

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
March 4th, 2024**

The Council met in regular session on Monday March 4th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. for the March council meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange at 7:05 p.m. with Council Members Dunkin, Galivan and Truman present. Bailey arrived at the end citizen input. Taylor absent.

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

Old business discussed: Steve Savage shot the elevation for water drainage regarding the east/west alley between Grand Avenue and Pine Street. Water drainage is running from east to west. Savage's recommendation is to take out the sidewalk, do dirt work to make a rounded swell and place a culvert under the driveway on the west side of the house at 510 Pine Street. After lengthy discussion of this drainage problem, it was decided to talk with Steve Savage again to see if drainage to the east of the house would be a better option.

Citizen Input: Dorothy & Gary Huss were present and advised the Council they would like to place a bench in memory of their daughter Tina in front of Jesus Right Hand building. Jesus Right Hand has approved the bench. Galivan moved, seconded by Dunkin to approve the placement of the memorial bench in front of Jesus Right Hand with the City of New Virginia purchasing the bench and the City to be reimbursed by the Huss family. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rory Taylor was present to introduce himself as a candidate for Iowa House District 22. One of his major concerns is school funding. Taylor is planning on having a meet & greet meeting at 1205 G64 Hwy. The date & time has not been set.

There have been citizen complaints about the buildup of numerous vehicles and items on the property at 607 Knotts Street.

Water Utilities discussed: Nothing to discuss.

Fire Department Business: There is no new information regarding cyber security.

Attack Truck 768 hit a deer returning from a call since the last council meeting. There is damage to the driver's side bumper area, grill and driver's side headlight. The truck is still operable.

Chief Zuercher advised Warren County is under a burn ban. If the fire department is called out for a fire, the person responsible will be giving a verbal warning. If the fire department is called a second time to the same location, a citation will be issued.

Law Enforcement: – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of February was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 21 calls for service during the

month of February. Officers spent in excess of 43 hours in the city for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 213 miles within the city limits for the month. Four citations and/or warnings were written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

The 2024-25 fiscal year budget plan was finalized to complete information required in the Proposed Tax Levy Form. Truman moved, seconded by Galivan to approve the Proposed Property Tax Levy for publication and to schedule a public hearing for the City of New Virginia Proposed Property Tax Levy Monday April 1st, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The City Council Committees list was passed around for the Council Members to sign up. The previous Committee List will be updated and a new list will be distributed to the Council Members and Mayor.

GAMP UPDATE
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A price quote for cleaning the GAMP Community Building. Bailey moved, seconded by Dunkin to approve Ron & Jessica Hults at \$25.00/hr. for each and a total of \$50.00/hr. and the City of New Virginia purchasing a shop vac. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

It is projected the Mural Project will start in April.

Trail update – the committee is working on FAQ’s, contacting other communities that have implemented trail projects and contacting walking/biking groups for trail ideas.

The Committee is looking at joining a county-wide calendar for upcoming events.

There are several events being planned for in 2024. One of the first events will be a kite flying event April 21st with a rain date of April 28th & May 4th city-wide garage sales. July Old Settlers booth will be Christmas in July event to pre-sale Country Christmas Home Tour tickets. September – End of Summer Social Date: September 29th. October – Scarecrow Stroll/contest and Trunk or Treat. December – Country Christmas Holiday Home Tour Friday December 6th from 4 to 7p.m and Saturday December 7th from 10 a.m. to 4p.m.

ELF CLUB

No new updates.

A representative from InRoads will be getting together with Mayor Strange to look over areas for street work for the upcoming work season.

Galivan updated the Council on the disc golf project that will be getting started before the end of March.

Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey 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, Truman moved, seconded by Bailey to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. The April council meeting is scheduled for Monday April 1st, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. **April meeting date – Monday April 1st, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Baughman".

Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk