

**City Of New Virginia  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

The Council met in regular session on Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. for the September council meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange with Council Members Dunkin, Bailey and Truman present. Absent Galivan and Taylor.

Minutes from the August meeting were approved.

**Old Business:** Work has started on digging out the ends of the driveway culvert at 801 East Street. Work will continue this month on this project.

**Citizen Input:** Ashley Warrington of 609 Knotts Street was present to discuss stormwater drainage on and near her property. She is concerned that the drainage work done earlier this summer is not enough. Pictures were presented to the Council following an August 7<sup>th</sup> significant rainstorm showing water ponding in the back, side and front yards. Water started coming into the basement at 11:00 a.m. on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Ashley and her husband were able to contain and remove the water from the basement with minimal damage. They have many improvements planned but are afraid to proceed for fear of water entering the basement. The history of the stormwater drainage piping on the property was discussed. The neighbor to the east is raising the height of an existing retention area to hold more water to allow the drainage to catch up. This will help with the drainage problem. The City will follow up with Steve Savage regarding the drainage issue.

Jerry Howe of 607 Knotts Street was present to discuss the possibility of adding dirt to the ditch area of his front yard to keep the rainwater from washing out his east drive. Howe was advised to hold off on this project until the drainage at 609 Knotts Street is evaluated.

A citizen interested in moving to New Virginia was present to see if goats are allowed within the city limits. The property he is looking at is zoned residential. Ordinances in place do not allow goats within the city limits on properties zoned residential.

The City received numerous complaints about horse manure on the streets following a Saddle Club horse riding event. The Saddle Club will be sent a letter advising of the numerous complaints received and any future riding events, there will need to be someone assigned to picking up the manure off the streets.

The Council was advised the Library sidewalk has settled causing some sections to be uneven. Work will be done to resolve this issue.

**Fire Department Business:** The new attack truck #769 is completed except for decaling.

Fire Chief Jake Zuercher will contact Reliant Fire Apparatus to schedule to have the valves replaced on the pump of tanker/pumper #761.

**Water Utilities discussed:** The July water report from POM was reviewed. Water testing is in compliance and on schedule with IDNR testing requirements. Lead and Copper testing will be completed this month.

There is a small water leak in the area where Alliant Energy bored a new gas main at Davidson & West Street. This will be taken care of as soon as Alliant Energy is done with their work in that area.

The water curb stop for 502 West Street cannot be located and will be located with digging equipment.

**Law Enforcement:** – The Sheriff’s Report for the month of August has not been received for review as of this meeting.

A city software sale proposal from Edmunds GovTech was reviewed and discussed. The City is looking at two other software companies but has not received sales proposals yet.

The notes from the sidewalk workshop held on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 were reviewed. An inventory list of sidewalks that need to be removed was reviewed. The general obligation debt limit for the City of New Virginia is \$1,350,097.00. The amount of revenue in fiscal year 2024-25 generated from the gas & electric franchise fee was \$19,567.05. The amount of revenue in fiscal year 2024-25 generated from LOST was \$72,930.69.

Resolution 2025-05 – a resolution approving Alliant Energy Inc. to make changes to the existing street lighting system was tabled until further information and details are obtained.

### **GAMP UPDATE**

Work continues on getting a quote to fence off the east end of GAMP.

### **KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL/HOMETOWN PRIDE UPDATE**

**Upcoming Events in 2025:** September 21, Sunday - End of Summer Social (confirmed – location Hickory Hills from 1 to 4 p.m.); October 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. – NV Trunk or Treat; November – country dance/contra dance (Tentative); December 12 (Friday) & December 13 (Saturday) Christmas Home Tour. Four homes have committed to the 2025 Christmas Home Tour. The Committee is looking for new avenues for getting information out to the public. New merchandise considerations include T-shirts and stickers.

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**ELF CLUB**

The star on the tree in Old Settlers Park will be put in place in October.

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**TRI CORNER EXPRESS**

Fund balance \$17,098.88. Edmunds GovTech can incorporate Tri Corner billing into the city software.

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The Council was advised one new member is needed for the Board of Adjustment Committee.

The Council was advised that a school bus driver inquired if some trees can be trimmed along the bus route.

Truman moved, seconded by Bailey to approve payment of all City bills. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to come forth, Dunkin moved, seconded by Bailey to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

The October council meeting is scheduled for Monday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.  
**October meeting date – Monday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk