

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
October 3rd, 2020**

The Council met in regular session on Saturday October 3rd, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. for the October Council Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Strange with Council Members Galivan, Nelson, Truman and Zuercher present. Absent Mayor Huston.

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

The light poles on East Street have been straightened by Alliant Energy.

Christmas light bulbs will be inventoried this month.

The proper procedures for officially closing an alley were discussed.

The Council was advised more water meter supplies need to be purchased in order to continue the water meter change-out project. The cost of water meters that can be shutoff electronically will be obtained.

Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to pass and approve Resolution #2020-08 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A 28E AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA AND VIRGINIA TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, IOWA REGARDING FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Zuercher moved, seconded by Nelson to pass and approve Resolution #2020-09 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A 28E AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA AND SQUAW CREEK TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, IOWA REGARDING FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Galivan moved, seconded by Nelson to pass and approve Resolution #2020-10 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A 28E AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA AND JACKSON TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, IOWA REGARDING EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Zuercher to pass and approve Resolution #2020-11 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A 28E AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA AND FREMONT TOWNSHIP, CLARKE COUNTY, IOWA REGARDING FIRE PROTECTION. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Funding for the replacement of grass fire truck unit #769 and order date was discussed. The funding will be through City State Bank and bonding procedures will be handled by

Dorsey & Whitney Law Firm. Payment of the truck will not need to be made until it is completed and delivered. Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to get the truck ordered now with completion date to be late winter or early spring of 2021. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Zuercher abstained from voting due to his position of being the Fire Chief. Motion carried.

The Council was informed of a fire department member injury. This claim has been turned over to Iowa Municipal Workers' Compensation Association.

Zuercher informed the Council that there are some members on the fire department that have been inactive for a significant period of time. The Council advised the fire department by-laws need to be followed regarding the dismissal of members because of inactivity.

Law Enforcement – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of August was reviewed. Thirty calls were received or initiated in the community during the month. There were three citations/warnings written in the New Virginia area during the month. Officers spent in excess of 56.25 hours in the community for the month of August.

City website payment options were discussed. An event calendar and a PayPal account for GAMP Community Building rentals and reservations have been added. Currently the website is paid on a monthly basis but is cheaper overall for longer periods of time. The best value is to pay for a three year period. Zuercher moved, seconded by Nelson to pay for the City website for a 3 year period. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Zuercher to pass and approve Resolution 2020-12 – A RESOLUTION REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE IOWA COVID-19 GOVERNMENT RELIEF FUND. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

September 8, 2020

The following are the balances for the GAMP accounts: Money Market \$38152.85; Regular Account \$1304.37. The GAMP Community Building has been opened for rentals. We have had a few groups utilize the building and with each use, we have had an extra cleaning and sanitizing process done. Capital Sanitary Supply has installed some of the cleaning products. We are currently waiting on the hand sanitizing stations to arrive. We also strongly suggest all who enter wear masks and follow the six foot social distancing recommendation. We are also asking renters to operate at the 50% capacity. There is an interest in starting a YOGA class. The Board is looking at an hourly rental rate during the week. There is currently three tiers of pricing for rental. The Board is looking at dropping the top tier.

Zuercher moved, seconded by Truman to establish an hourly rental fee of \$20.00/hr. for the GAMP Community Building and to drop the top tier pricing for renting to individuals outside the City of New Virginia and school district. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

The New Virginia Playground Committee has not met due to COVID-19. We hope to schedule a meeting in the next couple of months. We will discuss the shelter and the grills. The account balance is \$11782.82.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$7716.28. The Committee has an upcoming meeting on Wednesday October 7th. The mural that will be painted on the north side of the building just south of the bank will be modified from the original plan to include more kids, New Virginia Old Settlers related images and the first four-wheel drive truck in the right-hand corner. Work on the mural will be starting soon. Banner sponsorship is going well.

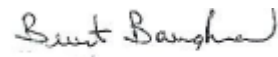
More information was presented to the Council regarding the proposed disc golf project. Zuercher moved, seconded by Truman to allocate up to \$10,000.00 for the disc golf project. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes 0 nays. Motion carried.

Street cut-out repairs were discussed. The City received a quote from G&H Asphalt of \$12900.00 for making the repairs. It was the Council’s decision not to do the street cut-out repairs at this time so the gravel in the cut-outs have more time to compact. It was mentioned that there is another company from the Des Moines area that does a lot of work for small towns. The name of the company is In Roads and will be checked into.

Trick or Treat Night will be Saturday October 31st, from 6 to 8 p.m. If citizens do not want to participate, porch lights should not be turned on.

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

With no further business to come forth, Truman moved, seconded by Nelson to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m. The November council meeting is scheduled for Saturday November 7th, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. **November meeting date – Saturday November 7th, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.**



Brent Baughman, City Clerk

September Revenues

General Fund	3616.93
Fire/Ambulance	16142.18
Debt Service	8.34
Water Utilities	7727.84
Road Use	5145.21
LOST (local option sales tax)	<u>4652.66</u>

Total \$37293.16