

City of Conesville
Council Meeting 7/8/24

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

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

Consent Agenda 6-13-24 minutes were approved. Motion by Bob, 2nd Kassandra. Pass 5-0.

Maintenance & Grounds: Signs – Assessment - need 6 stop signs & 4 posts, showed information on Solar speed signs for future, 2 new trash containers installed – one in Shellabarger park and one in 3rd St park.

Community Items: Building Permit – #24-01 for addition Motion by Bob, 2nd Kassandra. Pass 5-0, Building Permit – #24-02 for covered porch Motion by Carolina, 2nd Azure Pass 5-0, Double D's – Permission to close road for street dance on Aug. 3rd at 6:00 pm. Motion by Azure, 2nd Carolina Pass 5-0. Question from resident on having a place to haul brush to for town people after storms. Council to look into.

Clerk Report:

- June Deposits: Garbage – \$2707.40, Sewer: \$6628.45, Interest \$175.73, Local Option Tax \$3440.44, Property Tax: \$1223.78, Road Use Tax \$5348.53 Total Deposits \$19562.12: Current Bills: Advanced Pest Control \$42.00, A. Conaway \$1200, Alliant \$1221.10, Amazon \$41.99, Gazette \$174, Copy Systems \$27.46, CJ Tire \$1037.40, D. Van Auken \$80, ESI \$275.00, Finke Law \$425.00, Galls \$122.07, Iowa League of Cities \$436.00, IPERS \$520.34, Menards \$31.96, Oveson \$7172, Quality Garage Doors \$4161.00, Quill \$270.40, Streichers \$287.45, SRF Iowa Finance Authority \$59037.50, Treasury Dept \$14493.44, Windstream \$243.97, Total Bills: \$92,200.08 Payroll: D. Conaway \$385.11, M. Conaway \$459.17, Cory Conaway \$161.61, Kassandra Espinosa \$161.61, Scott Hardy \$187.37, Carolina Izquirre \$207.79, Azure Van Auken \$207.79, Tom Van Auken \$277.05, C. Zuniga \$1518.23 Total: \$3,727.34 Motion by Azure to accept clerk report, 2nd Carolina, Pass 5-0.
- 15 more sewer accounts are on time than last month. 3 of 9 liens have paid county. Sewer and Garbage accounts (120 accounts) – Liens sent in on 7 parcels (9 sewer accts) for total of \$8954 (of the 9 - 3 have paid the County)
- Lagoon balance \$214,000

Mayor:

- **Old Business:**
 - Street address changes –Have meeting with Lone Tree & CJ Post Masters 7-11.
 - Conesville website – calendar of events added -Community center availability and rental form now on site
 - Public surplus account being set up to sell Crown Vic. Pictures have been taken
 - Mayor Chair purchased to replace broken one.

- See saw removed at park because unsafe. Looking into Handicap swing. Get Train washed, stained and sanded. Carolina to follow up. Maybe contractor can also paint two signs at ends of town as well.
- Lock box was opened & contents were itemized.
- **New Business:**
 - DD – Motion by Bob to approve Alcohol license renewal due, 2nd by Kassandra. Pass 5-0
 - Muscatine Humane Society - letter of agreement required by Iowa Code for taking in animals from city. Signed by Mayor – need to designate one person that can take animals.
 - Iowa DNR NFIP – National Flood Insurance Program – Mayor to send information to insurance agent to review then decide whether to join.
 - Information only: Council and Mayor pay comparison act before next election over a year away Mayor annual pay by Cities with similar populations: Conesville \$600, Col. City \$1500, Nichols \$1500, Letts \$1800: Council pay per meeting (approx.): Conesville \$25, Col. City \$50, Nichols \$55, Letts \$45 Waiting on Grandview information.

Council Items:

- Samantha Court trailer park behind on sewer by 3 months if not paid by 15th. Get lawyer to send letter. Are the correct number of accounts on bill? Motion by Bob to ask DNR on whether well is being tested. Seconded by Azure. Pass 5-0.

Adjourn: Azure motioned to adjourn, seconded by Carolina. Pass 5-0.

Tom Van Auken, Mayor

Carol Zuniga, City Clerk