

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

1-9-2025

The meeting of the City of Fincastle called to order at 6:42 pm at the Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4200 Shenandoah Drive.

Present: Mayor John Bell. City attorney Jeremiah Mann. Commissioners: Ollie White, Gene Harris, Jr., James Holt, Samuel Jackson and Jerry Gregory, Treasurer/clerk Jean Reid. Guest was the website administrator.

MINUTES

The minutes from meeting 12-12-24 were reviewed. Commissioner Jackson moved to accept the minutes as presented, a second came from Commissioner Gregory, motion passed.

LEGAL

As there was no response from owners of 4604 Leesburg regarding delinquent property taxes owed, the mayor requested that city attorney give a price on the cost to foreclose on the property. Treasurer clerk will update additional interest owed for those back taxes and also for delinquent taxes on 4519 Shenandoah Drive. Attorney called KBA for guidance on how to prompt prior city attorney to return city legal records. Commissioner Harris indicated he ran into prior attorney who advised he will return the records. Harris wants to explore additional language in the ad valorem ordinance to address unpaid taxes.

TREASURER REPORT

General Fund YTD as of 12-31-2024	\$256,048.15
General Fund Savings YTD as of 12-31-24	\$37,287.68
Total Road Fund YTD as of 12-31-24	\$222,702.61
KLCIP money market fund as of 12-31-24	\$242,407.95

All balances are from bank statements. The first bill from new sanitation contract was paid in December at \$6820 compared to the \$3703 paid in the prior month. With the impact that this increase will make, treasurer clerk did an analysis of current expenses for the city services budget category and found it likely that expenses would exceed what

had been budgeted in that city services category for 24/25. She felt it was prudent at this time to amend the 24/25 budget in the city services category. This would require a first and second reading, and, when passed, publication in the CJ and city website. The amended FY 24/25 budget would change the current budgeted \$123,000 city services expenditures to \$175,000, changing total budgeted expenditures from \$341,000 to \$393,000 and changing general fund ending balance from \$397,000 to \$345,000. Commissioner Jackson moved to have the first reading of amended FY24/25 budget, a second came from Commissioner Harris, motion passed. A second reading will occur in February 2025. Quickbooks advised a price increase monthly to \$65 from current \$63.60. Treasurer's review of HLL invoice for Christmas decorations invoice #8/5057 for service 12/16/24, \$2600 was charged, with additional \$390 for additional upgrades per the mayor's allowance for expenditures within \$1000 threshold. As the \$2600 was different from the \$2000 that was approved in 12-12-24 minutes, treasurer clerk felt it prudent to amend the original motion to reflect charges for work done. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve 2024 Christmas decorating expenses for the city not to exceed \$3500, Commissioner Gregory gave a second, motion passed. A message was received from Treasury about designating any ARPA fund projects by December 31, 2024. The following projects were slated as ARPA funded projects in 2024 to be reported in next report that will be due 4-30-25: 7-15-24, \$5900 city signs/poles repaired and repainted, 8-29-24 \$6200 electrical service lines run to community building, 9-18-24, \$4575 for trees/debris removed from Middleburg common area, 12-12-24, \$500 for tree cleared from city right of way, leaving all ARPA funds expended in 2024 with no projects designated for 2025. Commissioner Gregory moved to accept the treasurer report subject to audit. A second came from Commissioner Holt, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The new stop signs will be installed when the snow clears. Results from the Holiday decorating contest: 1st prize 4605 Shenandoah, 2nd prize 4418 Amelia, 3rd prize 11306 Prince George Ct.

NEW BUSINESS

The treasurer clerk asked council to review their info for the 2025 city officials update form due soon. A light was knocked over on Halifax Place and needs repair. All lights should be inspected. Feedback was given about snow plow/salt for ice/snow event 1/5 & 1/6/25.

OPEN FLOOR

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

Respectfully submitted.

Mayor John Bell

Treasurer clerk Jean Reid