# City of Fincastle P.O. Box 22052 Louisville KY 40252-0052

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

5-12-2022

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

Present: Mayor John Bell, Michael Lawrence, City Attorney, Treasurer/clerk Reid. Commissioners: Ollie White, Jerry Gregory, Samuel Jackson, Gene Harris, Jr., James Holt and Jack Mills. Guests were Tony Laubheimer and David Ricci, landscaper for the city.

# MINUTES

The minutes from meeting 4-14-2022 were reviewed. Commissioner Harris moved to accept the minutes as presented, a second came from Commissioner Jackson, motion passed.

# TREASURER REPORT

| General Fund YTD as of 4-30-2022         | \$252,234.12 |
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| General Fund Savings YTD as of 4-30-2022 | \$209,634.32 |
| Total Road Fund YTD as of 4-30-2022      | \$187,375.88 |

The preliminary listing of PVA assessments was sent for verification with total real estate assessment of \$64,027,620 given. The last assessment increase on most properties was in 2017. The city ad valorem tax rate has been the same 20 cents per \$100 assessed value since 1975. Commissioner Harris had questions about the tax rate. The 2021 audit information is ready to be picked up by auditor. The prior years property tax amount of \$250 for April 2022 is still due from Ms. Watson's property. Since her passing, the attorney will check if this has gone to probate. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit, a second came from Commissioner Gregory, motion passed.

# LEGAL

A structure at 4304 Culpepper Circle is in violation of the city master deed. The city attorney is in review of the master deed, working on a legal action to enforce compliance. The paperwork is to be served via sheriff in lieu of mail.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The spring landscaping has been done. A flashing speed limit warning sign will be researched. Discussion about Octoberfest indicated most thought a move to springtime would be better for the weather, possibly keep in October for this year and then hold in April or May 2023.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The KLC indicated that the city should adopt a resolution regarding ARPA funds use and reporting. Commissioner Gregory moved for the City of Fincastle to adopt Resolution #1, Series 2202 that use of ARPA funds would be under Replacement category 6, provision of government services, 6.1 is applicable and that the standard deduction is accepted. A second came from Commissioner Mills, all voted AYE, resolution adopted. The first reading of the 2022 ad valorem tax rate Ordinance #1, Series 2022 for property tax rate of 20 cents per \$100 assessed property value was completed. Commissioner Harris moved to accept the reading. Commissioner Gregory gave the second, motion passed. Ordinance #2, Series 2022 Proposed City of Fincastle Budget 2022/2023 was read. Commissioner Harris moved to accept the reading; Commissioner Jackson gave a second. Discussion followed with treasurer/clerk advising that the second reading to be done at the June meeting will likely contain some revision due to anticipated 2<sup>nd</sup> trache of ARPA funds and questions she has that will be reviewed with auditor to be sure the budget process is in order and complete. Also discussed were anticipated expenditures on road sealing, lighting project and city improvements. Vote taken and motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> reading passed. The city attorney was tasked with preparing an RFP for bids in resealing of roads as it will likely exceed threshold of \$20,000. The Mayor and Commissioner Harris would meet potential contractors together to address the scope of the project and answer any questions. Bids received to be opened at June 2022 meeting. Commissioner Jackson indicated a problem with dog waste left on properties in the neighborhood. The Mayor will send a ReachAlert memo to residents asking them to be a good neighbor and pick up after their dogs. Commissioner Gregory asked about the no solicitation policies. Commissioner Harris asked about Bell South poles, was advised to check with them, if they are not still in use, ask AT&T to come and remove. Commissioner White indicated some neighbors were asking about the police patrols. The city contracts for 30 hours per month, patrols are in 3 hour increments, run at various times. There is a car parked on Leesburg Place creating a traffic bottleneck.

#### OPEN FLOOR

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

Respectfully submitted Mayor John Bell

Jean Reid, Treasurer/clerk