

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

City Attorney:  
Michael Lawrence  
Treasurer/Clerk:  
Jean Reid

11-12-2020

The meeting of the City of Fincastle called to order at 7:30pm at the Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4200 Shenandoah Drive.

Present: Mayor Bell, Treasurer/Clerk Jean Reid, Commissioners Gene Harris Jr., Mark Calvert, Samuel Jackson, Jerry Gregory, James Holt and Jack Mills. Guests were a resident of the city and David Ricci, landscaper for the city.

#### MINUTES

The minutes from meeting 10-8-2020 were reviewed. Commissioner Jackson moved to accept the minutes as presented, a second came from Commissioner Calvert, motion passed.

#### TREASURER REPORT

General Fund YTD as of October 31, 2020     \$195,805.85

Total Road Fund YTD as of October 31, 2020   \$295,724.09

Received the bulk of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2020 insurance premium taxes. Commissioner Harris, Jr. moved to accept the treasurer's report subject to audit. A second came from Commissioner Holt, motion passed.

#### LEGAL

No report, attorney not present.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Sending all residents a reminder about Homestead exemption for property owners 65 and older for property taxes. Requests should be filed with PVA.

On November 4, 2020, the treasurer/clerk sent out 21 letters to property owners who have not paid 2020/2021 property tax bills. She is asking the city attorney for help in sending 2 letters for years delinquent taxes. Commissioner Harris, Jr. asked for a recap of all properties with delinquent property taxes. Two property foreclosure actions have been in the process since 2016. Mayor Bell has advised attorney Murphy to proceed with a sale date if payment is not received by December 1, 2020. He also advised Murphy to hold up on any action on the second one due to recent developments.

Commissioner Harris, Jr. inquired if trash collection/recycling could be suspended for those properties not paying their taxes. This would be impossible for Waste Management, and a disservice to adjacent property owners with uncollected trash. Commissioner Harris, Jr moved that property taxes delinquent 2 years should be sold to an outside 3<sup>rd</sup> party, Commissioner Jackson seconded. After discussion, it was deemed 2 years was not an appropriate length of time. On a vote, motion defeated. Commissioner Harris, Jr. moved that property taxes delinquent 5 years should be sold to an outside 3<sup>rd</sup> party. A second came from Commissioner Jackson. Discussion involved the need to investigate legal avenues and procedures involved with this action. Motion passed.

A resident came to meeting to discuss prior property taxes owed, and Commissioners indicated their desire to work with property owner on a structure to get prior taxes paid.

The city attorney should be involved to assist with setting up this process.

Treasurer/clerk contacted Freedom Mortgage about reimbursement of \$185 for repairs/grass cuttings after property at 4521 Shenandoah Drive was vandalized. They are requiring pictures. Ricci supplied one of property boarded up to prevent further damage. Commissioner Harris, Jr. had inquired at last month's meeting the name of survey firm that did survey at frontage Murphy Lane entrance in 2010. He has no further information to report at this time.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ricci presented a bid to do city holiday decorations with installation, removal and storage for \$320, and if any material replacement is needed, a price not to exceed \$100 for those materials. Commissioner Harris, Jr. moved to accept the bid, a second came from Commissioner Gregory, motion passed. Ricci presented a bid for the landscape winterization of the Murphy Lane entrance at \$775. Commissioner Harris, Jr moved to accept the bid, a second came from Commissioner Gregory, motion passed.

A resident inquired about adding another streetlight. LG&E had already done an assessment of the city and advised current lights are adequate. There was an inquiry about signs for children playing. There are currently 4 in place at the Leesburg area.

#### OPEN FLOOR

Mayor Bell advised there will be a need to call a special meeting within the next week with the specific purpose of reviewing bids for the restriping of speed humps and at stop signs.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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John Bell, Mayor

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Jean Reid, Treasurer/clerk