

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
March 6th, 2023**

The Council met in regular session on Monday March 6th, 2023, at 7:03 p.m. for the March Council Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Huston with Council Members Galivan, Nelson, Taylor, and Truman, present.

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

Old business discussed: The water meter has been placed in the meter pit at 3685 Highway G76. There will be a piece of pipe put in place where the remote valve goes until it is delivered. The line was also flushed and remained clear for the entire time it was open.

Citizen Input: Postcard received regarding the Christmas Lighting Contest was reviewed.

There has been citizen complaints about dogs barking at the south end of Main Street.

Water Utilities discussed: There was a water leak in the month of February that was located in a private service line within a house in the 600 block of Grand Avenue. The water meter froze and broke. After discovering the leak, the water was quickly shut off. The meter was replaced and the water was turned back on.

Utility easements for the water line extended to 3685 G76 Hwy were reviewed.

Fire Department Business: The Council reviewed price quotes from Speed Tech Lights for new emergency light bars for Engine 761 & Attack Truck 768 and a new siren box for Attack Truck 768. The price quote for the above items is \$2024.91. Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the price quote of \$2024.91 for two new emergency light bars and one siren box. 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 February was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 12 calls for service during the month. Officers spent in excess of 45 hours in the City for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 229 miles within the city limits for the month. One citation and/or warning was written for a traffic violation that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to approve Kelsey Brown to replace Monica Strange on the New Virginia Public Library Board. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

FY 2023-2024 Budget: The proposed 2023-24 fiscal year New Virginia City Budget was reviewed and discussed. Adjustments were made to the Local Option Sales Tax and the Gas & Electric Franchise Tax for the 2023-24 fiscal year. The General Fund will receive 45% from each of the two taxes, the Water Utilities Fund will receive 45% and

the Road Use Fund will receive 10%. It was discussed to reduce the 45% rate of the Local Option Sales Tax & Gas & Electric Franchise Tax in the General Fund and leave the tax rate the same as fiscal year 2023. It was decided to leave the General tax rate for fiscal year 2023-24 as presented to the Council. Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to make the above changes and approve the 2023-24 fiscal year New Virginia City Budget. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Final budget forms will be completed and submitted to the Indianola RHT/Independent Advocate for publication. A public hearing will be held at the April 8th, 2023 council meeting to adopt the 2023-24 fiscal year New Virginia City Budget. For a home valued at \$150,000.00, city taxes are projected to decrease a total of approximately \$18.54. The budget is available for viewing by contacting the Mayor or City Clerk. A copy of the budget will also be available for viewing at the New Virginia Public Library.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

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The sign to the entrance of GAMP Park on West Street is being made. The disc golf course will go in this spring. The disc golf baskets will be removable.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$4,782.20. There was no update from the Keep Iowa Beautiful/Hometown Pride Committee. The ELF Club is separate from the Keep Iowa Beautiful/Hometown Pride Committee. The ELF Club is continuing to raise funds for Christmas lights for the big Christmas tree in Old Settlers Park.

It was discussed that Pine Street needs gravel.

Old Settlers Bingo Night is scheduled for Saturday, March 25th, 2023.

City curbside Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th, 2023. More information regarding the Spring Cleanup will be published in the April Tri Corner and placed in the April water bills.

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

With no further business to come forth, Galivan moved, seconded by Taylor to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The April council meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 8th, 2023, at 7:00 a.m. **April meeting date – Saturday April 8th, 2023 at 7:00 a.m.**



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk

February 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 MARCH EXPENSES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) ****