

City of Conesville
Council Meeting 7-14-25

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance - Consent Agenda: Motion by Kit, 2nd by Corey to approve 6-9-25 Meeting Minutes, Pass 4-0.

Grounds – Mindy – Porta Potties were full of cans and tp. Might want to rethink the bathrooms in the park because this trash may get into the sewer system.

Police – Police Chief Zack Murdock provided an update on purchased items and discussed a quote to tint the police car, which currently has 0% tint and is overheating its equipment. Motion by Azure, 2nd by Carolina, to purchase Window tint for \$550. Pass 4-0. *Also updated grant for breathalyzer, not possible in this time frame, so need to order a breathalyzer and a new body cam since the old camera is no longer supported. Zack is to get quotes for items. Multiple traffic stops occurring for +15 mph over the speed limit. Visible presence is starting to be a deterrent.

Community – none

Clerk Report: June deposits: Garbage – \$2694.01, Sewer: \$6595.69, Interest \$808.93, Local Option Tax \$3421, Road Use Tax \$5246.20, Property Tax \$1407.63, Community Rental \$600.00, **Total Deposits: \$20773.46**, Current Bills: Alliant \$1389.83, A. Conaway \$1200, Amazon \$218.61, Bells Fuel \$51.89, Browns \$94.62, Columbus Gazette \$92.25, Deb Van Auken \$80, ESI \$110, Finke Law Firm \$50, IAMU \$515, ION Env. \$45, Iowa Dept of Rev \$183.38, IPERS \$882.80, IPI \$101.40, IRS \$1285.54, Mincer \$284.95, Oveson \$3608, Panther Uniforms \$139.98, Rental Deposits returned \$200, SRF \$60407.50, State Auditor Office \$31,870.50, Two Rivers \$76.10, USPS \$244, Windstream \$132.68, Zack Murdock \$25, **Total Bills: \$103289.03**, Payroll: D. Conaway \$400.55, C. Zuniga \$1405.30, Mindy Conaway \$462.70, Zack Murdock \$1540.42, C. Izaquirre \$161.61, J. Carson \$161.61, C. Conaway \$92.35, C. Clevenger \$115.44, A. Van Auke \$138.52, T. Van Auken \$277.05, **Total: \$4755.55**, Motion by Azure to approve Clerk report 2nd by Carolina. Pass 4-0. *Clerk's application to be a notary is completed. Azure moved to pay \$30 notary fee 2nd by Carolina, Pass 4-0. *Income and Expenses for the last 3 years were reviewed. SRF loan is paid off in 3 years. *Discussion on trash rate not covering current City contract from Oveson. Trash cost was last raised in 2012. Discussed raising trash rate to \$25 when City Ordinances are recodified.

Mayor - Old Business:

Roof of Old Fire Station/Old City Hall – Getting FD together to tear off, then get materials and hire out the roofing part. *City Building - discussion of vacating the street it sits on or renting it out. Checking with City Attorney.

New Business:

Motion by Azure, 2nd by Carolina to award JM Tree service bid to grind 3 stumps in 3rd St for \$800. Pass 4-0. Maintenance preferred grinding to pulling out stumps. *The state audit and report cost over \$31K was briefly discussed, as well as the arrest and pending court case of the previous clerk. *City Code was reviewed, stating that any house/building with sewer service in front of it must pay sewer. Other cities have the same ordinance. Motion by Kit, 2nd by Azure to begin billing 8 addresses that aren't currently billed. Pass 4-0. A letter will be sent out to renters/owners with bills to start in August. There is no provision in the ordinances to disconnect from the sewer. *Motion by Kit, seconded by Corey, to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Muscatine Humane Society. Pass 4-0. *Letters to owners and renters for Nuisances such as junk cars and completely overgrown yards will be sent out to homeowners at the end of the month detailing what action will occur if the nuisance is not cleaned up. *Discussion on ordinance updates like raising parking fines in the city from \$5 to \$25 and whether to add a section in the ordinance about declaring a snow event, including a parking map so people would know where residents can and cannot park. No action taken.

Adjourn: Corey motioned to adjourn 7:00, seconded by Kit. Pass 4-0.



Tom Van Auken – Mayor



Carol Zuniga, City Clerk