

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
September 7th, 2026**

The Council met in regular session on Monday September 7th, 2026, for the September council meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange at 7:02 p.m. with Council Members Bailey, Chandler, Dunkin, Galivan and Truman present.

Minutes from the August meeting were approved.

Old Business: A list of supplies, materials and measurements regarding the replacement of the overhead water line from copper to pex at the fire station will be obtained tonight after the meeting.

The four type 2 barricades at a price of \$142.55 for each have been ordered.

The bleachers have been moved from Murray to GAMP Park. The existing bleachers will be moved so dirt work can be done before the Murray bleachers are set in place. If bleachers are placed on the south side of the GAMP Building, it is recommended that a concrete wall is poured on the backside of where the bleachers would be placed. The Council will get together at GAMP Park to consider the best options for the bleachers.

The trash bags on the pulling track at GAMP Park have been removed and the trash cans have been placed behind the sign boards at the west end of the track.

Citizen Input: Steve Voltmer was present to discuss a drainage problem in front of 201 West Street. There are large ruts off the shoulder of the road that have developed from run-off after heavy rains. This issue will be investigated.

Councilman Chandler advised he had a citizen inquire if it is possible to dig a well within the city limits. It is believed this is not an option. This inquiry will be researched.

A citizen inquired if he could use truck pull signs to direct tractors to GAMP Park regarding a tractor ride coming through New Virginia on Friday, September 11th, and Saturday, September 12th. It was agreed the truck pull signs can be used with proper placement.

Councilman Chandler advised a citizen inquired if it is possible to place a conex container within the city limits. There is no clear-cut ordinance on this type of container placement.

Fire Department Business: No new business to discuss.

Water Utilities discussed: The August water report was reviewed. July water usage was 798,000 gallons averaging 26,000 gallons per day. The Stage 2 TTHM and HAA5 testing is complete for the quarter. Testing is in compliance with Iowa DNR permit requirements.

Law Enforcement: – The Sheriff’s Report from the month of August was reviewed. Officers received or initiated 11 calls for service during the month. Officers spent more than 30 hours in the City of New Virginia in August. Officers patrolled in excess of 120 miles within the city limits for the month.

Dr. Michael Gossen, Superintendent of the Interstate 35 School District, was present to introduce himself to the Council and citizens present. He is looking to move into the school district. The November 3rd, 2026 vote for a \$12.3 million bond referendum was discussed. The bond covers air conditioning for the only two remaining areas of the school not air-conditioned, the gymnasium and the kitchen. Also covered in the bond is a new athletic complex for football and track including additional restrooms; elementary playground area including a shelter; re-aligning educational plans to separate the elementary, middle school and high school and library updates. Dr. Gossen also advised that a mold issue in the school has been mitigated. There is a Town Hall Meeting scheduled at the GAMP Community Building on October 8th starting at 6:00 p.m. to discuss what the school bond covers in detail and to answer questions community members might have.

Mayor Strange gave an update on the proposed Lions Hall Building renovation. The state of Iowa did get 1 million dollars in funding for asbestos mitigation that is available to communities 5,000 or less in population. Asbestos removal is 100% reimbursable up to \$10,000 dollars. It is estimated that the lions Hall Building has approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000 dollars of asbestos mitigation. There is an application for the asbestos mitigation process. The application will be filled out and returned before the October 9th due date.

Three keys to the Hen House have been given to the Lions Club for them to be able to use the building for meetings.

GAMP UPDATE

The keypad box for the front entry door to the GAMP Community Building will be replaced.

Routine cleaning of the GAMP Community Building will resume now that regular activities have started back up this fall.

The south window frame in the announcer’s stand is rotting out, along with a few other boards. The window frame and boards will be replaced.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL/HOMETOWN PRIDE UPDATE

New Virginia Hometown Pride is planning and preparing for this year’s End of Summer Social. They have been discussing advertising, bands, and vendors. This event is September 20th at Hickory Hills.

The committee is also looking for more members. If interested in joining, people are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at the library at 6:00 p.m.

ELF CLUB

No new information to present to the Council.

TRI CORNER EXPRESS

Fund balance \$19,194.91. No new information to present to the Council.

The Old Settlers Committee is requesting the closure of West Street for Halloween Trick or Treat night activities. A resolution for closing West Street for Halloween activities will be drafted for the October council meeting.

The Old Settlers Committee is requesting the use of the fire station for Halloween Trick or Treat night activities. It was agreed that the fire station can be used by the Old Settlers Committee for Halloween activities.

Galivan moved, seconded by Chandler to approve Norville Huston, Larry Dittmer, and Dominic Cresta as members to the Board of Adjustment. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Bailey moved, seconded by Galivan, to approve payment of all City bills. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to come forth, Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The October council meeting is scheduled for Monday October 5th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
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Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk