

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:
Jeremiah Mann
Treasurer/Clerk:
Jean Reid

4-11-2024

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

Present: Mayor John Bell. Commissioners: Ollie White, Jerry Gregory, Gene Harris, Jr., James Holt and Samuel Jackson, Treasurer/clerk Jean Reid. The guests were the city website administrator and Jeremiah Mann, potential candidate for city attorney.

MINUTES

The minutes from meeting 3-14-24 were reviewed. Commissioner Gregory moved to accept the minutes as presented, a second came from Commissioner Jackson, motion passed.

LEGAL

The mayor introduced Jeremiah Mann, an associate of John Singler of Singler & Ritsert Law firm. John holds the city attorney position for several nearby home rule cities.

Retainer terms would be \$400/mo for a minimum 4 hours with rate of \$100/hr for any additional legal work for the city. If Jeremiah was not available to be present for a city meeting in person, he would make himself available via zoom or similar call in.

Commissioner Jackson moved to retain Jeremiah Mann as city attorney, a second came from Commissioner Gregory, motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT

General Fund YTD as of 3-31-2024	\$206,893.67
General Fund Savings YTD as of 3-31-24	\$137,281.93
Total Road Fund YTD as of 3-31-24	\$208,037.49
KLCIP money market fund as of 3-31-24	\$136,000.00

All balances are from bank statements. The money market account transfer from PNC general savings account occurred 3-26-24. Additional income for the month was \$1234.11 for the HB413 police reimbursement funds and additional expenses were \$5,900 for 2023 audit and approved \$5,500 for forestry mow. Mayor Bell used his discretionary \$1,000 approval for an additional forestry mow for overgrowth areas. The state confirmed 2023 audit was received and copies were available to the council as well as on PDF file. Based on pages 15 & 16 of the audit, treasurer will provide budget to actual comparisons for income and expenditure categories. A letter from the Rural & Municipal Aid Cooperative program inquired if city would care to change to participation

in the emergency funds program. Treasurer responded to leave in current program of monthly municipal road aid payment. Commissioner Gregory moved to accept treasurer report, subject to audit. A second came from Commissioner Holt, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Presented for second reading was Ordinance 1, Series 2024 for Property Maintenance Standards. Commissioner Jackson moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 1, Series 2024 with a second from Commissioner Gregory. Commissioner Holt moved to adopt Ordinance 1, Series 2024 property maintenance standards. Commissioner Jackson seconded, motion passed. CJ ad will advise full ordinance posted on the city website. The forestry mow revealed fallen trees. The mayor will obtain estimates to remove that debris. The treasurer will forward information regarding 4604 Leesburg delinquent property taxes to new city attorney for resolution. A letter about 4528 Shenandoah short term rental permit announced a meeting at the property April 16, 6:30 pm for city residents to provide input. The painting of gazebo has been completed. Commissioner Harris said a gutter cap was needed.

NEW BUSINESS

The first reading of the 2024 Ad Valorem tax rate ordinance and 2024 budget will occur at the May meeting, second reading in June so a quorum will be needed at both meetings. The treasurer is waiting to receive the preliminary assessment roll from PVA to calculate rates. The mayor advised upcoming projects for after Derby: landscaping at front entrance, electrical to the gazebo. Commissioner White will spearhead what language and terms the city will specify for residents wanting to use the common space at gazebo which will be posted on the city website. Mayor Bell advised of a T Mobile for government unlimited advance program. This is a priority account for cities, as they get priority service in the event of weather outages or other emergency outages. It creates a dashboard much like an answering service for the city to direct calls to specific city officials. The cost is approximately \$101.50/month. Two phones will be ordered for mayor and a commissioner. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the expense for the phone service, a second came from Commissioner Gregory, motion passed.

Commissioner Holt gave an address to be referred to code enforcement for condition of property issues. Commissioner Jackson indicated concern about when yard waste pickup occurs. The mayor will check with WM rep about the date of pickups with a ReachAlert to go out advising residents to mark their calendars with this information. A question was raised about whether to hold Springfest this year. Commissioner Harris moved that the city hold Springfest Saturday May 11, 2024, noon to 4pm with budget not to exceed \$4500. A second came from Commissioner Gregory, passing with vote of 4 aye and 1 nay.

OPEN FLOOR

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

Respectfully submitted.

Mayor John Bell

Treasurer clerk Jean Reid