

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
April 7th, 2025**

The Council met in regular session on Monday April 7th, 2025, at 7:10 p.m. for the April council meeting.

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

Minutes from the March meeting and financial report were approved.

Old Business: A draft nuisance letter was reviewed by the Council with the Deputy City Clerk given the ok to send the letter certified with a return receipt.

Brent Hinders and Jonathan Lewis of Hopkins & Huebner Law Firm were present to discuss the City Attorney position. Hinders was advised the City is looking for a new City Attorney with the initial main focus on sidewalks, city ordinances and tax abatement plan. Hinders advised he would like to work as the Attorney for the City of New Virginia and provide all necessary legal work in a timely manner. If the City is interested in his legal services, he will provide a marketing packet as well as two different letters of representation based on an hourly or flat fee payment structure. Discussion followed after Hinders and Lewis left the meeting. It was the council's opinion to send Hinders a letter of interest requesting the information on cost options.

Brian Arnold, 1st District Warren County Supervisor was present to get updates about the City of New Virginia and answer any questions about the County. Arnold advised G76 Highway from New Virginia to Medora is scheduled for HMA resurfacing in 2026. Arnold was asked if the County is still pursuing the possibility of trying to make emergency medical services (EMS) an essential service. Arnold advised there are funds designated in the County budget to do a study on EMS.

Citizen Input: Karen Cooley was present to discuss tax abatement for her home. The County Assessor will be contacted to see if her house still qualifies for tax abatement.

Cooley inquired if the City could have someone in an office setting once or twice a week with discussion following this inquiry.

Fire Department Business: Fire Truck 769 update – The new 769 truck chassis should arrive in July.

Fire Chief Jake Zuercher inquired if the enclosed trailer and old self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA) can be sold. Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to approve selling the fire department enclosed trailer and old SCBAs. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Zuercher advised Attack Truck 768 has a broken brake line and is currently at Strange Repair getting fixed. Zuercher advised the New Virginia Fire Association will pay for the repair.

Water Utilities discussed: Maguire Iron contract for services for installing overflow pipe and crossover pipe and washout & inspection of the water tower were reviewed and discussed. The Council wants Maguire Iron to provide the Code that states the piping is required to be schedule 40 steel. It will be clarified if the remaining drain pipe on the standpipe will be removed as part of the contract. A DNR representative will be contacted for other companies that do water tower work to get other bids for the above projects.

The Council was advised of a possible water leak due to an increased daily usage over the past week – about 6,000 gallons above the average daily usage.

The salesperson for water meters and shut-off valves has been contacted about an order to finish out ARPA funds designated for the meter change-out project.

Law Enforcement: – The Sheriff’s Report for the month of March was not received prior to the council meeting.

Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to approve the 2025-26 New Virginia City Budget for publication and set a date of Monday, April 28th, 2025 for a public hearing to adopt the City of New Virginia proposed FY2025-26 budget. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Bailey moved, seconded by Galivan to pass & approve Resolution #2025-03 0 A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE SOUTHERN IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There were two bids received for the 2025 mowing season. Bid #1 – R & R Mowing – mowing Lions Park, Old Settlers Park, fire station, library, Hen House, welcome signs, City right of way southeast corner of Broadway & Border Street at \$450.00/month (mowing once a week or 4 times a month). GAMP Park east half at \$450.00/month (mowing once a week or 4 times a month). West end of GAMP Park at \$325.00/month (mowing once a week or 4 times a month). Bid #2 – Fine Line Lawn Care – GAMP Park front east half, includes disc golf course at \$170.00/week, GAMP Park whole property upon request at \$325.00 per mowing. Old Settlers Park, Lions Park, City right of way at Border Street, Hen House, fire station, library, welcome signs at \$170.00/per week. Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to accept and approve R & R Mowing total bid of \$1225.00/month for the 2025 mowing season. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

GAMP UPDATE

The security light on the east side of the GAMP Community Building has been replaced. The security light on the north side of the building is now not working. A quote for the light replacement will be obtained.

The GAMP Community Building cleaning has started and is going well.

Truman moved, seconded by Bailey to reimburse Josey Galivan for mileage (30 miles at .60 cents per mile) for getting plywood for truck pull signs; paying Galivan for placing the plywood on posts at \$25.00/hr. for 6 hours worked; and skid loader work moving gravel from snow blading and smoothing out tire ruts at \$60.00/hr. for 3 hours. Roll call vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained from voting. Motion carried.

There will be a meeting on Thursday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the food venue and all other functions for the truck pull scheduled for June 28th.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

Upcoming Events in 2025: April 27, Sunday 2-4 p.m. - Kite Flying Event @ NV Cemetery; July 11-13 – NV Old Settlers; September 21, Sunday - End of Summer Social (confirmed – location Hickory Hills); October – NV Trunk or Treat; November – country dance (Tentative); December 12 (Friday) & December 13 (Saturday) Christmas Home Tour. Four homes have committed to the 2025 Christmas Home Tour. The Committee is looking for new avenues for getting information out to the public. New merchandise considerations include T-shirts and stickers.

ELF CLUB

No new updates.

TRI CORNER EXPRESS

It was discussed if the Council would like the minutes from the Tri Corner Express Committee meetings. The City Clerk receives the minutes and can forward them to the City Council and Mayor.

The middle school clean-up day in New Virginia is scheduled for Monday, May 19th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Old Settlers city-wide garage sale will be Saturday May 3rd, 2025.

City-wide curbside clean-up day will be Saturday May 10th, 2025.

Discussion was held regarding vehicles not stopping at stop signs at Knotts & East Street, Felton & Broadway, and Knotts & West Street. Blinking/flashing stop signs at these locations was discussed. Pricing for blinking/flashing stop signs will be researched, along with a speed check sign.

Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey 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 Galivan to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

There will be a special council meeting on Monday April 28th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. for a public hearing on the City of New Virginia FY 2025-26 budget.

The May council meeting is scheduled for Monday May 5th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. **May meeting date – Monday May 5th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**

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

Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk