

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

5-9-2024

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. City attorney Jeremiah Mann. Commissioners: Ollie White, Jerry Gregory, Gene Harris, Jr., James Holt, Samuel Jackson and Jack Mills, Treasurer/clerk Jean Reid. The guests were the city website administrator.

MINUTES

The minutes from meeting 4-11-24 were reviewed. Commissioner Gregory moved to accept the minutes as presented, a second came from Commissioner Jackson, motion passed.

LEGAL

After research and consultation with another 6th class city attorney, Jeremiah advised it was not in the city's best interest to sell delinquent tax liens. The structure behind the home at 4304 Culpepper Circle was discussed regarding deed restrictions. He will do further research for documents after the original Fincastle Land Co deed November 1970, incorporating city Jan 25, 1974. Treasurer clerk will bring all prior records she has for Mann's review. Jeremiah has tried to reach prior city attorney to obtain records and has received no reply.

TREASURER REPORT

General Fund YTD as of 4-30-2024	\$209,318.79
General Fund Savings YTD as of 4-30-24	\$137,283.14
Total Road Fund YTD as of 4-30-24	\$209,697.49
KLCIP money market fund as of 4-30-24	\$136,000.00 (no statement yet)

All balances are from bank statements. 1st Q 2024 insurance premium taxes are now coming in. Treasurer clerk completed the following reports: Annual SLFRF (ARPA) report, state department of local government confirmed receipt of 2023 UFIR submission. Treasurer received the 2024 preliminary assessment roll from PVA. Just 2 properties decreased in value, with 11 properties increasing in value due to property sales. Majority of property values stayed the same as last year. Calculations were done and the city is fine to remain at the .20 ad valorem tax rate. Verification and contact sheets completed and returned to PVA. Quickbooks discount is ending, and monthly payment will go to

\$60 starting May 2024. CJ ad ran for publication of Ordinance 1, Series 2024 for property standards. Website admin posted full ordinance on city website. Annual dues statement of \$100 for the Jefferson County League of Cities was received.

Commissioner Mills moved to accept treasurer report, subject to audit. A second came from Commissioner Gregory, motion passed.

1st reading of Ordinance #2, Series 2024 Ad Valorem Tax Rate. Commissioner Gregory moved to accept the first reading, a second came from Commissioner Jackson, motion passed. 1st reading of proposed City of Fincastle 2024/2025 Budget. Commissioner Jackson moved to accept the first reading, second came from Commissioner Gregory, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The mayor requested website admin to post corrected copy of Ordinance 1, Series 2024 for Property Maintenance Standards to the city website. Springfest 2024 is set to go. The city phoners have been received but are not set up yet. The sidewalks needing dirt fill will be addressed when soil dries out due to excess amount of recent rain. The Middleburg Court landscape project will commence in late May or early June. Commissioner Holt moved to increase monthly stipend to \$300/month for commissioners and \$800/month for mayor. A second came from Commissioner Gregory. Discussion followed, treasurer/clerk declines an increase. Rates to become effective July 1, 2024. Vote taken with 5 aye and 1 not voting, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

There is significant tree/vegetation debris from the forestry mow done on city property. Tony Laubheimer gave a quote of \$6500 to remove and haul away the debris. Commissioner White moved to accept this the bid, a second came from Commissioner Gregory. With a vote of 5 aye, and 1 not voting, motion passed. Commissioner Harris will use one of the city phones, to be used only for city business and has requested otterbox and screen protector. The mayor approved him to purchase and present a bill for reimbursement.

OPEN FLOOR

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

Respectfully submitted.

Mayor John Bell

Treasurer clerk Jean Reid