

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
September 5th, 2023**

The Council met in regular session on Tuesday September 5th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for the September council meeting.

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

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

Old business discussed: The potholes at Veterans Drive & Felton Street and Felton & Broadway Street have been initially filled and will have some additional patching work done on them.

Changes to the fire department ordinance have been given to the City Attorney so amendments to the ordinance can be drafted.

There is an Emergency Services Advisory Board meeting scheduled for September 14th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss automatic mutual aid with surrounding fire departments and other fire department business. If Justin Strange is unable to attend the meeting, Jarad Taylor will be the alternate.

Information regarding a tree being a safety hazard near the alley behind the fire station has been given to the City Attorney. A letter will be drafted to the property owner that the tree is located on.

Information regarding the appearance of an unoccupied residential structure in the 300 block of Main Street and an occupied residential structure in the 700 block of West Street has been given to the City Attorney to draft letters to the property owners of the two locations regarding citizen complaints about the appearance of these structures.

Citizen Input: Bad cracks and unevenness in East Street north of the intersection of Knotts Street were discussed. Sternquist Construction will be contacted about looking at East Street to get a bid for repairing the problem.

Water Utilities discussed: Some fire hydrants have been flushed. Hydrant flushing will continue during the month of September.

Fire Department Business: The fire department is applying for a DNR grant not to exceed a maximum of \$4,500.00. It is a 50/50 match with the fire department responsible up to \$2,250.00. Items that will be applied for include top priority personal protective equipment of gloves and nomex hoods. Secondary items that will be applied for will be fire hose and fire hose nozzles.

Law Enforcement: – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of August was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 30 calls for service during the month of August. Officers spent in excess of 42 hours in the City for the month.

Officers patrolled in excess of 226 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.

The placement of a park bench in memory of Sue Douglas was okayed.

GAMP UPDATE
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There is a truck pull scheduled for September 30th, 2023, at GAMP.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The Hometown Pride Committee has scheduled an end of the summer Music In The Park social event in Lions Park for September 24th from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Hometown Pride Committee inquired if the City had a public performance license. The City does not have a public performance license.

More wall painting is planned. It is planned for the north wall of the old hardware building.

There were several people that attended movie in the park night – Remember The Titans on August 19th in Old Settlers Park. **There will be another movie in the park night on Saturday September 16th around 7:30 p.m. in Old Settlers Park. The movie will be Top Gun Maverick. There will be candy bars, popcorn and pop available for purchase.**

Trick or Treat Night will be Saturday October 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The movie Hocus Pocus 2 is planned to start in Old Settlers Park at 7:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and a blanket or two for a spooky good time for the movie in the park.

Discussion was held on the possibility of a city employee for performing the many routine city tasks.

Strange moved, seconded by Galivan 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, Galivan moved, seconded by Taylor to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The October council meeting is scheduled for Saturday October 7th, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. **October meeting date – Saturday October 7th, 2023, at 7:30 a.m.**



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk

August Revenues

General Fund	2077.80
Fire/Ambulance	4860.17
GAMP	339.79
Debt Service	12.96
Water Utilities	7388.57
Road Use	2563.57
LOST (local option sales tax)	<u>4991.37</u>
Total	\$ 22234.23

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