

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:
Jeremiah Mann
Treasurer/Clerk:
Jean Reid

2-13-2025

The meeting of the City of Fincastle called to order at 6:32 pm at the Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4200 Shenandoah Drive.

Present: Mayor John Bell. City attorney Jeremiah Mann. Commissioners: Ollie White, Gene Harris, Jr., James Holt, Samuel Jackson, Jack Mills and Jerry Gregory, Treasurer/clerk Jean Reid. The guests were a resident and the website administrator.

MINUTES

The minutes from meeting 1-9-25 were reviewed. Commissioner Mills moved to accept the minutes as presented, a second came from Commissioner Jackson, motion passed.

LEGAL

As there was no response from owners of 4604 Leesburg regarding delinquent property taxes, the city attorney gave an approximate price between \$4000 and \$6000 attorney fees and there would be a percentage of the property value that the city would have to put up to get it sold in a foreclosure sale. Attorney Mann advised this is the last month to represent the city. The mayor advised that John Singlar could assist the city as attorney, but based on his multiple commitments with other cities, he would not be able to physically attend the city meeting. The mayor asked for input about that possibility. Commissioner Gregory has a possible resource for attorney representation. An attorney is needed to respond on the Cobb bankruptcy action.

TREASURER REPORT

General Fund YTD as of 1-31-2025	\$231,374.00
General Fund Savings YTD as of 1-31-25	\$37,288.00
Total Road Fund YTD as of 1-31-25	\$206,271.56
KLCIP money market fund as of 1-31-25	\$243,279.76

All balances are from bank statements. The larger expenses this month were for snow plow/salt events. The 4thQ2024 insurance premium taxes are still coming in. 3 additional 24/25 property taxes have been received from the certified letters sent. Tax liens will be

filed on others not yet paid. Cobb has again filed for bankruptcy and paperwork was sent to attorney Mann. The 1st reading, held 1-9-25, of amended FY 24/25 budget would change the current budgeted \$123,000 city services expenditures to \$175,000, changing total budgeted expenditures from \$341,000 to \$393,000 and changing general fund ending balance from \$397,000 to \$345,000. Second reading done. Commissioner Jackson moved to accept the second reading, a second came from Commissioner Gregory, motion passed. Commissioner Gregory moved to accept the 2024/2025 budget as amended, Commissioner Mills seconded, motion passed. The budget will be advertised in the CJ and posted to city website. Commissioner Harris had questions about the costs of recent snow plow/salt events. Treasurer clerk provided the invoices for all to review. Based on input from other cities, commissioners should provide a brief report of what was done in the month for the city and stipend received when they attend a meeting. Commissioner Harris moved to accept the treasurer report subject to audit. A second came from Commissioner White, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The mayor to be reimbursed \$635.88 for purchase of new stop signs. They will be installed when the weather clears. Commissioner Harris wanted to confirm they will have back plates. Some light posts at Halifax Pl are damaged. The electrician needs to order a new pole. LG&E came to replace lights out in some light poles. Commissioner Holt called 311 about parking on Accomack Drive. Commissioner Harris moved for the city to start foreclosure process on 4604 Leesburg Court due to delinquent property taxes. Commissioner Holt gave a second. In discussion, Commissioner Harris said the city should require an attorney to send a letter advising the city would move forward with a foreclosure action. With no further discussion, a vote was called with 4 aye, 1 no and 1 abstained, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Springfest plans to be discussed at the March meeting.

OPEN FLOOR

Commissioner Holt notes ruts left by garbage trucks during recent snow events. Commissioner Harris said prior attorney was to get him the city records, but he has not followed through. Debris outside the daycare was a concern and mayor advised he would check it out. An issue with the rental property at 11401 Upshur needs to be addressed and the code enforcement officer will be contacted to assess the situation, and contact will be made with the property owner.

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

Respectfully submitted.

Mayor John Bell

Treasurer clerk Jean Reid