

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
July 8th, 2024**

The Council met in regular session on Monday July 8th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. for the July council meeting.

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

Minutes from the June meeting were approved.

Old business: There was no old business to discuss.

Citizen Input: There has been numerous citizen concerns received about the appearance of a property in the 100 block of Broadway Street especially with Old Settlers Weekend coming up. The owner of the property will be personally talked to about getting the property cleaned up before Old Settlers and keeping it cleaned up and also the consideration of a privacy fence.

Water Utilities discussed: Ancel Kennedy was present to inform the Council that his water license expires in May or June of next year and he will not be renewing it. Ancel referred Rhonda Guy as a person to contact about taking his place.

The Council directed Deputy City Clerk Baughman to do a water meter check at 602 Grand Avenue.

Fire Department Business: There are no new updates on the progress of Fire Truck Engine 762. There is damage to the pump on Fire Truck 769. It is being sent to a shop in Des Moines that specializes in fire trucks for inspection.

There has been only one response back for bids on the repair of water damage repair in the fire station. Work will continue on getting more bids for the fire station project.

EMS essential service tax was discussed. If it does not get passed by Warren County, there is a possibility that a vote can be taken in the New Virginia response area for the EMS essential service tax.

Law Enforcement: – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of June was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 37 calls for service during the month of June. Officers spent in excess of 45 hours in the city for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 238 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 City received a citizen complaint about the smell of marijuana coming from the apartment building at 704 West Street. This information will be forwarded to the Warren County Sheriff's Office.

Bids for various tree trimming & removal projects were reviewed. Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to approve the bid of \$2350.00 from Arboreal Locomotion, LLC for the tree and stump removal at 814 West Street. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

All other tree trimming and removal projects will be considered after a bid is received from Blakely Tree Service.

City wages/salaries were reviewed. City Clerk - \$2800.00/mth (\$1300.00 from general fund & \$1400.00 from water utilities fund); Deputy City Clerk - \$1750.00/mth (\$875.00 from general fund & \$875.00 from water utilities fund); Office Assistant To The City Clerk & Deputy City Clerk – 20 hours/mth x \$25.00/hr (\$500.00 from general fund); Mayor - \$100.00/mth from general fund; City Council Members - \$50.00/mtg from general fund; Treasurer - \$150.00/qtr from general fund. Dunkin moved, seconded by Galivan to approve the 2024-25 city wages/salaries. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

GAMP UPDATE

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The truck pull scheduled for June 28th, 2024 was cancelled due to weather. It has been re-scheduled for Saturday September 21st, 2024 at 6 p.m.

The Truck Pull Committee is out of room to place anymore sponsorship signs. The Committee would like to purchase five sheets of ¾” treated plywood to be able to make more sponsorship signs. Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to approve the purchase of five ¾” treated sheets of plywood from either Highway Lumber or Menards. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Cinta will be contacted about getting a price quote for a cleaning system at the GAMP Building and soap & towel dispensers for both the GAMP Building & fire station.

The concrete pads for the golf disc course have been poured. The course sign and hole number signs need to be placed to finish up the disc golf project.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

There are several events being planned for in 2024. September – End of Summer Social to include live music, ice cream truck and kid friendly activities - 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.

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Bailey moved, seconded by Dunkin to approve \$30.00 annual membership fee to the Mayors Association. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor Strange discussed having special meetings for strategic planning/2-5 year plan possibly on a quarterly or bi-annual basis. All Councilmembers agreed this is something that needs to be done.

Mayor Strange discussed a new ruling from the State regarding sidewalks. Cities are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of sidewalks with some exceptions. Road Use funds will be shifted to sidewalks with the discussion of removing the majority of the sidewalks.

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, Dunkin moved, seconded by Truman to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

The August council meeting is scheduled for Monday August 5th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
August meeting date – Monday August 5th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk