resolutions to Waste Management sanitation issues. He mentioned there was a car broken into at his residence and 3 other neighbors as well. He believes it is someone within the city and may be interested in a neighborhood watch. He also mentioned 2 neighbors with backyard vegetation overgrowth.

Commissioner Gregory moved to adjourn, a second came from Commissioner Holt, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted.

Mayor John Bell

Jean Reid, Treasurer/clerk