

City of Fincastle
P.O. Box 22052
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Mayor:

John Bell

Commissioners:

Ollie White

Elton “Gene” Harris, Jr

Jerry Gregory

Samuel Jackson

City Clerk/Treasurer:

Jean Reid

Minutes of Regular Meeting April 9, 2026

With Mayor Bell not in attendance, Commissioner Gregory moved that Commissioner Harris serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the meeting. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting of the City of Fincastle was called to order at 6:36 pm at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4200 Shenandoah Drive.

Present: Commissioners: Ollie White, Elton “Gene” Harris, Jr., Samuel Jackson and Jerry Gregory, City Clerk/Treasurer Jean Reid. The city website administrator, the city attorney, and city residents were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting held March 12, 2026 were reviewed. Commissioner White moved to accept the minutes as presented, Commissioner Gregory seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

City Clerk/Treasurer Jean Reid presented the Treasurer’s Report

General Fund YTD as of 3-31-2026	\$83,800.07
General Fund Savings YTD as of 3-31-26	\$87,294.84
Total Road Fund YTD as of 3-31-26	\$134,337.78
KLCIP money market fund as of 3-31-26	\$254,716,82

All balances are from bank statements. The City transferred \$5,000 from checking to general savings to keep the account active. The FY2025 audit report was distributed to the commission. The Treasurer suggested adding an additional signor to checking account, as 2 signatures required for checks over \$50. Commissioner Gregory moved to add Commissioner Jackson as third signor, Commissioner Harris seconded. Voting aye, Harris, White, Jackson, Gregory. Voting nay, none, motion passed. Commissioner White moved to accept the treasurer report subject to audit, Commissioner Jackson seconded. All vote aye, and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Harris called for the second reading of Ordinance No. 6, Series 2026, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FINCASTLE, KENTUCKY FIXING THE MONTHLY COMPENSATION FOR THEIR ELECTED OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF FINCASTLE. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the second reading of the ordinance, Commissioner Gregory seconded the motion. Voting aye, Commissioners White, Jackson, Gregory, Harris. Voting nay: none. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner White moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6, Series 2026. Commissioner Gregory seconded the motion. Voting aye: White, Harris, Gregory, Jackson. Voting nay: none. The motion passed unanimously.

City stop signs were discussed. One is down at Shenandoah and Halifax; Commissioners discussed whether sign backs are needed. The Commissioners also discussed whether Mayor had received the refund from Amazon in the amount of \$635.88 discussed at the January 8, 2026 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The PVA advised that upcoming assessments would be released April 24, 2026. The City website posted information session dates, appeal dates, and information about the homestead/disability process (\$49,100). City will calculate tax rate for the ad valorem ordinance for a first reading in May and a second reading in June. City Clerk/Treasurer asked for input for the upcoming budget process.

The spring planting/landscaping by Houser Lawn & Landscaping was discussed. Commissioner White moved to approve a budget not to exceed \$7,000 for this work. Commissioner Gregory seconded the motion. Voting aye: White, Gregory, Harris and Jackson. Voting nay: none. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Harris asked if Commissioners would want a Springfest festival. Commissioner Harris moved that the City hold Springfest May 9, 2026, noon-5pm with a budget not to exceed \$5,000. Commissioner White seconded. Voting aye: Commissioners White, Harris, Jackson, and Gregory. Voting nay: none. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioners were asked to assist.

It was suggested that a flier/newsletter be sent to each property advising residences of Springfest, new ordinances, the website, ReachAlert, adherence to stop signs, speeding concerns as children are playing in the neighborhood, and other City issues.

It was announced that KLC will hold a Code Enforcement Seminar in Lexington 4-30-26. CEB Secretary Heath indicated he would like to attend.

OPEN FLOOR

CEB Chairman Holt advised that the Code Enforcement Board needed to have access to the meeting room at 5:30pm. He also suggested placing no parking signs on each stop sign in the City. Questions from a City resident were answered.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Harris called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Commissioner Gregory moved to adjourn. Commissioner Harris seconded. All voted aye, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Pro Tem Elton "Gene" Harris, Jr. _____

City Clerk/Treasurer Jean Reid _____