

` 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

12-10-2020

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, City Attorney Michael Lawrence, Treasurer/clerk Reid.
Commissioners Gene Harris Jr., Mark Calvert, Jerry Gregory, James Holt and Jack Mills.
Guests were a resident of the city, her brother and David Ricci, landscaper for the city.

MINUTES

The minutes from meeting 11-12-2020 and special meeting of 11-16-2020 were reviewed. Commissioner Harris moved to accept the minutes as presented, a second came from Commissioner Holt, motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT

General Fund YTD as of November 30, 2020 \$204,417.04

Total Road Fund YTD as of November 30, 2020 \$292,851.99

The 2019 audit is complete, with hard copies and all related materials being delivered to the treasurer on 12-5-2020, electronic copy sent to all council members by Treasurer/clerk Reid. Treasurer reviewed the interfund receivables with the auditor who advised that only the \$100,000 amount could be moved back to general fund, all interest would have to stay in the road fund account. He suggested that since both general fund and road fund amounts were above the \$250,000 cap for FDIC, that a general fund savings account be opened for the \$100,000 that had been moved from general fund to road fund. That way if more funds are needed in the city checking account, the funds could easily be transferred from savings to checking. Commissioner Mills moved to have treasurer/clerk open a business money market account to move \$100,000 from road fund back to the general fund that would give the city the best interest rate available. Commissioner Harris, Jr seconded, motion passed.

Some audit materials are no longer needed since audits are complete. They will be shredded in accordance with the records destruction certificate based on Kentucky statutes.

Treasurer/clerk has set up folders for recurring items, such as Octoberfest, street/road repairs, larger expenditures, etc for easier reference.

Commissioner Calvert moved to accept the treasurer's report subject to audit. A second came from Commissioner Harris, Jr., motion passed.

LEGAL

There was a lengthy discussion about the foreclosure attorney handling the Wilson delinquent tax situation. Murphy has not followed through as Mayor Bell had requested in his communication with him and the city is no closer to a resolution. It was suggested perhaps that attorney Murphy could attend January's meeting to give a clearer picture of a wrap up to collection of overdue taxes. The old business area of this meeting will address resolution of Watson delinquent taxes due. Treasurer/clerk Reid requested that city attorney Lawrence send letters to Mariella Cobb for taxes due 2008-2019 and Allen Zoeller for 2018 and 2020 taxes due. Clerk will follow up on the remaining 2020 taxes still owed and follow up with Ms. Thompson who spoke with the council on 11-12-2020 about her proposal to clear up delinquent taxes.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer/clerk Reid advised she had gotten input from several other small city clerks and Mayors about how their municipality handled delinquent tax accounts. LHome.org is a possible resource for residents needing tax assistance, so clerk will incorporate this flier in her correspondence. Commissioner Harris, Jr had contacted Chris Johnson to inquire about possibly selling the city's tax liens. Property owner Watson requested to address the council about her delinquent taxes. She had been provided an update to figures still owed. The Mayor requested that she write up a written proposal of how to satisfy past due amounts so that the council can decide a course of action. The front entrance winterization has been completed and looks good. Road work was discussed. Some cracks have opened up a quarter inch or more, many at the speed humps. The last time that cracks were sealed was 4-23-2018. Mayor received a bid from Dudek Paving to hot tar seal all cracks in city roads for \$7000. Commissioner Harris, Jr moved to accept the bid, Commissioner Gregory seconded. Discussion had a commissioner voicing concern about possible upcoming bad weather. A vote was taken, 4 aye, 1 no. Motion passed. A stop sign broke on Prince George Court. Commissioner Harris, Jr suggested that commissioners/mayor find a time to review city signs that may need repair. Commissioner Holt thought the street painting did not look as bright as when last done.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer/clerk asked council to review their information, as FY 2021 City Officials update form will need to be sent to Frankfort by January 31, 2021. Due to pandemic, the annual meeting will be postponed. The annual Christmas decorating contest will be held, with VISA gift card prizes, \$100 first, \$50 second and \$25 third.

OPEN FLOOR

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

Respectfully submitted,

John Bell, Mayor

Jean Reid, Treasurer/clerk