

**City Of New Virginia  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The Council met in regular session on Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. for the February Council Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m. by Mayor Huston with Council Members Galivan, Nelson, Strange and Taylor present. Absent Truman.

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

**Old business discussed:** The owner of the old baseball field behind the old school house is not interested in selling that property at this time.

There is a couple interested in purchasing Bill's 1<sup>st</sup> Stop convenience store. The interested party inquired if the City of New Virginia would consider a cooperative venture with them to purchase the convenience store. The couple is interested in putting a repair shop, 24 hour pay at the pump gas and 24 hour vending machines. The Council is more interested in the building being re-established as a convenience store and gas station with pay at the pump fuel after business hours.

**Citizen Input:** There was no citizen input.

**Deputy City Clerk Position:** There was only one application received for the Deputy City Clerk position. After reviewing and discussing the application, Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to approve the appointment of Brent Baughman as Deputy City Clerk for the City of New Virginia. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Water Utilities discussed:** The water curb stop at the Baptist Church will be shut off when Pastor Mattson will be away on vacation. The plumbing in the church will be checked to see if the church can be isolated and shut off without shutting off the parsonage.

The City has been reimbursed for the cost of the repair of the water leak on Elm Street caused by the company boring in the fiber optic cable.

The water main street valve just west of the intersection of West & Broadway Streets is scheduled to be replaced this spring.

The water main street valve just north of the intersection of East & Broadway Streets also needs to be replaced sometime in the near future.

After re-estimating the current 2021-22 city budget and figuring the next fiscal year budget (2022-23), it has been determined a rate increase will have to be implemented to offset the increasing cost for the purchase of water from Warren Water and increasing costs for maintaining the water distribution system.. The current rate for the first 2,000 gallons or less per month is \$22.65 (minimum). All usage over 2,000 gallons per month

is \$8.90 per 1,000 gallons. The proposed rate increase for the first 2,000 gallons or less per month is \$25.00 (minimum) and all usage over 2,000 gallons per month \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons. This would produce a projected \$7,500.00 increase in revenues.

A public hearing was held for the first reading of Ordinance #114 – ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO WATER RATES. With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding said Ordinance, Galivan moved, seconded by Taylor to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Galivan moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the first reading of Ordinance #114 - ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO WATER RATES. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. The second reading of Ordinance #114 will be held at a special council meeting February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**Law Enforcement:** – Report summaries from the Sheriff’s Office for the months of December and January were reviewed. There were nine calls for service received or initiated by Deputies in the month of December. There were no citations and/or warnings issued for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper. Officers spent in excess of 31 hours in the City for the month of December.

There were eight calls for service received or initiated by Deputies in the month of January. There were no citations and/or warnings issued for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper. Officers spent in excess of 50 hours in the City for the month of January.

**Fire Department Business:** A Business Associate Agreement and Billing Services Agreement from One Billing Solutions were reviewed regarding the new company that will be doing the ambulance billing. The charge will be 15% of funds collected. This company likes to focus on billing for smaller fire departments and will help with more of the paperwork regarding getting EMS reports ready for billing. With the software that One Billing Solutions is using, they are able to reduce initial payment denials by 30 to 40%. Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the Business Associate Agreement and the Billing Services Agreement with One Billing Solutions Company regarding billing for ambulance transport of patients to a hospital. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. The signed agreements will be sent back to One Billing Solutions so the initial setup process can get started.

Strange moved, seconded by Nelson to pass and approve Resolution 2022-02 – A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE SOUTHERN IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**FY 2022-2023 Budget:** The fiscal year 2022-23 New Virginia City Budget was reviewed and discussed. LOST revenue percentages for the general fund will decrease by 10% from 75% of total LOST revenue to 65% and the water utilities fund will increase 10%

from 15% of total LOST revenue to 25%. The remaining 10% of LOST revenue will go into the road use fund. In the Health & Social Services function, Impact Community Action Partnership is budgeted to receive \$740.00. These funds in the past have gone to the office in Indianola and then redistributed to families within the City of New Virginia to assist with paying utility bills. This fiscal year the envelope came back as undeliverable to the Indianola address and was redirected to a Des Moines address. Impact Community Action Partnership will be contacted to see if the above mentioned funds come back to Warren County and low income families within the City of New Virginia. In the General Government function, the Treasurer's quarterly earnings will be increased. Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to make the above changes and approve the fiscal year 2022-23 New Virginia City Budget. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Final budget forms will be completed and submitted to the Indianola Record-Herald for publication. A public hearing will be held at the March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 council meeting to adopt the 2022-23 New Virginia City Budget. For a home valued at \$150,000.00, city taxes are projected to increase a total of approximately .84 cents. The budget is available for viewing by contacting the Mayor or City Clerk. A copy of the budget will also be available for viewing at the New Virginia Public Library.

### **GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE**

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All areas of the Gerry Allen Memorial Park Building are continuing very well. The Truck Pull Committee has set a date of June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for this year's pull with a rain date of July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. There will not be a fall truck pull. The income report for the 2021 truck pull was reviewed.

The contract for this year's truck pull was reviewed. Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the 2022 Truck Pull Contract with Midwest Pullers Association. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Changing out the pulling track lights was discussed. The Truck Pull Committee is getting cost estimates for replacing the current lights with LED lights.

Extending the chain link fence on the south side of GAMP Park west to the driveway on Knotts Street was discussed. The Truck Pull Committee is working with a fencing company out of St. Charles for cost estimates.

### **NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE**

An email has been sent out regarding the sign for the Lions Park. We are gathering information for the back of the sign. We hope to get this information finalized and sent to John Bortell within the next couple of weeks. Jennifer has also been in touch with Ted Lare Building Inc. regarding the flowering tree to be placed at the park in memory of Mary Bates. Dustin Reese is who we are working with for a list of ideas for this tree. We hope to have this purchased and set in place this spring. Our fund balance is \$2550.82.

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The account balance is \$2,955.82. The Committee did not have a meeting in December. The next scheduled meeting will include discussing plans for 2022.

The Old Settlers Committee will have activities on Sunday with a display of old tractors and equipment and the Old Iron Club to be present. There will also be a cornhole tournament. The Lions Club will be serving food. It was discussed that ky-bos will need to be kept through Sunday evening of Old Settlers weekend. It was discussed whether the Old Settlers Committee has considered or checked into purchasing the fireworks locally at the Iowa Fireworks Farm.

The New Virginia Area Development Corporation Articles of Incorporations and By-Laws will be sent to the City Attorney for review to see how left over funds can be dispersed.

Strange 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, Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The March council meeting is scheduled for Monday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. **March meeting date – Monday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk