

**City Of New Virginia  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The Council met in regular session on Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the December Council Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Huston with Council Members Strange, Truman and Zuercher present and Galivan present via phone. Absent Nelson.

The Council was advised of two items that needed to be added to the agenda. Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to add #3 to Other Miscellaneous 5. D. regarding appointing Fire Chief and add #4 to Other Miscellaneous 5. D. regarding EMS Contingency Plan & EMS System Response Agreement with Osceola Volunteer Fire Department. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

Old business discussed. The City has been awarded \$7424.82 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. There still has not been a determination made on the fire station walk-in door to date. Christmas Light Contest sponsors were discussed.

There was a citizen inquiry about closing the alley on the north side of the Manor on West Street. The Council will not close the alley due to property owners that have to use the alley for access to their properties.

The City received an email inquiry about a large number of feral cats in the 800 block of West Street. A return email will be sent to contact Kiya Koda Humane Society.

The City received an email inquiry about a noise ordinance due to loud music in a neighborhood. A return email will be sent with pertinent sections of ordinance pertaining to noise.

Shane Blakely of Blakely Tree Service has some ash trees to take down in New Virginia. Blakely inquired if the City has a place for the trees that will be cut down. It was agreed to allow Blakely to place the trees on the west side of GAMP.

Matt Strange is considering to build an addition to his shop building. Strange has talked to Everett Kephart of the Board of Adjustment Committee. Mayor Huston has not heard anything from either one of them to date.

Water Utilities discussed. Matt Strange advised he has low water pressure in the second level of his shop building. The water pressure was checked at the fire station and found to 45psi which is a normal reading. A pressure check will be done on the fire hydrant at Knotts & West Street. There is no indication of any leaks in the water main along West Street at the north end of town.

Warren Water will be contacted about the possibility of placing a hydrant on their main on the north side of North Street. It will also be inquired if a bypass valve could possibly be placed in the meter pit on Davidson Street to allow more water flow in the event of a large fire within the city limits.

**Law Enforcement** – The report summary from the Sheriff’s Office for the month of October was reviewed. Twenty nine calls were received or initiated in the community during the month. There were three citations/warnings written in the New Virginia area during the month. Officers spent in excess of 57.25 hours in the community for the month of October.

### **GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**December 7, 2020**

The following are the balances for the GAMP accounts: Money Market \$34937.76; Regular Account \$1032.13. The rentals for November and December are very few due to the current COVID guidance. We still have a few groups utilizing the building and with each use, we have had an extra cleaning and sanitizing process done. We have purchased hand sanitizing stations to use at the building as well. Brent hopes to get those up soon as well as the automated external defibrillator (AED). We are still strongly suggesting all who enter wear masks and social distancing. We are also asking renters to operate at the 50% capacity.

### **NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The New Virginia Playground Committee has not met due to COVID-19. We hope to schedule a meeting after the first of the year. We are currently working with Prairie Meadows to grant an extension on our grant for the second shelter house. Through email discussions, the group decided to wait until after we pour the remaining concrete at the park to install the new grills. The account balance is \$11856.82.

### **KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM**

The account balance is \$9055.80. The Committee has received two additional donations for banners. The window panels on the second story of The Depot Restaurant will be painted with a Home Town Theme. High school students are working on the designs for the panels. After the start of the new year, the Committee will discuss new ideas for 2021.

More information regarding cost figures was presented to the Council for the proposed disc golf project. The cost of hardware for a 9 hole disc golf course is \$3300.00; concrete + labor \$2050.00; wood \$251.00. To date, there has been no cost figures received for signs. The current amount of the project without cost for signs is \$5601.00.

The Council was updated on the City website. More information continues to be placed on the website. The City website is [newvirginia.com](http://newvirginia.com).

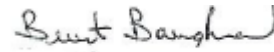
Jake Zuercher was selected for appointment to the position of Fire Chief of the New Virginia Fire Department. Galivan moved, seconded by Strange to approve Jake Zuercher as Fire Chief of the New Virginia Fire Department. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained from voting. Motion carried. Jake Zuercher was officially appointed as Fire Chief of the New Virginia Fire Department by Mayor Huston.

Strange moved, seconded by Galivan to approve an EMS Contingency Plan between Osceola Volunteer Fire Department and New Virginia Volunteer Fire Department. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Strange moved, seconded by Galivan to approve an EMS System Response Agreement between Osceola Volunteer Fire Department and New Virginia Volunteer Fire Department. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Zuercher to approve payment of all City bills and GAMP bills. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to come forth, Galivan moved, seconded by Zuercher to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. The January council meeting is scheduled for Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. **January meeting date – Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.**



Brent Baughman, City Clerk

**November Revenues**

General Fund	8462.84
Fire/Ambulance	7378.84
Debt Service	1.50
Water Utilities	7002.97
Road Use	4506.96
LOST (local option sales tax)	<u>21848.62</u>
Total	\$49201.73

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