

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
October 7^h, 2024**

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

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

Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Old business: The Christmas light bulb inventory will be checked this month and more ordered if necessary.

Citizen Input: The question was raised if there should be concern about the person selling produce in Old Settlers Park parking his vehicle on the grass. It currently is not a concern since it has not rained for about three weeks.

There was discussion of the Saddle Club having horse drawn wagon rides on City streets and not cleaning up the manure left on the streets. There have been many citizens voice their concern about this.

Halloween Trick or Treat Night for New Virginia is scheduled for Saturday October 26th from 5:30 to 7:30. The school has scheduled a trunk or treat event for the same night. The New Virginia Trick or Treat Night will remain as scheduled.

Water Utilities discussed: An inventory of the type of water lines coming into homes, businesses and buildings must be obtained as well as the type of material the water lines are within homes, businesses and buildings per rules and regulations of the Iowa DNR. This information must be provided to the DNR by October 16th, 2024.

Fire Department Business: The skid unit for Fire Truck 769 is in and at Reliant Fire Apparatus awaiting installation. Lettering and graphics have been done by two different companies. This has to be rectified by Karl Chevrolet.

The City received a letter via email from the Virginia Township Trustees regarding fireworks at the cemetery. There were two representatives from the New Virginia Old Settlers Committee present. There was not a representative from the Virginia Township Trustees present. After reviewing and discussing the letter, it was determined that the Old Settlers Committee had no knowledge of the Trustees concerns following the fireworks display. The Old Settlers Committee is the organization in charge of the fireworks. It was determined there needs to be more communication and better communication before and after the fireworks display between all organizations involved.

Law Enforcement: – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of September was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 30 calls for service during the month of August. Officers spent in excess of 43 hours in the city for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 194 miles within the city limits for the month. One citation and/or

warning was written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

Tax abatement for 509 Maple Street was discussed. Bailey moved, seconded by Dunkin to approve tax abatement for 509 Maple Street for the next cycle of tax abatements processed by the Warren County Assessor. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

GAMP UPDATE

The truck pull went on as scheduled and the rain held off until the end of the pull. There are three people stepping down from the Truck Pull Committee. The functions that will need to be filled include retaining current sponsors and seeking additional sponsors, assigning parking positions and collecting the parking fees, committee chair position. The Council discussed filling these positions and the City taking over the food venue. Discussion will continue regarding the truck pull event at each monthly council meeting.

Cleaning at the GAMP Community Building was discussed. Moving forward, there will be a fixed rate at \$100.00 per month with two cleanings per month from November through May and the City furnishing cleaning supplies.

Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to establish a written user agreement for local organizations that use the GAMP Community Building. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

No new updates. Events being planned for the remainder of 2024. September – October 26th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. – 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.

There was initial discussion on a draft ordinance for chickens.

Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to approve payment of all City bills including a bill coming from Municipal Supply. 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 9:30 p.m.

The November council meeting is scheduled for Monday November 4th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. **November meeting date – Monday November 4th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**

Jennifer Baughman

Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk