

City of Conesville
Council Meeting 12-9-24

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, Cassandra Espinosa, Cory Conaway, Missing: Carolina Izaquirre, City Clerk: Carol Zuniga

Pledge of Allegiance, Consent Agenda: Motion by Bob, 2nd by Cassandra to approve 11-11-24 Meeting Minutes Pass 4-0.

Sewer Update: Austin Conaway explained Iowa Pump Works Quote for the Powerpak Panel, a Cellular Gateway and a Pedestal Mixer. Discussion around timing due to winter. Consensus was this is necessary but need a new quote in January for that board meeting. There is a 10-12 week lead time which would let work start in May. Also discharged and sampled lagoon. Will be getting results and bill from Ion Services.

Maintenance & Grounds Update: New Plow truck/salter truck here and ready for winter.

Clerk Report: Aug Deposits: Garbage – \$3104.36, Sewer: \$7600.34, Interest \$788.05, Local Option Tax \$2956.92, Road Use Tax \$3999.55, Bldg Rental \$400, Property Tax \$2924.83, Refund \$6.99, Total Deposits \$21781.04: Current Bills: Advanced Pest Control \$33.92, A. Conaway \$1200, Alliant \$1260.92, Amazon \$60.17, Gazette \$108, Rental deposits returned \$300, Copy Systems \$27.46, Deb Van Auken \$130, Finke Law Firm \$100, IPERS \$365.89, Menards \$72.29, Mincers \$59637.10, Oveson \$3608, Parizek Construction \$2700, Stop Stick \$518, USPS \$280, Treasury Dept \$813.30, Walmart \$16.99, Washington Bank \$20, Windstream \$216.79, Total Bills: \$71468.83 Payroll: D. Conaway \$155.52, M. Conaway \$74.06, C. Zuniga \$1436.76, Total: \$1666.34 Motion by Azure to approve Clerk report. 2nd by Cassandra. Pass 4-0. *Postcard bills going out in January. New ACH forms sent to all households with December bill, also available on website.

Mayor: Old Business: Plow truck final cost was \$59637.10 included new blade and salter with \$8500 of trade-in value from old plow truck. *LL Pelling stopped with Proposal to lock in prices for spring. Council to contact Bob Donohoe in March for discussion of towns needs. *Conesville is now a participant in the NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program). Residents can purchase flood insurance under regular phase of the program if desired.

New Business: Iowa Geological Survey was in community building collecting a water sample. They are testing water chemistry to map aquifer layers and connectivity in greater Muscatine County. Test results will be sent to City. Anyone wanting to participate in Muscatine County can contact Thomas Doyle 319-467-1643. Interesting information in what they do at <https://iowageologicalsurvey.uiowa.edu/>

Police: Mayor hired Zach Lane for Police Chief and wants to hire another Police Officer to get 20 hours/week of Police coverage.

Council Items: *Azure wants City to donate to Christmas Angel Tree program. They are having a difficult time this year getting the Angels all spoken for. City agreed to send \$500. Motion by Azure, 2nd by Corey. Pass 4-0. *Bob Probst has decided to resign effective Jan 1st. This will be his last meeting. Mayor thanked Bob for his service during this transition. 1 year remains on his term. *Cassandra Espinosa has decided to resign effective Jan 1st. This will be her last meeting. Mayor thanked Cassandra for her service. There is 3 years left in her term. If interested in being on Council contact Mayor Tom Van Auken for information.

Adjourn: Cassandra motioned to adjourn 5:50, seconded by Cory. Pass 4-0.

Tom Van Auken, Mayor

Carol Zuniga, City Clerk