

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
September 9th, 2024**

The Council met in regular session on Monday September 9th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. for the September council meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange with Council Members Dunkin, Bailey, Taylor and Truman present. Absent Galivan.

Minutes from the August meeting were approved.

Old business: The City software will be updated to a cloud-based system this fall or early winter.

Citizen Input: Bryan Nelson and Mike Hanson with Omnitel Communications were present to give an update on their fiber optic internet service within the city limits of New Virginia. A new fiber optic project for internet service will be started in the fall of 2025 in New Virginia. The location is Main Street south of Broadway including South Street. For more information on Omnitel Communications internet service and options go to OmniTel.biz.

Kim Kirkpatrick and Ron Kirkpatrick were present to discuss the Lions Hall Building. Different options are being considered including shutting the building down due to lack of funds and low rental numbers. Fund raising events and possible grant opportunities are being looked into.

Brian Arnold was present to introduce himself. He is running for the District 1 County Supervisors position.

The Garden Club inquired about the person that sets up in Old Settlers Park and sells fruits and vegetables and if they could possibly set up a stand and sell items. It's the Council's opinion that Garden Club can set up a stand if they want to.

Placing gravel on the west side of the intersection of Broadway & Border Street was discussed. This was approved two or three months ago. A local contractor was contacted to do this project. The contractor will be contacted to get this taken care of.

There have been citizen complaints about the properties at 402 East Street and 801 East Street needing to be mowed. Letters will be sent to the property owners regarding this issue.

Water Utilities discussed: No new updates and no items or issues to discuss.

Fire Department Business: Fire Truck 769 will be getting the lettering and graphics done soon after that, the truck will be placed in the fire station awaiting the arrival of the new skid unit to be installed upon its arrival.

The fireworks remnants have been cleaned up and the filling of ruts at the cemetery has been done.

Law Enforcement: – The report summary from the Sheriff’s Office for the month of August was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 32 calls for service during the month of August. Officers spent in excess of 63 hours in the city for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 288 miles within the city limits for the month. There were no citations and/or warnings written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

There has been a lot of vandalism around town with the use of gold spray paint spraying street signs, streets, mailboxes, privacy fences, a roll-off dumpster and other objects. The graffiti has included the letters GG for Gold Gang. There has been a report filed with the Warren County Sheriff. If anyone has information regarding this vandalism, contact the Warren County Sheriff’s Office. Mayor Strange has reached out to other cities regarding security cameras.

GAMP UPDATE

Insurance for the truck pull is \$1200.00. The truck pull will be September 21st, 2024 starting at 6:00 p.m.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

There are several events being planned for in 2024. September – End of Summer Social to include live music, ice cream truck and kid friendly activities - Date: September 29th at Hickory Hills from 1-4 p.m. October – Scarecrow Stroll/contest and Trunk or Treat. December – Country Christmas Holiday Home Tour Friday December 6th from 4 to 7p.m and Saturday December 7th from 10 a.m. to 4p.m.

ELF CLUB

No new updates.

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The supply of bulbs for the Christmas street light decorations will be checked so they can be ready to put up around Thanksgiving time.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor 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, Bailey moved, seconded by Truman to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The October council meeting is scheduled for Monday October 7th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
October meeting date – Monday October 7th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk