

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
August 4th, 2025**

The Council met in regular session on Monday August 4th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. for the August council meeting.

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

Minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Old Business: Mayor Strange attempted to contact the owner of the property at 3588 Vermont to answer inquires but has been unsuccessful and voice messages left with no return.

Citizen Input: Dylan & Delana Black were present to discuss a storm water drainage issue at their residence, 801 East Street. There was water standing in their yard after the recent heavy rains. It is believed there is a culvert in their driveway that is plugged and needs dug out. Steve Savage will be contacted about this issue to see if he can dig out the ends of the culvert.

Karen Cooley was present and advised the New Virginia Legion got a water bill with a penalty. In checking the Legion account, water usage was over the minimum usage. There was no penalty, it was a usage charge over the 2000 gallon minimum.

Representatives from the Pioneer Gun Club, a non-profit organization, were present to discuss their proposed gun club concept on property west of New Virginia at 2742 G76 Highway. They are in the process of purchasing the property. The gun club's current location is in Waukee. Local schools that use their facility include Interstate 35 and Indianola as well as Simpson College. They have had numerous champions ranging from high school, college and adults. The gun club would be very active for three months in the spring and three weeks in the fall. This will draw a large number of people to the numerous shooting events that will occur at the gun club having a large economic impact for the local economy. Local businesses will be used for the construction of the proposed facilities that include a 3840 sq.ft. clubhouse and numerous trap, skeet and sporting clay fields. The Pioneer Gun Club Representatives meet with Warren County Zoning on September 11th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. to present their proposal.

Fire Department Business: The emergency communications radio has been removed from the fire damaged truck and is being installed in the new 769 attack truck.

Fire Chief Jake Zuercher has received two price quotes for a new skid unit for attack truck 768 - \$19,270.00 from Heiman Fire and \$17,859.30 from Dinges Fire.

Chief Zuercher has received two price quotes for a new pumper/tanker truck - \$472,000.00 from Midwest Fire Apparatus and \$495,000.00 from Heiman Fire. Midwest Fire Apparatus has a used 2014 pumper/tanker for \$325,000.00. It was the City Council's opinion that should be the first priority.

Chief Zuercher advised the fire department has received a \$26,000.00 grant from Prairie Meadows for new Milwaukee battery operated extrication equipment.

The hot water heater at the fire station is leaking and needs to be replaced. A tankless water heater was discussed. Councilmember Bailey will look at options for replacing the water heater. Galivan moved, seconded by Taylor to purchase a new hot water heater comparable to the current water heater. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Shelving for the fire department storage room was discussed. Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to purchase shelving for the fire department storage room for \$1233.50. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Chief Zuercher was contacted by an ATF Representative inquiring about fireworks after the truck pull being too close to spectators. The fireworks were 350 feet away from spectators.

Water Utilities discussed: The July water report from POM was reviewed. The water tower is scheduled to be cleaned out and inspected on August 12th. This will require the tower to be drained. Because of this, a boil advisory will be required. Two water tests will be required 24 hours apart and both must be negative for bacteria before the boil advisory can be lifted. Notice will be posted around town and on the city website and city Facebook page.

Law Enforcement: – The Sheriff’s Report for the month of July was reviewed. There were 10 calls for service received or initiated by Deputies for the month of July. There were no citations and/or warnings written for traffic/parking violations within the City of New Virginia proper. Officers spent in excess of 47 hours in the City for the month of July. Officers logged in excess of 136 miles within the city limits for the month.

The City is still having the same issues with the current software company (lack of customer service/extremely long delays in customer service). Software companies being looked at are Tyler Technologies, Town Cloud and Edmunds GovTech.

Fireworks damage to a vehicle following the truck pull was reviewed and discussed. The cost estimate submitted is \$1224.93. Dunkin moved, seconded by Taylor to pay for the fireworks damage repair to the vehicle. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

The 2024-25 fiscal year end expenses were reviewed. It was discussed to purchase two more red flashing lights to place on the east/west stop signs at Broadway & Felton Streets.

Truck pull revenue and expenses were reviewed. There was a loss of \$4446.68. Most of the loss is due to initial one-time expenses that will not re-occur for next year’s truck pull. Also, food purchase for next year’s pull will be decreased which will lower overall expenses as well.

GAMP UPDATE

Discussion was held to finish out the chain link fence at the east end of GAMP Park and the need to have the property line survey pins located. A quote to fence off the east end of GAMP will be obtained.

The U disc app is working for the disc golf course at GAMP Park. The app will be updated with the correct par for each of the nine holes of the course.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL/HOMETOWN PRIDE UPDATE

Upcoming Events in 2025: September 21, Sunday - End of Summer Social (confirmed – location Hickory Hills); October 25th 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.

ELF CLUB

It was discussed to hang the star on the tree in Old Settlers Park in October.

TRI CORNER EXPRESS

Fund balance \$17,455.00. The Tri Corner Committee has been discussing color ads. Quick Books for Tri Corner billing has increased to \$75.00 per month. When looking at new software for the City, it will be checked to see if Tri Corner billing can be included in the software.

Setting up a date for an initial sidewalk planning meeting was discussed. The meeting will be Wednesday August 27th at 5:30 p.m. at the fire station.

During the 2025 legislative session, HF706 was adopted regarding open meetings/open records training that requires all new members of governmental bodies to complete related training. It was discussed whether the new library director needs to have this training.

Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to approve payment of all City bills. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to come forth, Dunkin moved, seconded by Galivan to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

The September council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 2nd, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. **September meeting date – Tuesday September 2nd, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**

Jennifer Baughman

Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk