

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
February 2nd, 2026**

The Council met in regular session on Monday February 2nd, 2026, at 7:02 p.m. for the January council meeting.

Jeff Bailey was officially sworn in as Councilmember through the end of December 2029.

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

Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Old Business: The Atlantic Bottlers Representative has not been contacted yet about the pop machine at the GAMP Building not working. Contact will be made with Atlantic Bottlers before the end of February.

To date, the City has not received replacement blinking red lights for the East Street stop signs.

The New Virginia Sanitary Sewer Board has contacted Warren County Board of Health regarding the sewer issue at 705 West Street.

Citizen Input: A citizen inquired about closing a large portion of South Street. After discussion, it was determined that the entire length of South Street will remain open. Discussion was held to get a cost estimate to re-establish a crown in the graveled section of South Street and then re-gravel it.

A citizen inquired about an area to place a memorial bench. There currently are not many areas available to place benches. The planting of a memorial tree was discussed.

Fire Department Business: A Ziegler technician was down two different times in January to work on the generator. The system malfunction on the control panel has been corrected, and the generator is back up and fully functional.

Councilman Galivan continues to work on the fire station door lock project.

The City's workers compensation insurance carrier requires physicals and fit tests for fire department members. The physicals and fit tests have been scheduled for April 1, 2026 at an estimated cost of \$3860.00.

Water Utilities discussed: Water usage for the month of January was 760,695 gallons averaging 24,539 gallons per day. A water service line leak was discovered at 508 Main Street on Saturday night (1/31/26). The leak is scheduled to be fixed on Tuesday February 3, 2026.

Discussion was held on the process for citizens to reserve dates for renting the GAMP Building and Lions Hall. Rental agreement application pick up and drop off location was discussed. Bailey moved, seconded by Truman to approve up to \$100.00 for the purchase of an outdoor holder for picking up and dropping off GAMP Building/Lions Hall rental agreement applications. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. The tentative location to place the outdoor holder is at the Hen House near the water payment drop box.

Law Enforcement: – The Sheriff’s Report for the month of January was not available for this council meeting.

Dunkin moved, seconded by Bailey to approve the re-appointment of the following City positions for 2026: City Clerk – Jennifer Baughman; Deputy City Clerk – Brent Baughman; Office Assistant – Stephanie Galivan; Office Assistant – Kim McWilliams; Mayor Pro-Tem – Chris Truman. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Dunkin moved, seconded by Chandler to pass and approve Resolution 2026-02 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY PER FIRE AND EMS REPORTS ENTERED IN EMERGENCY SERVICES SOFTWARE. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

A draft agreement for Lions Hall rental was reviewed and discussed. The draft agreement will be updated for review at the March council meeting.

A draft of the 2026-27 city budget was reviewed and discussed. Work will continue on the budget in February for a final version to be presented at the March council meeting.

GAMP UPDATE

A contract for the truck pull has been received and will be filled out and returned. The truck pull is scheduled for Saturday, June 27th.

The MPA Truck Pullers annual banquet was held at the of January. At the banquet, the New Virginia Truck Pull was voted the 2025 Pull Of The Year. Mayor Strange and the Council extends a sincere THANK YOU to the donors, sponsors and all the volunteers involved in putting on the number 1 truck pull of the year in 2025.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL/HOMETOWN PRIDE UPDATE

Upcoming Events in 2026: February 8th – Music Jam 2-5 p.m. @ GAMP Community Bldg.; March 8th – Music Jam 2-5 p.m. @ GAMP Community Bldg.; April 26th - Kite Flying at NV Cemetery; Spring – Country Dance? Contra Dance?; September 20th – End Of Summer Social at Hickory Hills. Ideas discussed – Drive-thru dinner; Game nights @ Lions Hall. The Committee is looking for new avenues for getting information out to the public. New merchandise considerations include T-shirts and stickers.

ELF CLUB

The Christmas lights and displays have been taken down. The star topper on the tree in Old Settlers Park has been removed.

TRI CORNER EXPRESS

Fund balance \$22975.31. No new information to present to the Council.

The draft agreement for use of the restroom associated with the Lions Hall was reviewed and will be forwarded to the Mousel's for review.

City-wide garage sale will be Saturday, May 9th.

City-wide curbside cleanup day will be May 16th.

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

With no further business to come forth, Dunkin moved, seconded by Truman to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The March council meeting is scheduled for Monday March 2nd, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

March meeting date – Monday March 2nd, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk