

` 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

3-9-2023

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, Samuel Jackson, Gene Harris, Jr., James Holt. The guests were a resident of the city, website administrator, George Stewart, code enforcement officer.

MINUTES

The minutes from meeting 2-9-2023 were reviewed. Commissioner Holt moved to accept the minutes as presented, a second came from Commissioner Gregory, motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT

General Fund YTD as of 2-28-2023	\$289,925.94
General Fund Savings YTD as of 2-28-2023	\$259,653.77
Total Road Fund YTD as of 2-28-2023	\$194,727.74

The above balances are from February bank statements. A \$3360 expense for salt application 1-30-23 & 1-31-23 came out of road fund. The treasurer/clerk has completed the annual insurance renewal questionnaire. There is a 4-30-23 deadline for the ARPA project and expenditure report. \$99,780 of ARPA funds have been spent 7-1-22 on repaving and repairs of city streets. An email was received from Quickbooks that effective May 31, 2023 the program QBdesktop pro 2020 is being discontinued. The city auditor will be contacted for suggestions on what replacement program is recommended. The water bill was investigated compared to prior winter bills. There is a nominal charge for water irrigation service charges but there is no water use. Liens were filed for four 2022 property taxes still due. A lien will be filed for 4400 Amelia Ct for code violation fines and for when debris is removed by the city. Commissioner Harris asked if Watson delinquent tax agreement can go back to charging interest for amounts since when payments ceased, they will be calculated. He also asked if a foreclosure could be pursued, but it was deemed too expensive. The sale of the tax liens could possibly be considered.

Harris asked about the Quickbooks change and treasurer/clerk advised the replacement service would be completed by the May 31, 2023 deadline. Commissioner Holt moved to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit, a second came from Commissioner Jackson, motion passed.

LEGAL

The mayor advised that the lawsuit for 4304 Culpepper for a building not in compliance with deed restrictions must move forward. There has been a new motion for judgement filed on Mariella Cobb property by a 3rd party. The city is still in position with liens filed for past taxes due. The attorney gave information about the house bill regarding annexation and why KLC is opposed to that bill. A discussion with code enforcement officer about adoption of ordinances based on Metro Louisville 15602.052 ordinance. City attorney Lawrence will draft an ordinance to be presented at the April city meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The website administrator is still needing information from prior admin to move forward with his work. Commissioner Gregory moved that the city hold a Springfest event on May 13th, with rain date of May 20th, with a budget not to exceed \$3600 for all bids for the event. A second came from Commissioner Jackson. With a vote of 5 aye and 1 no, motion passed. Mentioned again were that homes in the city should have house numbers visible. Electrician is still waiting on parts for the work at the front entrance. Commissioner Harris brought up the ordinance book and indicated if Fincastle adopts Louisville Metro ordinances, they could be added to existing Fincastle ordinances. The mayor asked that all commissioners thoroughly read the current ordinances and the ordinances that Mr. Stewart brought forward to the city for review and then assess what ordinances the city wants to adopt. The letters to property owners regarding the survey that revealed fences encroaching on city owned property was discussed again. If those properties would be sold, this would have to be disclosed and corrected. The city attorney will provide copies of the letters for review.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Gregory complimented a police officer on a recent speeding situation.

OPEN FLOOR

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

Respectfully submitted.

Mayor John Bell

Jean Reid, Treasurer/clerk