

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
February 8th, 2020**

The Council met in regular session on Saturday February 8th, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. for the February Council Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Huston with Council Members Galivan, Nelson, Strange and Truman present. Absent Zuercher.

Minutes from the January regular Council Meeting and Treasurer's Report were approved.

City wide curbside clean-up day will be Saturday, May 9th. TRM is reviewing the list of items that can and cannot be picked up. More information regarding the curbside cleanup day will be distributed closer to the May 9th date.

The Hen House scheduled renovation projects are complete. Citizens are encouraged to drop in and check out the new look of the Hen House.

Mayor Huston informed the Council there is a storm sewer washout behind the mini-storage building on the north side of Grand Street. Steve Savage is scheduled to repair the storm sewer.

There has been at least three different occurrences of a pitbull or pitbull type dog being loose and/or aggressive in the 300 block of Davidson Street as citizens are walking by this property with their own dogs. A certified letter was sent to the owner of the dog but the Post Office gave back the letter this week because it was never picked up. This issue will be further pursued through the Warren County Sheriff's Office.

A public hearing was held for the first reading of Ordinance #108. With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding said Ordinance, Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to pass and approve the first reading of Ordinance #108 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO WATER RATES. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. The first 2,000 gallons or less per month will increase from \$20.59 to \$22.65. All usage over 2,000 gallons per month will increase from \$7.90 to \$8.90. The second reading of proposed Ordinance #108 will be held at the March 7th council meeting.

Law Enforcement – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of December was reviewed. Forty-nine calls were received or initiated in the community during the month. Six citations/warnings were written in the New Virginia area. Officers logged in excess of 55.25 hours for the month in the community.

Rezoning 505 West Street from commercial to residential property was discussed. Rezoning of the property can be done per the City Attorney if approved by the City Council. A floor plan drawing of the first floor was reviewed. The second floor

apartment will be renovated for an eventual rental. The Council will request a sundowner clause be drafted and state that if the current property owners sell the property in the future that it be placed back into commercial zoning or be reviewed by the City Council for the property to remain residential. The Council also requests two egresses from the second floor apartment and to confirm if the lean-to portion on the west side of the building encroaches on the property of the owner to the west. If the above items are addressed and taken care of, the City Council will move forward with having a resolution and ordinance drafted to rezone the property from commercial to residential.

A public hearing was held for resolution #2020-03 – a resolution considering the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in the maximum levy for affected property tax levies for fiscal year 2021. With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding said resolution, Strange moved, seconded by Galivan to pass and approve RESOLUTION #2020-03 A RESOLUTION CONSIDERING THE MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS REQUESTED IN THE MAXIMUM LEVY FOR AFFECTED PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The proposed 2020-21 city budget was reviewed and discussed. Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to approve the 2020-21 New Virginia City Budget. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Final budget forms will be completed and submitted to the Indianola Record-Herald for publication. A public hearing will be held at the March 7th, 2020 council meeting to adopt the 2020-21 New Virginia City Budget.

The review of the compilation of the Virginia Township financial records has been reviewed by the State Auditor's Office. City Attorney Stuyvesant will communicate with the Warren County Attorney's Office regarding drafting the necessary resolutions, ordinances, 28E agreements, etc. Stuyvesant also needs the amount of fire & EMS funds that will be transferred from Virginia Township to the City.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

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The following are the balances for the GAMP accounts: Money Market \$30,824.39.
Regular Account \$ 1,072.87

The rentals and building use is going well at GAMP. The tot time director has stepped down due to personal reasons. We will need to find a new director for the program at this time. The truck pulls this year will be June 27th and September 19th. The June pull will replace the Old Settlers Friday night pull.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

We have had two meetings in January. We reviewed quotes from 3 different vendors for the trash bins and grills. It was voted on and approved to purchase these from Herman's. There will be 5 trash bins – 3 for Lion's Park and 2 for Old Settlers Park (City to purchase those two). A date of March 7th has been set for the Father/Daughter Dance. This will be held at the Legion Hall. The committee is working on all the details for the dance. We reviewed our grants – the ones we have applied for and the process for the new shelter. It was discussed to move the old shelter on the south side of Lion's Park to

the west side of the Library. Our next meeting will be held right after the father/daughter dance on March 7th. Our account balance is \$16,171.99.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

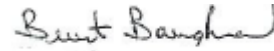
Truman gave an update on items discussed at the Keep Iowa Beautiful January meeting. The items discussed included: the possibility of giving welcome baskets to new families that move in new to the community, painting a mural on the north side of the old fire station, sprucing up the appearance of the business and the buildings, banners and/or flower baskets on the poles in the business district of West Street, a sign out at the Interstate to try and get people into New Virginia. The account balance is \$169.00.

Updated the City Ordinances will cost \$2700.00. The City will get five copies of the ordinances and they will be able to be placed on the city website.

The new city website was reviewed by the Mayor and Council. Check it out at www.newvirginia.com.

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

With no further business to come forth, Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The March council meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 7th, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. **March meeting date – Saturday March 7th, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.**



Brent Baughman, City Clerk

January Revenues

General Fund	1771.11
Debt Service	4.50
Water Utilities	7522.10
Road Use	4933.96
LOST (local option sales tax)	<u>3480.52</u>
Total	\$ 17712.19

**** SEE FEBRUARY EXPENSES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) ****