

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
December 5th, 2022**

The Council met in regular session on Monday December 5th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the December Council Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Mayor Huston with Council Members Galivan, Truman & Nelson present. Taylor absent.

Minutes from the November regular council meeting and special council meeting and Treasurer's Report were approved.

Old business Discussed: Levi Garner & Rick Finley have been contacted about submitting a bid to provide preventative maintenance on the generator at the fire station if interested.

Citizen Input: Cold mix asphalt has been used to fill cracks in the road at Broadway & West Street, around the street valve for the fire hydrant near the southwest corner of Old Settlers Park, and curbing in front of the fire station. It was discussed there is a bad crack in the 800 block of East Street.

The grate for the storm sewer in the 800 block of East Street has been fabricated and will be installed soon.

Water Utilities Discussed: The water service for 3685 G76 Hwy has been installed. In the process of installing the water service line, the water valve in the street just south of the intersection of West & Broadway developed a leak. The valve had to be replaced.

There have been several positive citizen comments about the Front Desk software for various payment options for water bills.

Law Enforcement: – There was no report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of November.

Fire Department Business: Truman moved, seconded by Nelson to appoint Jake Zuercher as Fire Chief for 2023. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Nelson to appoint Mike Bethards as Assistant Fire Chief for 2023. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Work continues on fire truck 761. The truck is still not starting after replacing the batteries and having the starter rebuilt.

The ambulance was taken to Kelderman's in Oskaloosa to have the air ride system and under carriage inspected. The ambulance needs a new compressor for the air ride system. The air ride system was re-calibrated. The factory end links on the rear sway bar need replaced. This work will be scheduled with Kelderman's after the first of the year.

A letter from the Warren County Board of Supervisors regarding the Warren County 911 Service Board was reviewed and discussed. Mayor Huston will attend an upcoming meeting regarding the Supervisors concerns with the Warren County 911 Service Board.

The City received only one bid for snow removal in the re-bidding process. The Council reviewed the bid from Huston's for the 2022-23 season. After reviewing and discussing the bid, Galivan moved, seconded by Nelson to approve Huston's bid of \$85.00 per hour. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding rezoning 508 West Street from commercial to residential. It was strongly recommended that a second exit be established for both the first and second floors for fire safety reasons. Truman moved, seconded by Nelson to change the zoning of 508 West Street from commercial to residential. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Keep Iowa Beautiful Committee has taken down the banners on the light poles. The Old Settlers Park has been decorated with many Christmas trees and Christmas displays. An ELF Club has been organized. The purpose of the club is to raise funds to get Christmas lights for the big Christmas tree in Old Settlers Park.

Dissolution of the New Virginia Area Development Corporation was discussed. The Corporation has approximately \$7000.00 to disperse to various New Virginia community organization after the legal paperwork is drafted by the City Attorney.

The City is waiting for a response from the City Attorney on questions regarding the need for additional help performing City administrative work/projects.

The City-wide Christmas lighting contest will be judged by the Interstate 35 FFA Club.

Discussion was held regarding trees along the south side of North Street. Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to table this agenda item until the January Council Meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Galivan moved, seconded by Truman 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, Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The January council meeting is scheduled for Monday January 9th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. **January meeting date – Monday January 9th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk

November Revenues

General Fund	10303.64
Fire/Ambulance	5689.24
GAMP	315.93
Debt Service	11.19
Water Utilities	8522.89
Road Use	4614.16
LOST (local option sales tax)	<u>-0-</u>
Total	\$ 29457.05

**** SEE DECEMBER EXPENSES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) ****