

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
June 7th, 2021**

The Council met in regular session on Monday June 7th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the June 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 May meeting and Treasurer's Report were approved.

Old business discussed: The pop machine has been placed at the east end of the GAMP Community Building. The Atlantic Bottling Company Representative advised to see how the pop machine in GAMP Park goes over first and then a decision will be made about placement of a machine in Old Settlers Park.

Nelson advised he got a bid for \$1500.00 to install the water service to the Lion's stand in Old Settlers Park. Galivan moved, seconded by Strange to approve the \$1500.00 cost to install water service to the Lion's stand in Old Settlers Park. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. There is a dump truck, wooden side boards and an axle in the way regarding the placement of the water line. Nelson will contact the owner of the dump truck and other items to get them moved.

Felton Street south of Broadway still needs to be worked up to fill in the washout and pot holes.

Nelson moved, seconded by Strange to approve the storm sewer drainage project in the 800 block of East Street at a cost of \$17,500.00. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The possibility of placing concrete cornhole game boards in Lions Park was discussed.

Ron Kirkpatrick would like to place a bench in Lions Park in memory of Marilyn. Two ash trees located along the alley on the north side of the park that have died. The trees will be removed to make room for a concrete slab to be placed for the bench to be secured to.

Sharon Ellis at 402 Stansell Street, inquired if the sidewalk on the west and south side can be removed. There are sections on the west side that are upheaved and in very poor condition. The sidewalk will be allowed to be removed due to its poor condition. Ellis will be advised of plans for a future sidewalk project to put the sidewalk back in place.

The City has the opportunity to obtain a large 21.2 kilowatt diesel generator free of charge from Everystep Hospice House. The only request is the placement of a plaque stating that the generator was donated to the City from Everystep. Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to obtain the generator from Everystep with a plaque to be placed

on it stating it was donated by Everystep. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Fiber optic lines have been installed by Omnitel up to the west side of town at the intersection of Vermont Street and 38th Avenue. Omnitel's proposed work for 2021 is in areas of the west side of town (see attached map). Sign-ups are key to 2022 extension further into the city limits. **To sign up, citizens need to register at connect.omnitel.biz.** A \$50.00 deposit is required for a drop to your home. Construction bonuses available only during construction include: free standard installation of any service; no contracts; save \$75.00 with a \$25.00 monthly internet credit for 3 months; free Omni-Fi premium Wi-Fi router for first 3 months. Prices for high speed internet, unlimited data are as follows: 50 Mbps \$89.95/mth; 100Mbps \$119.95/mth; 500 Mbps \$159.95/mth; Gigabit (1,000 Mbps) \$219.95/mth. Digital phone with unlimited local calling can be added for \$5.00/mth. Contractors installing the fiber optic lines are held to a one year warranty. OmniTel is willing to remove the old cable TV pedestals. If you have questions, contact the Truro Office at 641-765-4201 or email at questions@omnitel.biz. **If interested, it is of utmost importance and essential that you sign up for the internet service at connect.omnitel.biz.** An agreement regarding the use of public right of ways for a fiber optic communications system has been forwarded to the City Attorney. This will have to be approved by resolution which will be drafted by the City Attorney.

Water Utilities discussed: The Council was informed of a water meter issue in the 600 block of Main Street.

Law Enforcement – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of May was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 16 calls for service during the month. Officers spent in excess of 47 hours in the City for the month. There were no citations and/or warnings written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

Proposed IT policies per ICAP, the City's insurance carrier were reviewed. Draft policies for acceptable internet use and passwords continue to be worked on. The Iowa League of Cities will be consulted for assistance with IT policies.

The current 2020-21 New Virginia city budget and fund balances were reviewed. Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to purchase the SET Smart Earth Technologies Starter Solution package along with extra remote smart shutoff valves. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. General fund potential purchases discussed include an outdoor movie screen, new computer, ADA and regular kybo, freedom rock, resurface basketball court in Lions Park.

Fire Department Business: The search for a good used pickup truck for \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00 is underway. The truck will be used as a backup grass truck.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

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The following are the balances for the GAMP accounts: Money Market \$33,005.68; Regular Account \$702.58. During the summer months, our rentals are much slower. The youth groups will not be meeting again until fall. With the new CDC guidelines, we are inquiring if the City Council still would like us to sanitize the building after every rental? The pop machine was placed at the GAMP building on May 19th, 2021. The disc golf course will be installed here in the near future. The City has received approval from the DNR to place the disc golf course in GAMP Park.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

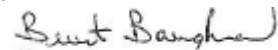
The New Virginia Playground Committee would like to thank Lane Sturtz & his crew for building the second shelter at the Lions Park. We would also like to thank Dryseal Roofing for their help with our project. This shelter is a wonderful addition to the Park. We would also like to thank Prairie Meadows for the \$7,500 grant we received and for working with us on the completion of this project. We will place a memorial tree in honor of Mary Bates at the park in the near future. Placement of this tree is to be determined. Our account balance is \$10,060.82.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$5527.28. An Art in the Park activity is planned for June 13th that will include music and activities for kids. The banners have arrived and will be placed on the light poles starting June 11th.

Nelson moved, seconded by Strange 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, Truman moved, seconded by Nelson to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m. The July council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 6th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. **July meeting date – Tuesday July 6th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**



Brent Baughman, City Clerk