

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

The Council met in regular session on Monday June 8th, 2020 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, Truman and Zuercher present.

Minutes from the May regular meeting, special Council Meeting and Treasurer's Report were approved.

Nick Hauge was present to discuss his proposed Eagle Scout project. It is a flag disposal box. The purpose of the project is to create a place for flags to be respectfully retired. The locations to place the box were discussed including uptown and at the Library. It was the consensus of the Council to place the flag disposal box at the Library next to the book drop-off bin. Nelson moved, seconded by Zuercher to approve Nick Hauge's flag disposal box Eagle Scout Project with placement at the Library next to the book drop-off bin upon approval of the Library Board. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Cheryl Boles was present to discuss three ash trees that are dead or dying which are located in the street right-of-way next to her property at 811 West Street. Boles has obtained a cost estimate of \$1000.00 per tree to have them cut down. There is a guy wire that is in place providing stability to the trees. After thoroughly discussing this issue, it was decided to get at least two more bids for having the trees removed. Nelson moved, seconded by Strange to have the three ash trees removed pending an acceptable bid is received. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Deann Strange was present to discuss the 2020 New Virginia Old Settler's town celebration. New Virginia Old Settler's will be held July 10, 11 & 12 with a reduced venue per CDC guidelines. Some of the changes that will be made due to COVID-19 include: bingo cards will be paper and blotters will be used. Bingo will possibly be moved to the Lions Hall to free up more space for people eating at the Lions stand area; there will be no penny toss; kids games in Lions Park such as water balloon toss, hula hoop, bubble gum blowing contest; there will be a Friday night kiddie parade and the regular parade on Saturday night; there will be shows in Lions Park with barrier tape placed 6 feet away from the performance area; there will be no bounce house or air-inflated slide or water slide; the only rides will be the motorized swings and cars with 6 foot distancing with swings and cars disinfected after each series of use; food vendors will be required to wear gloves and face masks; kybos will be disinfected frequently by Old Settlers Committee Members; there will be hand cleaning/sanitizing stations in numerous locations; there will not be a truck pull. The Old Settlers Committee will be working with Warren County Health regarding action plans and outline of events. It was discussed to check with the City insurance company for any printed health & safety information related to COVID-19 and community events. All of the above activities will adhere to the 6 foot social distancing guideline. See the Old Settler's activities schedule

that will be attached to the minutes posted in the Post Office, Bank and Library. The activities with lines drawn through them will not take place. The activities schedule is subject to change in accordance with guidelines at the time of Old Settlers.

Deann Strange discussed Roadrunners Connect Activity. Organizations in the New Virginia area will sponsor the activity the week of June 28th.

Steve Savage was present to discuss storm water drainage areas. 807 East Street Drainage Area: Water is running into the culvert for the Baptist Church driveway but it is unknown where the water is going. The ditch on the property to the west has been filled in/asphalted over. Possibilities include finding the end of the tile and plugging it or running tile through other properties to get rid of the water which would require easements. After thorough discussion, Zuercher moved, seconded by Galivan to have the culvert at the Baptist Church driveway televised to see where it goes and to see where it is plugged. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

601 Maple Street Drainage Area: Savage's proposal is to do some minor ditching in front of the house; place a 15 inch culvert under the driveway; tie the culvert into an intake with the culvert that comes across Maple Street from the east; tie in 24 inch culvert into intake and go west where the culvert will outlet with riprap around the end of the culvert to prevent washout/dirt erosion. This proposal was satisfactory to all parties. Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to proceed with the storm drainage project in the 600 block of Maple Street with the approval of Jim Williams to have the outlet on the old railroad right of way. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Jennifer Baughman was present representing the Hometown Pride Committee regarding a possible sidewalk cleaning project. The project would be cleaning out the grass and weeds out of the sidewalk on the west side of Grand Avenue from Grand Street to Elm Street. The Council agreed this was a great project.

A public hearing was held for the first reading of Ordinance #109 amending the zoning ordinances of the City of New Virginia, Iowa. With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding said ordinance, Strange moved, seconded by Nelson to close the public hearing.

Zuercher moved, seconded by Truman to pass and approve the first reading and to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance #109 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Council was updated on the City taking over operation of the fire department. The fire department ordinance and hazardous substance spills ordinance are on the agenda to be passed and approved tonight. The Virginia Township Trustees have had two required meetings and have passed and approved resolutions to disband the Virginia Township Fire Department and dispose of interest in real property and personal property by sale to the City of New Virginia. The Virginia Township Trustees will be giving the City of New Virginia a Quit Claim Deed to the fire station at 506 West Street. There will need to be 28E Agreements drafted between the City of New Virginia and all the townships that the fire department covers for EMS and fire protection.

A public hearing was held for the first reading of Ordinance #110 amending the code of ordinances of the City of New Virginia, Iowa by adding a new chapter establishing a fire department. With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding said ordinance, Zuercher moved, seconded by Nelson to close the public hearing.

Zuercher moved, seconded by Nelson to pass and approve the first reading and to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance #110 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER ESTABLISHING A FIRE DEPARTMENT. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held for the first reading of Ordinance #111 amending the code of ordinances of the City of New Virginia, Iowa by adding a new chapter establishing the procedures for hazardous substance spills. With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding said ordinance, Zuercher moved, seconded by Nelson to close the public hearing.

Zuercher moved, seconded by Nelson to pass and approve the first reading and to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance #111 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURES FOR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SPILLS. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement – The report summary from the Sheriff’s Office for the month of April was reviewed. Forty-four calls were received or initiated in the community during the month. Three citations/warnings were written in the New Virginia area. Officers logged in excess of 64.25 hours for the month in the community.

The current city budget and fund balances were reviewed. Projects to work on to close out this fiscal year include parking area on the south side of Lions Park, removal of trees, storm drainage projects, water hydrant in Old Settlers Park by the Lions stand.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

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The following are the balances for the GAMP accounts: Money Market \$23023.85; Regular Account \$865.37. The GAMP Community Building will remain closed for any and all use due to COVID-19 guidelines set forth by Governor Reynolds. We will be working with parties to reschedule all rentals for future dates.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

We have not met due to COVID-19 restrictions. Our trash bins and grills are in the park. Jennifer has not heard back from Prairie Meadows in regard to the completion of

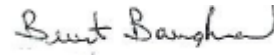
projects. We will schedule the construction on the new shelter as soon as we can. We will also work on finishing the parking on the south side of the park. Our account balance is \$13,974.05.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$8,169.00. The Keep Iowa Beautiful Committee received an \$8,000.00 grant to be used for art-work/murals and a banner project in New Virginia.

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

With no further business to come forth, Zuercher moved, seconded by Galivan to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The July council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 7th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. **July meeting date – Tuesday July 7th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**



Brent Baughman, City Clerk

May Revenues

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| General Fund | 6127.02 |
| Debt Service | 1.82 |
| Water Utilities | 8246.72 |
| Road Use | 3421.60 |
| LOST (local option sales tax) | <u>3455.58</u> |
| Total | \$ 21252.74 |

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