

**City Of New Virginia  
Council Meeting Minutes  
November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The Council met in regular session on Monday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the November Council Meeting.

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

Minutes from the October regular meeting, special meeting and Treasurer's Report were approved.

**Old business discussed:** Precision Tree Care advised they should be in town to trim trees extending out into streets and over sidewalks and street signs within the next week.

The City is still waiting on a bill from Accu-Jet for services rendered regarding the water leak caused by boring in the fiber optic line.

**Citizen Input:** 202 Broadway voiced a concern that during big rains their driveway is a pond and that a channel needs to be cut in the ditch area in front of their house so the water can run into the intakes. Councilman Strange volunteered to dig a channel for the water to flow into the intakes.

There has been complaints about 602 Grand Avenue regarding the accumulation of metal, old vehicles and junk on the open land behind the house. There also has been complaints of driving through another property owner's yard to get to the open land. Ordinances will be checked and a letter will be drafted citing pertinent sections of Ordinances regarding the above complaints and sent to the property owner.

The disc golf project is on hold awaiting a tractor for work that needs to be done on the lay out of the course.

The generator for the fire station has been delivered. It will not have to be bolted down. The concrete pad needs to be poured and then it needs to be wired in.

**Water Utilities discussed:** There were three water service shut offs attempted near the end of October. Ancel Kennedy was paid \$40.00 for each shut off attempt.

Two water service curb stops have been repaired at 402 Stansell Street and 715 Elm Street.

Discussion was held regarding getting a drop box for water bill payments. Nelson moved, seconded by Zuercher to purchase a drop box/vault for water bill payments. A roll call was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Council was advised a long outstanding water bill has been collected as a special assessment on property taxes.

Strange moved, seconded by Truman to order as many as grant allows of the new ultrasonic water meters. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Law Enforcement:** – The report summary from the Sheriff’s Office for the month of October was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 24 calls for service during the month. Officers spent in excess of 26 hours in the City for the month. One citation and/or warning was written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

**Fire Department Business:** The foam system on fire truck 762 needs repaired and the air compressor needs checked for leaks. A technician in the Des Moines metro area will be contacted about the work that needs to be done to fire truck 762.

The Iowa Firefighters Association membership dues will be paid by the New Virginia Fire Department Association.

A group Volunteer Firefighter AD&D policy through TrueNorth was reviewed. This information will be taken to the next fire department meeting for discussion and brought back to the December council meeting for any necessary action.

There was only one bid received for snow removal for the 2021-22 winter season. Strange moved, seconded by Nelson to approve Huston’s snow removal bid of \$85.00/hr. for the 2021-22 winter season. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The City of New Virginia 2020-21 Annual Financial Report was reviewed. Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to approve the City of New Virginia 2020-21 Annual Financial Report. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The City of New Virginia 2020-21 Street Financial Report was reviewed. Strange moved, seconded by Truman to approve & resolve Resolution 2021-15 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE & ADOPT NEW VIRGINIA CITY STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FROM JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Our rentals have picked up with the holidays coming up. PiPi’s Porta Potty Service delivered out two new porta potties at GAMP Park on Saturday. We replaced one old one and installed a new one to use at the park,

### **NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Committee has not been able to schedule a meeting yet to finalize the sign project as well as the memorial tree. Account balance \$2510.82.

### **KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM**

The account balance is \$2222.72. The Hometown Pride banners that citizens purchased have been taken down for the winter.

The art boards for the windows on the second story of the Depot Restaurant will be designed and painted by students of Interstate 35 and then put in place.

The Hometown Pride Committee on December 12th will decorate Old Settlers Park in the shape of a U for people to be able to walk through.

Ron Kirkpatrick was present and advised the New Virginia Area Development Corporation (NVADC) Committee is planning on dissolving the Corporation. The funds in the NVADC bank account will be distributed to organizations within New Virginia including the Hometown Pride Committee.

Mayor Huston advised the Council that he would like each councilmember to draft a short term list of ideas/projects for the City and a long term list of ideas/projects for the City.

Continuation of the city wide Christmas lighting contest was discussed. It was decided to continue the contest. Previous sponsors of the contest will be contacted to see if they would be interested in renewing their sponsorship of the contest. Notice of the contest will be placed in the November Tri Corner Express with a deadline of December 5<sup>th</sup> to have displays in place with judging to be done by one of the local youth activity groups during the week of December 6<sup>th</sup>.

The New Virginia Hazardous Mitigation Plan will be reviewed with a possible special meeting for the Plan on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Nelson 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, Strange moved, seconded by Nelson to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m. The December council meeting is scheduled for Monday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. **December meeting date – Monday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk

**October Revenues**

General Fund	41658.07
Fire/Ambulance	25783.37
GAMP	1170.63
Debt Service	1.31
Water Utilities	6999.14
Road Use	4100.05
LOST (local option sales tax)	<u>4719.11</u>
Total	\$ 84431.68

\*\*\*\* SEE NOVEMBER EXPENSES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) \*\*\*\*