

**City of Conesville
Council Meeting 9/9/24**

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 (minute taker), Kassandra Espinosa, Cory Conaway, Missing: City Clerk Carol Zuniga

Motion by Azure, 2nd by Carolina to approve 8-12-24 Council Meeting Minutes Pass 5-0.

Sewer Update: Austin looking at an electrical board for the pump.

Maintenance & Grounds update: No update

Community Items: none

Mayor: Old Business: **Confirmed Samantha Court trailers each have a sandpoint and well is not used. **Plow truck purchase options were discussed again. Motion by Bob, 2nd by Kassandra to purchase truck and accessories (including plow) and spending a max of \$80,000 using road use Fund. Pass 5-0. Existing dump truck will be kept for salt. Discussion on options of where to house new truck if the existing dump truck is kept as the City shed is out of room.

New Business: *Motion by Azure, 2nd by Cory to approve 2024 Annual Financial Report. Pass 5-0. **Motion by Azure, 2nd by Cory to approve the 2024 Street Financial Report. Pass 5-0. **Currently losing money on garbage. Charging \$20 to residents and being charged \$22. Rate to stay the same while gather contract details and have further discussions. **Banking discussions took place about where to continue banking. Business ACH is needed and available at each local bank for automatic sewer payments. Need list of questions to ask each bank. **Motion by Azure, 2nd by Carolina to approve color upgrade for fair winners in Columbus Gazette for \$25. Pass 5-0.

Council Items: *Jesus Ruvalcaba is going to clean and paint train as well as paint new Welcome to Conesville metal signs.

Clerk Report: July Deposits: Garbage – \$2769.75, Sewer: \$6781.10, Interest \$176.91, Local Option Tax \$4917.82, Refund: \$76.38, Road Use Tax \$3522.98, Bldg Rental & Salvage \$600, Alcohol License \$357.50 Total Deposits \$19202.44: Current Bills: Advanced Pest Control \$32.00, A. Conaway \$2064, Alliant \$444.98, Arthur Tax \$2330, Bloomer Construction \$50, City of Muscatine \$504, Gazette \$198, Rental deposits returned \$200, Copy Systems \$27.46, ESI \$440, Finke Law \$325, Iowa DNR (NPDES permit fee) \$210, IPERS \$1011.71, Iowa Prison Industries \$602.58, John Deer \$232.55, NSS Heating \$85, Oveson \$3608, Simply Stamps \$44.94, Treasury Dept \$3977.11, Two Rivers \$241, Windstream \$216.33, Total Bills: \$17291.28 Payroll: D. Conaway \$266.62, M. Conaway \$377.70, C. Zuniga \$1421.95 Total: \$2066.27 Motion by Bob to approve Clerk report. 2nd by Kassandra. Pass 5-0.

Adjourn: Azure motioned to adjourn 6:12, seconded by Carolina. Pass 5-0.

Tom Van Auken, Mayor

Council Member - Carolina Izaquirre