

**City Of New Virginia  
Council Meeting Minutes  
January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The Council met in regular session on Monday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for the January council meeting.

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

Minutes from the December meeting were approved.

**Old business:** The periodic examination by Denman & Company went well. It started at 8:00 a.m. and concluded at approximately 5:00 p.m. on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The City has not yet received an opinion from the State Auditor on the findings of the periodic review.

**Citizen Input:** The Mayor received a phone call from the Warren County dispatch center of a citizen complaint about the snow removal on Grand Street/Grand Avenue.

The need for ice melt at the GAMP Community Building discussed. Ice melt will be purchased to have on hand at the GAMP Building.

Updates to the Tri Corner Express By-Laws were reviewed. There are formatting corrections needed in Article III: Officers and revisions to Article VI: Pricing d. vi and f.

**Water Utilities discussed:** No new updates and no items or issues to discuss.

**Fire Department Business:** Fire Truck 769 update – Reliant Fire still has not received the replacement skid unit for installation. After the skid unit is installed, the truck will have to go back to Karl’s Chevrolet for some final work before it is ready to be put in service.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of Assistant Fire Chief for the New Virginia Fire Department for 2025. Truman moved, seconded by Bailey to appoint Dave Schaefer to Assistant Fire Chief of the New Virginia Fire Department. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Taylor moved, seconded by Dunkin to re-appoint Jake Zuercher as representative for the Warren County 911 Board and Dave Schaefer as alternate representative for the Warren County 911 Board. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The 2024 calls for service were reviewed. There were a total of 218 calls for service – 137 for EMS and 81 for fire.

**Law Enforcement:** – The report summary from the Sheriff’s Office for the months of November and December were reviewed. In November there were 25 calls for service received or initiated by Deputies. Three citations and/or warnings were written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper. Officers spent in excess

of 51 hours in the City of New Virginia for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 222 miles within the city limits of New Virginia for the month.

In December there were 26 calls for service received or initiated by Deputies. Seven citations and/or warnings were written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper. Officers spent in excess of 47 hours in the City of New Virginia for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 200 miles within the city limits for New Virginia for the month.

City administration personnel named on all bank accounts and safe deposit box was reviewed.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to pass and approve Resolution 2025-01 – A RESOLUTION NAMING CITY STATE BANK AND IOWA PUBLIC TRUST AGENCY INVESTMENT TRUST (IPAIT) DEPOSITORIES OF CITY FUNDS. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to pass and approve Resolution 2025-02 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY PER FIRE AND EMS REPORTS ENTERED IN EMERGENCY SERVICES SOFTWARE. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to designate the Indianola RHT/Independent Advocate as official paper for publication of City budget, State of Iowa Annual Financial Report, Ordinances and any other necessary legal publications for 2025. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to designate the Tri Corner Express as official paper for publication of City council meeting minutes, public notices and any other legal publications for 2025. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor, to re-appoint Robert Stuyvesant as City Attorney for the City of New Virginia for 2025. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor the re-appointment of City positions for 2025 – Jennifer Baughman – City Clerk; Brent Baughman – Deputy City Clerk; Stephanie Galivan – Office Assistant; Kim McWilliams – Office Assistant; Chris Truman – Mayor Pro-Tem. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The 2025-26 City Budget was discussed. The budget will be worked on during the month of January to be ready for review by the Council at the February council meeting.

#### **GAMP UPDATE**

Ice Melt will be purchased for the GAMP Community Building as previously discussed in Citizens Input.

This year's truck pull will be through MPA with Red Rock Sled providing the pulling sled. The date is set for June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

**KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM**

Event ideas for 2025 include: February 22, Saturday 2-5 p.m. (Tentative) country dance @ Legion Hall; February 9 or 16, Sunday 2-5 p.m. (Tentative) music jam @ GAMP Community Bldg.; March 9 or 16, Sunday 2-5 p.m. (Tentative) music jam @ GAMP Community Bldg.; April 27<sup>th</sup>, Sunday - Kite Flying Event; July 11-13 – NV Old Settlers; September 21, Sunday - End of Summer Social; October – NV Trunk or Treat; November – country dance (Tentative); December 12 (Friday) & December 13 (Saturday) Christmas Home Tour.

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**ELF CLUB**

The star topper was placed on the tree in Old Settlers Park for the holiday season.

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**TRI CORNER EXPRESS**

Updates to the Tri Corner Express By-Laws from last month’s meeting were reviewed. After further discussion, additional updates will be made to be reviewed at the February council meeting.

Bailey moved, seconded by Dunkin 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 Truman to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

The February council meeting is scheduled for Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.  
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Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk