

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
May 2nd, 2020**

The Council met in regular session on Saturday May 2nd, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. for the May Council Meeting.

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

Minutes from the April Council Meeting and Treasurer's Report were approved.

Nathan Chandler was present to discuss a storm water drainage issue on his property. There is a culvert that goes under Maple Street and drains onto his property to the west. Chandler is planning on raising his house and is concerned that the water draining onto his property will cause a long-term problem regarding his proposed project. Chandler gave the Council a flash drive that has video of the water flowing through his property. Steve Savage will be contacted to look the situation over to see if a solution can be devised.

A drainage problem on the back side of 807 East Street was reviewed and discussed. It is unknown if there is an old well, a plugged drain tile or just a high water table in the area. It was suggested to have a group meeting with all the adjoining neighbors to try and come up with a solution to the problem with input from Steve Savage.

The light for the welcome sign in the cemetery stays illuminated 24 hours a day. An electrician will be contacted about fixing the light so it only comes on at night.

The drop-off at the west end of Knotts Street where it meets the county gravel road was discussed. The area has not had any gravel put in place to fill in the drop off. Whether it is the City or county's responsibility, it needs to be taken care of. The City does have some gravel on hand.

The council was advised there is a graduation parade planned for May 24th. The City has not been contacted by the school as of yet regarding this event. It was discussed parents of graduating seniors are considering a possible banner and where to place it. All of the light/power poles are owned by Alliant Energy now so they cannot be used.

The council was informed there will be a drive-through car parade on June 17th.

There has been illegal open burning of mattresses, furniture, etc. going on for approximately the last two weeks at 300 East Street that has been giving off black smoke and a very bad odor. The fire department was called to this location this week. The property owner was informed what they were burning was illegal and to put the fire out. The property owner was also informed if the burning continued, there would be a citation issued by the Warren County Sheriff for illegal burning.

There will be a note placed in the water bills regarding open burning.

Dogs running loose around town and being aggressive is becoming a big problem. There will be information placed on the city website with ordinances pertaining to dogs being required to be tied up.

The water service and water rates ordinances were reviewed for changes. The City Attorney will be contacted about other cities water ordinances before making final changes to the existing New Virginia water ordinances.

The fire department ordinances have been forwarded to the City Attorney for final draft and will be ready for the June council meeting. The Virginia Township Trustees have had their two required meetings as part of the process of having the City take over operation of the fire department. City Attorney Stuyvesant is working with the Warren County Attorney's Office to prepare the required documents for the June council meeting regarding the City taking over operation of the fire department.

Strange moved, seconded by Galivan to pass and approve Resolution #2020-05 – RESOLUTION APPROVING A 28E AGREEMENT 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: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of March was reviewed. Fifty-seven calls were received or initiated in the community during the month. Four citations/warnings were written in the New Virginia area. Officers logged in excess of 58 hours for the month in the community.

The Disaster Emergency Proclamation regarding COVID-19 for the City of New Virginia was discussed. As long as citizens adhere to and abide by the 6 foot social distancing, it was agreed to open the Hen House and the playground equipment and to remain following the Governor's recommendations. Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to open the Hen House and playground equipment in the parks with this being subject to change according to any future recommendations of the Governor. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The current city budget and fund balances were reviewed. All financial budgetary functions are within the budgeted dollar amounts so no budget amendments will be needed.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

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The following are the balances for the GAMP accounts: Money Market \$23017.37; Regular Account \$935.37. The GAMP Community Building has been closed for any and all use due to COVID-19. We will be working with parties to reschedule all rentals for future dates.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

We have not met due to COVID-19 restrictions. Our trash bins and grills have been completed. We will look to get those when possible due to COVID-19. We reviewed our grants – Jennifer has not heard back from Prairie Meadows regarding the completion of the projects. We will schedule the construction on the new shelter as soon as we can. Our account balance is \$13,974.05. The ditch on the south side of the park is not finished yet. Steve Savage will be contacted about getting this finished and gravel put in and get the old shelter removed and concrete broken up and removed.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

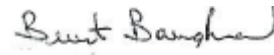
Nothing new to report. The account balance is \$169.00.

The need for signs that read NO PARKING THIS SIDE OF STREET for the south side of Broadway between West and Border Streets was discussed.

There will be a meeting Thursday May 14th at 7:00 p.m. at GAMP Park to discuss ordinance update changes.

Nelson moved, seconded by Zuercher to approve payment of all City bills and GAMP bills. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to come forth, Zuercher moved, seconded by Nelson to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. The June council meeting is scheduled for Monday June 8th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. **June meeting date – Monday June 8th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**



Brent Baughman, City Clerk

April Revenues

General Fund	30617.51
Debt Service	2.41
Water Utilities	6217.80
Road Use	4220.14
LOST (local option sales tax)	<u>2941.70</u>
Total	\$ 43999.56