

**City of Conesville
Council Meeting 1-13-25**

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

Present: Mayor: Tom Van Auken, Council Members: Azure Van Auken, Cory Conaway, Carolina Izaquirre, Kit Carson, City Clerk: Carol Zuniga

Pledge of Allegiance by all

Consent Agenda: Motion by Azure 2nd by Carolina to approve 12-9-24 Meeting Minutes Pass 3-0.

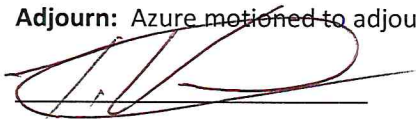
Community – Suiters inquired about placing a storage unit on their adjacent 2.6 acres within city limits. Council stated this area is zoned residential.

Clerk Report: Dec deposits: Garbage – \$2948.34, Sewer: \$7258.92, Interest \$792.01, Local Option Tax \$3785.07, Road Use Tax \$3849.14, Property Tax \$1423.69, Total Deposits \$20057.17: Current Bills: Advanced Pest Control \$33.92, A. Conaway \$1200, Alliant \$1289.16, Bloomer \$250, Gazette \$160, Rental deposits returned \$100, Copy Systems \$30.20, Deb Van Auken \$60, IPERS \$327.08, Iowa Finance Authority \$1872.5, Iowa One Call \$18, Menards \$29.98, Oveson \$3608, Quill \$51.57, Treasury Dept \$619.27, Wayfair \$165.84, Windstream \$216.93, Total Bills: \$10032.45 Payroll: D. Conaway \$208.38, Cory Conaway \$92.35, Kassandra Espinosa \$138.53, Carolina Izaquirre \$115.44, Zach Lane \$89.71, Bob Probst \$138.53, Azure Van Auken \$138.53, Tom Van Auken \$277.05, C. Zuniga \$1244.21, Total: \$2442.73 Motion by Carolina to approve Clerk report 2nd by Azure. Pass 3-0. *Postcard invoices now being used. *18 residences have signed up for ACH payments. *24 Community Hall rentals in 2024. *Completed Alcohol & Local Authority Training.

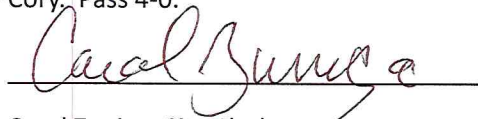
Mayor: Old Business: Motion by Carolina, 2nd by Azure to move forward on Iowa Pump works quote for \$17423.88 to upgrade electrical Powerpack Duplex Panel and Pedestal Mixer. Pass 3-0. *4 neighboring cities (Nichols, Letts, Columbus City and Grandview) with similar populations were contacted for Council and Mayor pay. Conesville pay is currently less than half of each of these. Discussion on matching the pay of Columbus City and Grandview. Motion by Azure, 2nd by Carolina to set new pay at \$50/meeting for Council and \$1500/year for Mayor to be paid bi-annually in each case. Pass 3-0.

New Business: Empty Council Seat was filled with the appointment of Joseph (Kit) Carson. Motion by Azure, 2nd by Cory to approve appointment. Pass 3-0. Kit was sworn in with Oath to fill the remaining 3 years of the 4-year term vacated by Kassandra Espinosa. *Mayor Pro Tem appointed by Mayor to be Carolina Izaquirre for 2025. *2025 Official Businesses – Publication – Columbus Gazette, Depositories – Washington State Bank and Community Bank, Accounting, Arthur Tax, Legal Counsel – Finke Law Firm, Motion by Carolina, 2nd by Kit to approve this 2025 official business list. Pass 4-0. Three Committees re-established: Streets (Tom, Cory), Utilities (Tom, Kit), Parks & Rec/Holidays (Azure, Carolina).

Adjourn: Azure motioned to adjourn 6:10, seconded by Cory, Pass 4-0.



Tom Van Auken, Mayor



Carol Zuniga, City Clerk