

**City Of New Virginia  
Council Meeting Minutes  
November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The Council met in regular session on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for the November council meeting.

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

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

**Old business:** The Christmas lights have been checked and are ready for placement on the poles.

**Citizen Input:** Citizens have expressed concerns about vehicles running the stop sign at Knotts & East Street. The Sheriff will be contacted about patrolling this area. Discussion was held regarding the possible placement of stop signs with flashing LED lights at the Knotts & East Street intersection.

Mark Matlage was present to discuss his vision as a candidate for the District 1 Warren County Supervisor position.

**Water Utilities discussed:** The inventory of the type of water lines coming into homes, businesses, and buildings, as well as the type of material the water lines within homes, businesses and buildings per rules and regulations of the Iowa DNR has been accomplished and submitted to the Iowa DNR. This special project took three weeks to complete. Bailey moved, seconded by Taylor to compensate Deputy City Clerk Brent Baughman \$1400.00 for the water line inventory project. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Fire Department Business:** Fire Truck 769 update – the graphics and lettering of the truck has been completed. The truck is currently at Karl Chevrolet having the emergency lights, siren and communication system installed. From Karl's, the truck will go to Reliant Fire Apparatus for installation of the skid unit. After this, the truck should be complete and ready to be placed into service.

Sheet rock for the storage room at the fire station has been delivered and will be hung within the next week or two.

**Law Enforcement:** – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of October was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 34 calls for service during the month of October. Officers spent in excess of 58 hours in the city for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 239 miles within the city limits for the month. Four citations and/or warnings were written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

**GAMP UPDATE**

The current cleaners at the GAMP Community Building declined the cleaning proposal of a fixed rate of \$100.00 per month with two cleanings per month and the City furnishing cleaning supplies. There will be an ad placed in the Tri Corner for cleaning the GAMP Community Building.

Food for the truck pull was discussed. There will be more information gathered for the December meeting regarding food costs and food quantities.

**KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM**

The Hickory Hills music event was a success, as well as Trunk or Treat Night for Halloween. A line dance and dancing event was held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> which had a good crowd. Events being planned for the remainder of 2024: December – Country Christmas Holiday Home Tour Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7p.m and Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4p.m.

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**ELF CLUB**

Elf Club representative Kim McWilliams was present to get approval for the use of Old Settlers Park for Christmas displays and the need to have the flood lights in the park shut off. The need for a bucket truck to place a tree topper on the tree and then take it down after the holiday season was discussed. The balance of the Elf Club account will be verified.

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**TRI CORNER EXPRESS**

Discussion was held regarding updating the Tri Corner Express By-Laws. Terry Garner and Kim McWilliams were present for the discussion. Galivan moved, seconded by Taylor to table updating the Tri Corner Express By-laws until the December 2024 council meeting so thorough review between meetings can be done. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to open a public hearing on Resolution 2024-06 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT NEW VIRGINIA STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FROM JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no citizens present and no written responses or email responses received in response to approving and adopting the New Virginia Street Financial Report from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Bailey moved, seconded by Galivan to pass and approve Resolution 2024-06 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT NEW VIRGINIA STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FROM JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The City-Wide Christmas Lighting Contest will continue this year.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of an ice skating rink on the GAMP pulling track.

The City received an email forwarded from Milo City Clerk Misti Kosman with an opinion from the Iowa League of Cities regarding sidewalk repair. It was discussed to have options of tearing out sidewalks or repair/replace them.

The Trail Committee had an online meeting with a National Parks & Trails representative regarding plans for a walking/biking trail.

The Council was given an update on the onboarding process of the City software.

The snow removal bid will be placed in the November Tri Corner Express.

Truman 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, Taylor moved, seconded by Truman to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

The December council meeting is scheduled for Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. **December meeting date – Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Baughman".

Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk