

**City Of New Virginia  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The Council met in regular session on Monday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for the December council meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Huston with Council Members Galivan, Nelson, Strange, Taylor and Truman present. Strange arrived at the start of agenda item number 5 – law enforcement.

Minutes from the November meeting and Treasurer’s Report were approved.

**Old business discussed:** Street repair in the 800 block of East Street has been completed.

Paperwork for the detailing the tree removal along North Street continues to be worked on.

**Citizen Input:** Now that the Christmas lights are on in Old Settlers Park, the Park lights need to be turned off. Also, the Christmas light across the street from the fire station is not working. Mayor Huston will contact Alliant Energy to have the lights in Old Settlers Park shut off and see if the crew can get the Christmas light across from the fire station working again.

**Water Utilities discussed:** No new business to discuss regarding water utilities.

**Fire Department Business:** Fire Chief Jake Zuercher was present to discuss getting the pumps certified on Engine 762 and Tanker 761. Certification of the pumps will be scheduled. The inoperable condition of the foam ops system on Engine 762 was discussed. It will be scheduled to have the foam system checked out and repaired.

Appointment of Fire Chief for the New Virginia Fire Department for 2024 was discussed. Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to re-appoint Jake Zuercher Fire Chief for the New Virginia Fire Department for 2024. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Appointment of Assistant Fire Chief for the New Virginia Fire Department was discussed. Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to re-appoint Mike Bethards Assistant Fire Chief for the New Virginia Fire Department for 2024. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Law Enforcement:** – The report summary from the Sheriff’s Office for the month of November was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 25 calls for service during the month of November. Officers spent in excess of 39 hours in the City for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 248 miles within the city limits for the month. Two citations and/or warnings were written for traffic/parking violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

Sheriff Joe Carico was present to discuss a new Agreement and Contract for law enforcement services. The new Agreement/Contract would lock the rate at the same rate as this fiscal year (\$12,596) for fiscal year 2025, 2026 and 2027. The Agreement will be re-negotiated by the City of New Virginia and the Sheriff prior to the beginning of Fiscal Year 2028.

Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to approve a new Agreement and Contract for law enforcement services between the City of New Virginia and the Warren County Sheriff locking in the rate at the same rate as this fiscal year (\$12,596) for fiscal year 2025, 2026 and 2027 by resolution. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Galivan moved, seconded by Strange to waive a thirty day hearing regarding the a new Agreement and Contract for law enforcement services. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Taylor moved, seconded by Nelson to open the public hearing to pass & approve Resolution 2023-09 A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SALE OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY THAT PORTION OF PINE STREET RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH AND LYING ADJACENT TO AND WEST OF LOT 10, DAVIDSON'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF NEW VIRGINIA, WARREN COUNTY, IOWA. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding the proposed selling of the above described portion of Pine Street, Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Taylor moved, seconded by Nelson pass & approve Resolution 2023-09. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received today regarding the draft of the New Virginia Urban Revitalization Plan. Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to table any further discussion of the New Virginia Urban Revitalization Plan until speaking directly to the company about changes to the draft. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Two bids for snow removal from City streets, alleys & sidewalks for the 2023-24 season were received – Bortell Welding & CNC Plasma Cutting bid – 2 units with V-plows. \$100.00 per hour per unit. Huston's bid – same as 2022-23 at \$85.00 per hour. After reviewing and discussing the bids, Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to approve the Huston bid at \$85.00 per hour. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The outdoor movie venue was discussed including the consideration of a car show/drive-in movie night next summer.

**GAMP UPDATE**  
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No GAMP updates for the month. The person interested in cleaning GAMP Community Building has not been contacted yet. This will be done before the January council meeting. The code to get into the building will also be changed.

**KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM**

The interested parties for the mural project on the north side of the old hardware store will be reviewed and an artist will be selected at the December meeting.

The 2024 Calendar will be planned at the December meeting.

Two people are getting licensed to be able to do fireworks for Old Settlers.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor 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, Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The January council meeting is scheduled for Monday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. **January meeting date – Monday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk