

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
August 3rd, 2026**

The Council met in regular session on Monday August 3rd, 2026, for the August council meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange at 7:07 p.m. with Council Members Chandler, Dunkin, Galivan and Truman present. Absent Bailey.

Minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Old Business: With Councilmember Bailey not present, discussion of the overhead water line at the fire station was tabled until the September meeting.

The purchase of street barricades was discussed. Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to purchase four type 2 barricades at a price of \$142.55 for each barricade. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Water utility inventory supplies have been purchased. An additional payment on the water utility G.O. bond will be made.

The batteries were replaced again in the red flashing lights at Knotts Street & East Street. The batteries were replaced locally this time instead of the company the lights where the lights were purchased.

Work on getting the bleachers from Murray to New Virginia will start on August 21st through August 24th.

Fireworks for 2027 Old Settlers need to be ordered early to avoid a 50% price increase. The proposed fireworks purchase will be \$4700.00 to \$5000.00. Truman moved, seconded by Chandler to purchase \$4700.00 to \$5000.00 of fireworks now. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Lions Club Building update – the building qualifies for grant participation. An asbestos inspection needs to be performed this Fall. The cost of the inspection and removal of any asbestos may be reimbursable by the DNR. The Lions Club will be meeting in the Hen House. The Lions Club needs four keys to the Hen House.

The Trail Committee received a \$10,000.00 grant from Prairie Meadows for phase one of the trail project. The north part of the phase one project has been completed with the help of a \$5,000.00 grant from Warren County Philanthropic Partnership. The south half of the phase one project needs an additional \$20,000.00 dollars for completion. The Trail Committee is searching for additional grant opportunities for the \$20,000.00.

Citizen Input: There are a lot of house belongings along the curb at 304 Stansell Street. The front door will be checked for a posted notice to obtain contact information regarding the items along the curb and for mowing & trimming the property.

Plugged driveway culverts were discussed. It is the homeowners/property owners responsibility to maintain and keep the ends of the culverts free and clear of leaves, debris and any other obstructions to ensure proper drainage. It was discussed to charge the property owner for any driveway culverts that need to be opened and cleaned out.

Fire Department Business: Fire Chief Jake Zuercher was present to review and discuss a price quote from Danko Emergency Equipment for five sections of 2 ½ inch fire hose. Truman moved, seconded by Galivan to approve the purchase of five sections of 2 ½ inch fire hose fifty feet in length at \$447.31 for each section. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Water Utilities discussed: Water Operator Rhonda Guy was present. The July water report was reviewed. June water usage was 752,000 gallons averaging 25,000 gallons per day. Testing is in compliance with Iowa DNR permit requirements.

Law Enforcement: – The Sheriff’s Report from the month of July was reviewed. Officers received or initiated 17 calls for service during the month. Officers spent more than 42 hours in the City of New Virginia in July. Officers patrolled in excess of 98 miles within the city limits for the month.

Price quote options from InRoads for re-surfacing Broadway Street were reviewed and discussed. After thorough discussion, Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to approve item #3 price quote of \$42,462.00 for 1.5” mill and fill from east city limits to West Street. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Mayor Strange will talk to Jeff with InRoads about asphaltting the parking area on the south side of Old Settlers Park and driveway approaches.

GAMP UPDATE

A quilt made from previous truck pull shirts was found in the GAMP Building storage room closet. It was discussed to hang it on a wall behind some sort of frame in the GAMP Building.

The trash bags on the pulling track need picked up. The garbage cans will be placed behind the sponsor boards at the west end of the pulling track.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL/HOMETOWN PRIDE UPDATE

New Virginia Hometown Pride is planning and preparing for this year’s End of Summer Social. They have been discussing advertising, bands, and vendors. This event is September 20th at Hickory Hills.

The committee is also looking for more members. If interested in joining, people are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at the library at 6:00 p.m.

ELF CLUB

No new information to present to the Council.

TRI CORNER EXPRESS

Fund balance \$19,762.84. No new information to present to the Council.

New sections of barriers around the playground equipment will be ordered to replace broken sections.

Pre-made No Parking signs from Iowa Prison Industries will be researched for placement near West & Grand Street.

Truman 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, Dunkin moved, seconded by Chandler to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

The September council meeting is scheduled for Monday September 7th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. **September meeting date – Monday September 7th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.**



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk