

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
January 9th, 2021**

The Council met in regular session on Saturday January 9th, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. for the January Council Meeting.

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

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

Old business discussed. The disc golf equipment was ordered in December and has been delivered. It is being stored in the City storage unit. The disc golf course project will begin in the spring. Matt Strange was not present to discuss a proposed addition to his building at 807 West Street. There are some concerns with the proposed addition regarding stipulations of a grant agreement with the DNR for GAMP Park.

Law Enforcement - Warren County Sheriff, Joe Carico was present to discuss the City contract for law enforcement services. Carico advised the City will not be charged additional charges for serving papers, etc. These types of situations will be handled as part of the City's contracted hours. It was discussed what codes violations should be written under. It was determined that violations for the most part, will be written under State and County Codes due to the potential high costs to file under City Codes. The monthly report from the Sheriff's Office was discussed and if the City would like any changes to the way the report is currently being done. The report will remain the same with the hours possibly being broken done into a weekly basis. Old Settlers patrolling will remain as it has been in the past. The use of a mobile speed display device was discussed with placement being near the stop sign by the old school building and the four way flashing stop light.

The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of November was reviewed. Sixteen calls were received or initiated in the community during the month. There were two citations/warnings written in the New Virginia area during the month. Officers spent in excess of 43.75 hours in the community for the month of November.

Citizen Input – Trimming trees that extent into the street right of way was discussed. Property owners are reminded that they are responsible for trimming trees that extend over/into the street. Dogs running loose were discussed. Dogs running loose in the 600 block of Knotts Street are particularly bad with citizen complaints coming from residents on Knotts Street and Grand Avenue. The owner of the dogs will be sent pertinent sections of ordinances regarding dogs running at large.

An ordinance change to allow side by side ATV's/ATV's to operate on city streets by persons no younger than sixteen that have a valid driver's license was discussed.

The fireworks fund is approximately short \$500.00 to make the payment at a discounted rate. There will be a notice placed in the Tri Corner to try to generate donations.

Zuercher moved, seconded by Nelson to pass & approve Resolution 2021-01 – A RESOLUTION NAMING CITY STATE BANK AND IOWA PUBLIC INVESTMENT TRUST (IPAIT) DEPOSITORIES OF CITY FUNDS. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded Zuercher to designate the Record-Herald & Indianola Tribune as official paper for publication of city budget, State of Iowa Annual Financial Report, ordinances and any other necessary legal publications for 2021. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Strange moved, seconded by Truman to designate the Tri Corner Express as official paper for publication of city council meeting minutes, public notices and any other necessary legal publications for 2021. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to re-appoint Robert Stuyvesant as City Attorney for the City of New Virginia for 2021. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Galivan moved, seconded by Nelson to re-appoint Brent Baughman as City Clerk, Jennifer Baughman as Deputy Clerk and Justin Strange as Mayor Pro-tem. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Galivan moved, seconded by Zuercher to pass & approve Resolution 2021-02 - A RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE LOAN AGREEMENT AND TO BORROW MONEY THEREUNDER IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$166,000.00. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Water Utilities discussed. Matt Strange advised he has low water pressure in the second level of his shop building. The water pressure was checked at the fire station and found to 45psi which is a normal reading. A pressure check will be done on the fire hydrant at Knotts & West Street. There is no indication of any leaks in the water main along West Street at the north end of town.

Ordinance update questions were reviewed. Residential and commercial zoning areas were reviewed. Adding School Bus Stop Ahead signs to pertinent ordinances was discussed. Commercial truck parking and start-up/warm-up time with the earliest time to be 5 a.m. was discussed.

The 2021-22 city budget was discussed. Galivan moved, seconded by Nelson to assume GAMP activities into the city budget. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The proposed 2021-22 city budget will be completed and ready for Council review at the February 6th, 2021 council meeting.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

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The following are the balances for the GAMP accounts: Money Market \$34945.16; Regular Account \$1016.08. The rentals for the next few months continue to be few due to the current COVID guidance. We still have a few groups utilizing the building and with each use, we have had an extra cleaning and sanitizing process done. We have purchased hand sanitizing stations to use at the building as well. Brent hopes to get those up soon as well as the automated external defibrillator (AED). We are still strongly suggesting all who enter wear masks and social distancing. We are also asking renters to operate at the 50% capacity.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

The New Virginia Playground Committee has not met due to COVID-19. We plan to schedule a meeting this month. Jennifer spoke with Prairie Meadows in regards to an extension on our grant for the second shelter house. We have been granted an extension until June 1, 2021. We will make plans to accomplish the shelter before then. The account balance is \$11856.82.

Loren Ditzler emailed a grant opportunity for our parks. It is called the 2021 Mini Grant here is the information:

The Iowa Foundation for Parks & Recreation Mini Grants is to provide funding for leisure facilities, activities, events, or programs to promote and improve leisure opportunities and amenities for citizens in small Iowa communities. Grant Application Criteria & Requirements: A. Applicants must be a Park & Recreation Department or local organized ongoing agency/group/organization/association within an Iowa community with a population of 10,000 or less. B. A match of a minimum of 50% of the requested grant amount is required. Match may be cash, donated items, or donated labor. Labor = hourly value of \$10.00/hr. C. IFPR grant money must be the last money in to complete the project or the project must have a letter of commitment to support the remaining project balance. D. Applicant may apply for up to \$1,000.00. E. Grant money is to be used for hard assets only (e.g, equipment, supplies, brick/mortar). No consumables, administrative/indirect costs, or personnel expenses. F. Project may be a physical item, recreation program, or event. G. Project must be completed within one year of the grant award. H. Project must be available and open to the general public. I. 2020 grant recipients must wait one year before reapplying for the IFPR Mini Grant.

Are there any projects the Council would like to see in our parks which would fall under these guidelines?

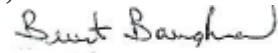
KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$9521.28. There was no meeting in December. The window panels on the second story of The Depot Restaurant will be painted with a Home Town Theme. High school students are working on the designs for the panels. After the start of the new year, the Committee will discuss new ideas for 2021.

Christmas light contest payment amounts were discussed. The payments will be the same amounts as in the past for first, second and third place. There will also be \$25.00 per honorable mention category.

Strange moved, seconded by Galivan 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, Truman moved, seconded by Zuercher to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. The February council meeting is scheduled for Saturday February 6th, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. **February meeting date – Saturday February 6th, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.**



Brent Baughman, City Clerk