

City of Conesville
Council Meeting 10-14-24

Meeting called to order by Mayor Tom Van Auken at 5:30 pm

Present: Mayor: Tom Van Auken, Council Members: Azure Van Auken, Bob Probst, Carolina Izaquirre, Cassandra Espinosa, City Clerk: Carol Zuniga, Missing: Cory Conaway

Pledge of Allegiance, Consent Agenda: Motion by Carolina, 2nd by Azure to approve 9-9-24 Meeting Minutes Pass 4-0.

Sewer Update: Pump repaired and installed. New Generator up and running just in time for loss of power. Getting quote to replace old electrical panel for pumps and generator.

Clerk Report: Aug Deposits: Garbage – \$2788.84, Sewer: \$6827.86, Interest \$176.23, Local Option Tax \$3810.27, Road Use Tax \$5329.09, Bldg Rental \$1000, Property Tax \$1029.18, Total Deposits \$20961.47: Current Bills: Advanced Pest Control \$155.21, A. Conaway \$1200, Alliant \$1115.34, Amazon \$54.99, Bells Fast Fuel \$108.23, Gazette \$271, Rental deposits returned \$400, Conveyer Engineering & MFG \$362.73, Copy Systems \$27.46, ESI \$220, Finke Law \$25, ILEA \$150, IPERS \$523.63, Quill \$52.55, Mississippi Valley Pump \$3522.50, Muscatine Treasurer \$37.25, Oveson \$3608, Treasury Dept \$1475.02, Two Rivers \$94.80, Windstream \$216.33, Total Bills: \$13620.04 Payroll: D. Conaway \$133.31, M. Conaway \$251.80, C. Zuniga \$1407.14 Total: \$1792.25 Motion by Bob to approve Clerk report. 2nd by Cassandra. Pass 4-0. *IPERS audit for 2023 completed. *Postcard billing ready to try. Clerk wants to buy 3 months' worth for trial from IPI. Motion by Bob, 2nd by Azure to order 3 months of postcard bills. Pass 4-0.

Mayor: Old Business: Plow truck at Mincers, airbags and back-up camera installed. Getting quote for blade and salter. Motion by Azure to trade in old F450 on new Plow truck, 2nd by Carolina. Pass 4-0. *Mayor hired new Police Chief Zach Lane pending completion of ILEA required MMPI-2. Wage previously set at \$22/hr for last Police Chief. Motion by Azure, 2nd by Carolina to approve wage. Pass 4-0. *Vehicle inspection report form needs completed to auction off crown vic. Ask new Police Chief to complete and obtain pictures required to get it sold. *Banking interest rates shared on checking accounts and CDs. Over \$10k difference/year if switch. Motion by Bob 2nd by Carolina to open a checking account at Community Bank with Tom Van Auken and Carol Zuniga as signatories. Pass 4-0. *Motion by Bob, 2nd by Azure to cash in current \$100k CD at WSB and start moving money to Community Bank. Pass 4-0.

New Business: Discussion of committees needed. *Mayor appointed Carolina as Mayor Pro Tem *Motion by Cassandra, 2nd by Carolina to have Watermelon Days 2025 handled by Conesville FD and for City to give a goodwill donation to the event. Pass 4-0. *Motion by Carolina, 2nd by Azure to approve ordering new laptop and desk for office/police use. Pass 4-0. *Motion by Bob to get Wyatt to cut tree branches on Burlington and Washington St that are rubbing on school buses. 2nd by Cassandra. Pass 4-0. *Port-a-potties in park will be removed first of November. *Motion by Bob to continue previously stalled project on updating the City Ordinances with Simmering & Cory. 2nd by Azure. Pass 4-0. *Motion by Azure to order new Stop Stick Kit for police car. 2nd by Carolina. Pass 4-0.

Council Items:

Bob – Trick or Treat Date set on **Halloween Oct 31st from 5:00-7:00**. There will be hot dogs and candy at Community Center. Any resident that wants a place to hand out candy is welcome to come to community center as well. Carolina – website burn ban link not working, Carol to get fixed. Zoning map questions for the city were discussed. More information needs to be gathered.

Adjourn: Cassandra motioned to adjourn 7:12, seconded by Carolina. Pass 4-0.

Tom Van Auken, Mayor

Carol Zuniga, City Clerk