

` 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

6-8-2023

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, City Attorney Michael Lawrence, Treasurer/clerk Reid.  
Commissioners: Ollie White, Jerry Gregory, Gene Harris, Jr., James Holt, Jack Mills and Samuel Jackson. The guests were residents of the city and website administrator.

#### MINUTES

The minutes from meeting 5-11-2023 were reviewed. Commissioner Mills moved to accept the minutes as presented, a second came from Commissioner Jackson, motion passed.

#### TREASURER REPORT

General Fund YTD as of 5-31-2023	\$266,085.67
General Fund Savings YTD as of 5-31-2023	\$259,660.31
Total Road Fund YTD as of 5-31-2023	\$198,824.68

The above balances are from May bank statements. Unusual expenses for the month were \$11,000 to pay the balance for electrical work at the front entrance, spring planting and landscaping and Springfest. The insurance policy renewal premiums effective 7-1-23 are \$6,878.79 for the Liability policy and \$285 for the property policy. The treasurer/clerk contacted Fidelity Security Life Insurance Company about their 1<sup>st</sup> Q 2023 insurance premium check for \$2261.52 questioning the amount, as they had never sent a payment that high. They assured me it was correct, so it was deposited into the general fund. The treasurer/clerk will send a letter to the state regarding participation for HB413/police reimbursement for the upcoming fiscal year. Letters were received about the M. Cobb bankruptcy and delinquent taxes owed the city. Another notification was received about A. Cobb property, it will be sold to satisfy mortgage holder. The city will receive 2022 tax payment and citations. Treasurer/clerk will be sending letters to property owners about multiple code enforcement citations. Ad valorem tax rate ordinance No. 1, 2023 second reading was done with tax rate the same at 20 cents per \$100 PVA assessed value. Commissioner Mills moved to accept the second reading, Commissioner Holt seconded, motion passed. Commissioner Harris moved to adopt the property tax rate of

20 cents per hundred property value, a second came from Commissioner Jackson, motion passed.

Proposed budget for FY 7-1-23 to 6-30-24 was done. Commissioner Mills moved to accept the second reading of proposed budget, a second came from Commissioner Gregory. Commissioner Holt moved to approve the 2023/2024 budget, a second came from Commissioner Harris, motion passed. The ad valorem and budget information will be published in CJ and city website. Tax bills will be ordered from PVA. Commissioner Gregory moved to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit, a second came from Commissioner Jackson, motion passed.

#### LEGAL

The lawsuit has been served for 4304 Culpepper regarding the structure in violation of city deed restrictions. The attorney has filed proof of claim for M. Cobb bankruptcy. Commissioner Harris has tried repeatedly to contact AT&T about stretched fiber lines across sidewalks. Since AT&T has not responded, the city attorney was asked to send a letter to have their inspector come out and review the situation for their correction.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Springfest 2023 had good weather for the event. The lighting project at front entrance has been completed. The new lights are all LED and are as bright or brighter than the prior lights. 4400 Amelia has been cited many times for tree debris, the city has had a contractor remove and cut high grass. \$1350 will be billed to the property owner. There have been several ordinance violations occurring. Commissioner Harris will contact Louisville Code Enforcement officer to review Commissioner Mills brought up a car parked in the backyard at 4411 Shenandoah. Commissioner White mentioned a boat parked in a yard and not on a hard surface as required. The consensus was that uniform enforcement was needed for all in the neighborhood. As the 2022 KLC wage and salary survey indicates the City Clerk/Treasurer at \$800 per month is between minimum and 25% of the compensation scale for cities of similar size, Commissioner Jackson moved to increase treasurer/clerk's fee to \$2000 monthly. At that point, Treasurer/clerk requested that Commissioner Jackson withdraw his motion so that she could give her input on the matter, motion withdrawn. Treasurer clerk indicated that she felt an increase for the scope of duties warranted an increase but felt that the amount of increase was too high and not fiscally responsible at this time. Several commissioners gave input about the amount of increase. Commissioner Harris moved to increase the treasurer/clerk's monthly fee to \$1400, effective 7-1-23. Commissioner White gave a second. With a vote of 4 aye and 1 no, motion passed. The treasurer/clerk is most grateful. The Mayor would like all commissioners input regarding using ARPA funds. There is still \$122,600.80 available. A park was suggested on city property located on the back of Leesburg. The considerations would have to be about a road to it, parking spots and drainage. A gazebo was mentioned for the easement area at the front of the neighborhood yet there were concerns about teens and others attracted to the structure. Sidewalks were mentioned, updated for ADA standards. A lockable clubhouse was mentioned. All ideas would need cost estimates for feasibility.

## NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Holt moved to pay Houser Lawn & Landscaping \$4770 for all spring planting, replacing some additional plants, new plants, labor and fix some irrigation system issues. A second came from Commissioner Jackson, motion passed.

There have been issues with Waste Management sanitation service. The city has been on a year to year basis since 2018, currently paying \$11.83 monthly per residence. There have been issues since the pandemic began with staffing that affects city service, and other similar cities are experiencing issues with WM. The Mayor advised a new contract would increase charges to \$18.93 per residence. The new policy with WM indicates a green waste bin is required. The commissioners all agreed they want WM to do what their contract says they will do. The mayor is giving them a copy of the city roll listing all addresses so they have a master file. A postcard will go out about services and how to communicate with Waste Management. The mayor will send ReachAlert messages about any WM issues impacting the city.

## OPEN FLOOR

A city resident advised she had been paying WM individually every 2 months for sanitation since 2014. Can the city do anything? It was suggested she send them a letter outlining what she's paid them and referencing the city contract where they have been getting paid for providing her service.

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

Respectfully submitted.

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Mayor John Bell

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Jean Reid, Treasurer/clerk