

**City Of New Virginia  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The Council met in regular session on Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for the March council meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange at 7:03 p.m. with Council Members Dunkin, Bailey, Galivan, Taylor and Truman present.

Minutes from the February meeting and financial report were approved.

**Old business:** The person interested in the Bill's First Stop property inquired if the building could be separated into suite A & suite B. It was discussed if the property remains one parcel, the building can be separated into suite A & B if cleared by the Warren County 911 Program Director.

After talking with the Iowa Department of Management, it was determined that nothing can be done regarding the taxation monies from Virginia Township for fire & ambulance funding. The tax levy rate for fire & ambulance was omitted from the 2024-25 budget forms.

**Citizen Input:** Stephanie Briggs, with the Hometown Pride Committee, was present to discuss the possibility of utilizing the City website to promote all the activities going on in the New Virginia community and information about the events and activities. The Council is in agreeance with this idea and that the Hometown Pride Committee can work together with Kim McWilliams on this project.

Warren County Veteran Services inquired about using a space somewhere in town 1 or 2 days a month to meet and talk with veterans from the community. It was discussed that the Legion Hall will be contacted to see if their building could be used. A second options would be the GAMP Community Building.

The Warren County Leadership Institute is interested in housing a space for a free little library project in New Virginia. After discussion, it was decided the library house project can be placed next to the flower bed in Old Settlers Park.

Mayor Strange received a citizen complaint about the accumulation of two motor homes and other vehicles on a property in the 600 block of Knotts Street. An official letter will be sent to the property owner regarding this matter.

An issue of vehicles parking on Felton Street was discussed. Ordinances will be reviewed regarding this issue.

The Warren County Historical Commission is interested in attending a council meeting to discuss what they have to offer. A representative(s) will attend a future council meeting.

**Fire Department Business:** Fire Truck 769 update – Fire Chief, Jake Zuercher, was informed that on February 26<sup>th</sup> the fire truck caught on fire in Reliant Fire Apparatus's

parking lot. The fire caused significant damage in the engine compartment. Obviously, there will be a significant delay in getting a finished & completed fire truck as a new truck chassis will be requested to replace the fire damaged truck.

There are some insurance coverage issues with the original fire truck regarding emergency light installation in the amount of \$2500.00 that currently is deemed that City's responsibility.

**Water Utilities discussed:** There will be a routine on-site visit by the DNR on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 that is required for renewal of the water permit issued by the DNR.

**Law Enforcement:** – The January & February Sheriff's Reports were reviewed. In January, there were 31 calls for service received or initiated by Deputies. Twelve citations and/or warnings were written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper. Officers spent in excess of 61 hours in the City of New Virginia for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 215 miles within the city limits of New Virginia for the month of January. In February, there were 23 calls for service received or initiated by Deputies. Two citations and/or warnings were written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper. Officers spent in excess of 52 hours in the City of New Virginia for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 188 miles within the city limits of New Virginia for the month of February.

The detailed findings & recommendations of the periodic examination of City financial records by Denman & Company, LLP were reviewed and signed by Mayor Strange.

A written Investment Policy for the City of New Virginia as required by Chapter 12B.10B of the Code of Iowa was reviewed by the Council & Mayor. Dunkin moved, seconded by Galivan to approve and adopt the written Investment Policy for the City of New Virginia. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

A written Disbursement Policy for the City of New Virginia was reviewed by the Council & Mayor. Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to approve and adopt the Disbursement Policy for the City of New Virginia. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The 2025-26 fiscal year budget plan was finalized to complete information required in the Proposed Tax Levy Form. Taylor moved, seconded by Bailey to approve the Proposed Property Tax Levy for publication and to schedule a public hearing for the City of New Virginia Proposed Property Tax Levy Monday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### **GAMP UPDATE**

Updates to the truck pull flyer were reviewed and discussed.

Galivan advised there is a business that is possibly interested in sponsoring the entire truck pull.

The GAMP Building Rental Contract was reviewed. Galivan moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the GAMP Building Rental Contract. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There will be a meeting on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the food venue and all other functions for the truck pull scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM**

**Upcoming Events in 2025:** March 16, Sunday 2-5 p.m. music jam @ GAMP Community Bldg.; March 29, Saturday 7-10 p.m. – Country Dance @ NV Legion Hall (Line Dancing Lessons @ 6 p.m.); April 27, Sunday 2-4 p.m. - Kite Flying Event @ NV Cemetery; July 11-13 – NV Old Settlers; September 21, Sunday - End of Summer Social (confirmed – location Hickory Hills); October – NV Trunk or Treat; November – country dance (Tentative); December 12 (Friday) & December 13 (Saturday) Christmas Home Tour. Four homes have committed to the 2025 Christmas Home Tour. The Committee is looking for new avenues for getting information out to the public. New merchandise considerations include T-shirts and stickers.

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**ELF CLUB**

No new updates.

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**TRI CORNER EXPRESS**

The two-page ad fee was reviewed by the Council for clarification of price break-down. After discussion, it was the Council’s determination that regular monthly customers are getting a reasonable rate for a two-page ad at \$85.00 and that the fee for a one page ad will remain \$175.00.

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Updates to the City software are on hold while the software company works on glitches in the system.

Old Settlers city-wide garage sale will be Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

City-wide curbside clean-up day will be Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The Old Settlers Committee wants to know the date for Halloween Trick or Treat Night. Tentative dates are Friday October 31<sup>st</sup> or Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup>.

LOST Fund transfers to the General, Water Utilities and Road Use Funds were discussed. Truman moved seconded by Galivan to transfer the necessary LOST Fund monies to the General, Water Utilities and Road Use Funds. A roll call vote taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Bailey 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, Taylor moved, seconded by Bailey to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

The April council meeting is scheduled for Monday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. **April meeting date – Monday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk

<u>City of New Virginia January Deposits</u>	
General	2743.06
GAMP	317.66
Fire	5540.14
Elf Club	0.00
Road Use	4431.90
LOST	8435.86
Debt Service	12.30
Water Utilities	<u>9456.29</u>
Grand Total	\$30937.21