

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

7-11-2024

The meeting of the City of Fincastle called to order at 6:50 pm at the Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4200 Shenandoah Drive.

Present: Mayor John Bell. City attorney Jeremiah Mann. Commissioners: Ollie White, Jerry Gregory, Gene Harris, Jr., James Holt, Samuel Jackson, Treasurer/clerk Jean Reid. Guests were the city website administrator and George Stewart, city code enforcement officer.

MINUTES

The minutes from meeting 7-11-24 were reviewed. Commissioner Gregory moved to accept the minutes as presented, a second came from Commissioner Holt, motion passed.

LEGAL

The city attorney will attend the public hearing regarding short term rental application for 4528 Shenandoah. The board approved the application with stipulations for use. Letters were sent to owners of 4604 Leesburg regarding delinquent property taxes owed. There has been no response. Notice of bankruptcy dismissal was received for Cobb property. Since back taxes are still owed, the attorney will review for what interest can accrue on the owed balance. The attorney will review city files to determine lots owned by the city. A fence is encroaching on the city property at 4603 Shenandoah. The owner advised she will obtain her own survey and move the fence. Commissioner Harris wants all attorney sent letters to require a response by date. Files are still needed from the prior city attorney. Code enforcement officer Stewart advised on several issues. 6 properties received warnings or citations for condition of property ordinance. A letter was sent about loud music on Amelia. It was noted there are tree limbs hanging over sidewalks on Shenandoah so mayor will contact landscape company about trimming these areas. Treasurer clerk will follow up on citations written if fines are not paid.

TREASURER REPORT

General Fund YTD as of 7-31-2024	\$180,091.64
General Fund Savings YTD as of 7-31-24	\$37,286.12
Total Road Fund YTD as of 7-31-24	\$214,849.70
KLCIP money market fund as of 7-31-24	\$237,831.15

All balances are from bank statements. Note the larger interest amount on money market account. Larger expenses for the month are \$7,680 for insurance policy renewals and \$5,900 for repairs to city street and stop signs. Commissioner Jackson moved to accept the treasurers report subject to audit. A second came from Commissioner Harris, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The rental agreement forms for the city gazebo will be posted on the website. A bid of \$6,200 from American Standard Electric for running electrical service to the gazebo, 250 feet of 1 inch pvc conduit in a trench provided by others from panel at back of entrance, pull 2 20 amp circuits, install 1 outlet on each column and light or fan provided by others inside top of gazebo Commissioner Harris moved to accept the bid, Commissioner Gregory gave a second. Discussion of motion to see if a smart outlet was possible. The mayor will check with the contractor. Treasurer clerk indicated a certificate of insurance was needed for city file. Vote taken on the motion, passed. The treasurer clerk advised a billing was received from Morgan Security Services for \$3600. This invoice said for missing rate increase January-June 2024. The contract was presented to the council and voted on 7-11-24. In review, the contract has a January 1, 2024 date, yet was sent to the mayor via email on April 15, 2024. None of the prior monthly billings from January 2024 to present indicated an increase and were paid at the \$1350 contract rate. It was felt the city should not be billed going back to January as the contract was not sent until 4-15-24, and billing should be revised for just the additional to apply to May and June billings. The mayor called Morgan from the meeting and he agreed to the revised billing.

NEW BUSINESS

The mayor will order 10 new stop signs. Oktoberfest will be discussed next month. Commissioner Holt noted parking on each side of Accomack. Commissioner Gregory noted a dog poop bag left on a bench in the common area. A note will be place on the website to be a good neighbor and pick up after your dog. Commissioner White would like a city official card from KLC. Cards will be ordered for all on the council.

OPEN FLOOR

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

Respectfully submitted.

Mayor John Bell

Treasurer clerk Jean Reid