

**City Of New Virginia  
Council Meeting Minutes  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The Council met in regular session on Monday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. for the May council meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Truman with Council Members Dunkin and Bailey present and Galivan and Taylor present via cell phone. Absent Mayor Strange.

Minutes from the April meetings were approved.

**Old business discussed:** The letter sent by certified mail regarding junk vehicles/machinery and storage safety issues has been picked up and progress is being made regarding this issue. The storage safety issue has been resolved.

**Citizen Input:** Nile Isaac was present to revisit his concern about the three trees to the north of the alley north of his house. The property owner cut some tree limbs that were hanging near the fire station but did not cut any limbs hanging over his garage or any of his property. A letter from the City will be sent to the property owner stating that at a minimum, the limbs on the south side of the trees must be cut down and removed.

Katharine Kimzey is concerned about three maple trees in the ditch right-of-way of West Street. There are a lot of dead limbs falling from the trees. Kimzey would like to see them taken down, especially the two north trees, before any injuries or damage occurs from falling limbs. Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to get bids for removing the trees. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There was a citizen inquiry about asphaltting the City portion of Broadway Street west of Border Street.

Bailey moved, seconded by Dunkin to place rock in the drop-off at Broadway & Border Street. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There was a citizen inquiry about water still standing on the basketball court in Lions Park for days after it rains. Concrete contractors will be contacted to see if something can be done about the standing water. Asphaltting over the concrete was discussed.

**Water Utilities discussed:** Nothing to discuss.

**Fire Department Business:** Chief Jake Zuercher has talked to two contractors about the mold issues in the east addition of the fire station. One option is to tear it all down and start new. A second option is to use spray on foam to coat and cover everything. Dry Seal came to assess the situation and look for where the water leak(s) is located. Dry Seal is planning on running a downspout down the north side of the building and another one or two downspouts to handle the water drainage from both roof lines better. This

will be done to see if it eliminates the water leak(s). Zuercher will contact Service Master about cleaning/removing the mold.

The new attack truck 769 is in at Karl's Chevrolet. Zuercher would like to consider installing a computer mount while it's at Karl's. Bailey moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the installation of a computer mount in attack truck 769 by Karl Chevrolet. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Zuercher advised there is a citizen interested in painting the fire hydrants. The Council appreciates the great community service project offer but does not think the hydrants need to be painted at this time.

Zuercher advised Engine 762 and Engine/Tender 761 have been professionally inspected by Emergency Apparatus Maintenance, Inc. The pump in Engine 762 needs to be rebuilt. It will be rebuilt by Emergency Apparatus.

**Law Enforcement:** – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of April was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 20 calls for service during the month of April. Officers spent in excess of 38 hours in the city for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 167 miles within the city limits for the month. Two citations and/or warnings were written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

Feral cats around town were discussed including any catch and release programs that might be available.

**GAMP UPDATE**  
**May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The cleaning bill for the GAMP Community Building was discussed and if the building is rented enough to pay for the cleaning.

**KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM**

The kite flying event was a success as well as the garage sale during the city-wide garage sale day.

There are several events being planned for in 2024. July Old Settlers booth will be Christmas in July event to pre-sale Country Christmas Home Tour tickets. September – End of Summer Social Date: September 29<sup>th</sup>. October – Scarecrow Stroll/contest and Trunk or Treat. December – Country Christmas Holiday Home Tour Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7p.m and Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4p.m.

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**ELF CLUB**

No new updates.

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Bailey moved, seconded by Dunkin 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 8:15 p.m.

**There is a special council meeting scheduled for Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 to approve an amendment to the Public Works expenses of the FY2023-24 City of New Virginia budget.**

The June council meeting is scheduled for Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. **June meeting date – Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Baughman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk