

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
November 3rd, 2025**

The Council met in regular session on Monday November 3rd, 2025, at 7:05 p.m. for the November council meeting.

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

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Old Business: The flashing red lights for the stop signs at Broadway and Felton Streets have been installed.

The letter sent to the Saddle Club regarding horse manure on city streets came back undeliverable. It will be resent to another address.

An official city letter regarding an aggressive dog in the 800 block of West Street has hand delivered to the owner of the dog by the Warren County Sheriff.

Citizen Input: Justice Parker from the rural New Virginia area is considering the old gas station building for a potential daycare facility. The DNR monitors the property for soil contamination and is currently classified as tier 3 high risk due to contamination from years ago before new tanks were put in place. If testing can be done and if the results show no change in the area of contamination, the DNR would lower the tier 3 classification. A water test would also need to be performed. The City will talk to Rhonda Guy, the water operator, about the water test that needs to be done.

Members of the Lions Club were present to discuss potentially selling the Lions Club building. If the building is sold, the community would lose the location for community events offered by the Old Settlers Committee, Boy Scouts, Lions Club and many other community organizations. The Lions Club vision is community support and their preference would be to sell the building to the City. The Lions Club has two private offers on the building and will discuss the offers at their regular business meeting this week. The Council was advised the starting price of the building is \$20,000.00. The members of the Lions Club were asked about price negotiations if they were able to use the building rent free as well as other community organizations.

The pop machine at the GAMP Community Building will not take dollar bills. A work order has been placed to have the machine fixed.

Mayor Strange had a citizen inquiry about Church Street cracking. Street repairs for this fall have already been established including the breaking up of the south end of East Street and the repair of numerous street cut-outs.

A water bill issue was discussed regarding estimations. A new water meter will be installed at the residence.

There was a citizen inquiry about a hole developing in the front yard of a residence in the 700 block of West Street. This will be looked into.

Fire Department Business: The new attack truck #769 has arrived but it has a cracked/broken fitting that must be repaired before it can be placed in service.

Pumper/tanker 761 has had some valves replaced. It passed the pump test but still has a leak that needs repaired.

Attack Truck 768 still needs a diagnostic test performed on the engine.

Consulting firm contact information for performing a county-wide EMS assessment has been given to the County Supervisors.

Water Utilities discussed: The October water report from POM was reviewed. Water usage was 709,109 gallons averaging 22,875 gallons per day. Water testing is in compliance and on schedule with IDNR testing requirements.

Law Enforcement: – The Sheriff’s Report for the month of September was reviewed. There were 10 calls for service received or initiated by Deputies for the month. Officers spent in excess of 42 hours in the City of New Virginia for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 159 miles within the city limits for the month of September.

Discussion continued on new City software options. G Works, the current City software vendor will be contacted regarding annual renewal fee and if it includes charges for I-Cloud services.

Price quote for sidewalk repair at the Library was reviewed. Dunkin moved, seconded by Truman to approve the Thrasher Foundation Repair quote of \$2,461.18. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There was one bid received for snow removal for the 2025-26 winter season. After reviewed the bid, Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to approve Norville Huston’s bid of \$90.00/hr. for the 2025-26 winter season with the fire station and fire station parking to be a priority during heavy snow events. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The 2025 Annual Financial Report was reviewed and will be published as required.

GAMP UPDATE

The GAMP fence project will start this week.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL/HOMETOWN PRIDE UPDATE

Upcoming Events in 2025: November 9th– Music Jam 2-5 p.m. @ GAMP Community Bldg.; December 12 (Friday) & December 13 (Saturday) Christmas Home Tour. Four homes have committed to the 2025 Christmas Home Tour; December 14th – Music Jam 2-5 p.m. @ GAMP Community Bldg.; January 11th – Music Jam 2-5 p.m. @ GAMP Community Bldg.; February 8th – Music Jam 2-5 p.m. @ GAMP Community Bldg.;

March 8th – Music Jam 2-5 p.m. @ GAMP Community Bldg.; Spring – Country Dance? Contra Dance? 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 star on the tree in Old Settlers Park will be put in place in the next week or two. Three ratchet straps have been purchased to secured the star to the tree.

TRI CORNER EXPRESS

Fund balance \$15,177.61. No new information to present to the Council.

Discussion was held regarding the continuation of the city-wide Christmas lighting contest. There will be a city-wide Christmas lighting contest this year.

The Council was updated on the Knotts Street storm drain project and the condition of the pipe south of the new intake.

The codification company sent information regarding restarting question set number 1. The subdivision chapter is being rewritten. The Council will review the questions and discuss them at a special meeting scheduled for Monday November 17th 6:30 p.m. at the fire station meeting room.

The metal color for the front of the Hen House was reviewed and discussed. It will be an off blue color – either gallery blue or ocean blue.

Mayor Strange has downloaded an app on his phone to receive half-staff flag notifications.

Dunkin moved, seconded by Taylor to approve payment of all City bills. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to come forth, Taylor moved, seconded by Dunkin to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

The November special council meeting is scheduled for Monday November 17th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. **December meeting date – Monday December 1st, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk