

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
April 4th, 2022**

The Council met in regular session on Monday April 4th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the April Council Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Huston with Council Members Galivan, Nelson, Strange, Taylor and Truman present.

Minutes from the March council meeting and Treasurer's Report were approved.

Old business discussed: Jeff Winslow from City State Bank advised there is a potential buyer for the old gas station and wanted to know if the City had any concerns with the station.

Citizen Input: A citizen inquired about tax abatement for his new home. Work continues on getting the City Tax Abatement program updated. Hopefully this process will be completed before the end of this summer.

It was discussed that gravel needs to be placed on Pine Street.

The Council was advised that there has been more items/junk placed behind a home in the 400 block of East Street. An official letter from the City will be delivered to the property owner regarding this matter.

Water Utilities discussed: Follow-up will be done with the Baptist Church regarding trouble-shooting for a possible water leak on the property.

Law Enforcement: – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of March was reviewed. There were eight calls for service received or initiated by Deputies in the month of March. There was one citation and/or warning issued for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper. Officers spent in excess of 36 hours in the City for the month of March.

Fire Department Business: Iowa Code 100.40 – Illegal Burning, was discussed. There was a burning ban in Warren County for most of the month of March. There were several grass fires started during the burn ban. Fire Departments throughout the county issued citations for illegal burning. The County Sheriff does not issue citations for illegal burning. The citations have to be issued by the fire department per State Code. Issuance of citations for illegal burning will be discussed with the City Attorney as well as Warren County Fire Departments that have issued citations.

A public hearing was held to vacate a sixteen and a half foot alley running East and West and lying North of and adjacent to Lots 27 and 28 in Block "L" Original Town Plat of New Virginia, Warren County, Iowa. There was one citizen present that did not voice an opinion on vacating the alley. There were no written or email responses regarding said proposed alley closing. Strange moved, seconded by Nelson to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to vacate and sale a sixteen and a half foot alley running East and West and lying North of and adjacent to Lots 27 and 28 in Block “L” Original Town Plat of New Virginia, Warren County, Iowa. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held for the first reading of Ordinance #115 – ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA. There was one citizen present that did not voice an opinion regarding the first reading of Ordinance #115. There were no written or email responses regarding Ordinance #115. Truman moved, seconded by Galivan to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Taylor moved, seconded by Nelson to approve the first reading of Ordinance #115 – AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held to pass & approve Resolution 2022-05 – A RESOLUTION PROPOSING DISPOSAL OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY BY SALE. There was one citizen present that did not voice an opinion regarding said Resolution. There were no written or email responses regarding said Resolution. Strange moved, seconded by Truman to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to pass & approve Resolution 2022-05 – A RESOLUTION PROPOSING DISPOSAL OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY BY SALE. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held to vacate a twelve foot alley running East and West and lying North of and adjacent to Lots 3, 10, 11, & 12 in Davidson’s Addition to the Town of New Virginia, Warren County, Iowa AND, the twelve foot alley running North and South and lying East of and adjacent to Lot 12 in Davidson’s Addition to the Town of New Virginia, Warren County, Iowa. There was one citizen present in favor of vacating the alley. There were no written or email responses regarding said proposed alley closing. Taylor moved, seconded by Galivan to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to vacate and sale a twelve foot alley running East and West and lying North of and adjacent to Lots 3, 10, 11, & 12 in Davidson’s Addition to the Town of New Virginia, Warren County, Iowa AND, the twelve foot alley running North and South and lying East of and adjacent to Lot 12 in Davidson’s Addition to the Town of New Virginia, Warren County, Iowa. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held for the first reading of Ordinance #116 – ORDINANCE VACATING ALLEYS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA. There was one citizen present in favor of the first reading of Ordinance #116. There were no written or email responses regarding Ordinance #116.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Strange moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the first reading of Ordinance #116 – AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held to pass & approve Resolution 2022-06 – A RESOLUTION PROPOSING DISPOSAL OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY BY SALE. There was one citizen present that was in favor of said Resolution. There were no written or email responses regarding said Resolution. Galivan moved, seconded by Taylor to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Taylor moved, seconded by Truman to pass & approve Resolution 2022-06 – A RESOLUTION PROPOSING DISPOSAL OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY BY SALE. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

The City received four mowing bids for the 2022 mowing season. After reviewing and discussing the four bids, Strange moved, seconded by Truman to accept and approve the bid of Ross Baughman for the 2022 mowing season: mowing city parks, fire station, library, Hen House, welcome signs, City Right of Way southeast corner of Broadway & Border St at \$400.00/month. GAMP east half at \$400.00/month; west half of GAMP at \$250.00/month. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.

The current city budget and fund balances were reviewed. There will need to be at least one budget amendment to the proprietary (Water Utilities) function of the current city budget.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

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We have several rentals within the next two months. The Committee has sent out sponsor letters for the 2022 truck pull. We have started receiving those funds.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

The bricks will be delivered to the engraving company within the next couple of weeks. We are still working with Dustin Reese at Ted Lare Building, Inc. for a list of ideas for the memorial tree. We hope to have this purchased and set in place this spring. Our account balance is \$2675.82.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$2,955.82. KIB monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 6, 2022.

Keep Iowa Beautiful Committee held their 2nd Kite Flying event on March 20th. This was a great success again this year.

The artwork for the windows above the Depot Restaurant continues to be worked on.

The flower bed in the southwest corner of Old Settlers Park will be re-worked. Landscaping bricks have been purchased.

The banners will be placed back on the poles this spring, hopefully in May.

Discussion was held regarding disbursement of left over funds from the New Virginia Area Development Corporation. The City Attorney will be consulted to see if the funds can be disbursed to various committees and groups that are affiliated with the City or are a 501(c)3 organization.

The Council reviewed two draft letters to citizens regarding unlicensed and unleashed/loose running dogs. The letters will be delivered to the dog owners by a Warren County Deputy.

There will also be a letter delivered by a Warren County Deputy to a property owner that has two unlicensed/junk vehicles.

There was discussion in regards to filling a hole with rock at West Street and Broadway.

Per the Warren County Budget Director, the 2022-23 City Budget will have to have another public hearing process including publication of the public hearing and approval of the budget by resolution. This is because the public hearing for the budget was published before the Maximum Tax Levy Rate was approved. It is planned to have a special meeting on Saturday April 23rd, 2022 to re-approve the 2022-23 city budget.

Mayor Huston received two letters from Interstate 35 3rd graders thanking him for his service as Mayor to our community. Mayor Huston wrote a letter back to the 3rd grade class thanking and encouraging them.

Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to approve payment of all City bills. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to come forth, Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The May council meeting is scheduled for Monday May 2nd, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. **May meeting date – Monday May 2nd, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk

March Revenues

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| General Fund | 3958.72 |
| Fire/Ambulance | 3309.25 |
| GAMP | 282.89 |
| Debt Service | 3.61 |
| Water Utilities | 7480.81 |
| Road Use | 2314.90 |
| LOST (local option sales tax) | <u>8802.36</u> |
| Total | \$ 26152.54 |