

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
December 6th, 2021**

The Council met in regular session on Monday December 6th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the December Council Meeting.

Norville Huston was officially sworn-in as Mayor through December 31, 2023.

Justin Strange and Jarad Taylor were officially sworn-in as Council Members through December 31, 2025.

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

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

Old business discussed: Precision Tree Care called to say they have completed the tree trimming in New Virginia. It was mentioned we need to look at the trees along 510 Pine.

Strange reported he has fixed the water drainage issues at 202 Broadway.

The City has received a bill from Accu-Jet for services rendered regarding the water leak caused by boring in the fiber optic line. Clerk Baughman will forward the information to Omnitel.

Citizen Input: Terry Stuart inquired about purchasing land next to his place for building a garage. Stuart will get the land surveyed and be in touch with the council for the next steps.

The disc golf project is still on hold at the current time.

Mayor Huston mentioned we need to complete the closing of the alley behind the old laundry mat and behind/beside Irvin Taylor's property. Clerk Baughman will contact the City's attorney in regard to these two alleys.

Water Utilities discussed: Councilmember Galivan reported the possibility of a water leak after the main but before the meter at 806 East Street. The resident would like the City to shut of the water for an extended period of time to verify this. Clerk Baughman will arrange this with the resident.

The City had another water leak at 718 Knotts Street. The leak was a result of boring the fiber lines. The leak was isolated and repaired within a day.

Clerk Baughman reported the drop box for water payments has been shipped and should be arriving within the next week. Discussion was held regarding placement of the drop box for water bill payments. The drop box will be placed at the Hen House close to the black boxes for the Sign and The Tri-Corner-Express.

Clerk Baughman updated the Council that the new ultra-sonic water meters have been ordered. There is an eight to twelve week lead time on the order. We hope to receive those in mid February.

Law Enforcement: – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of November was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 15 calls for service during the month. Officers spent in excess of 42 hours in the City for the month. Zero citations and/or warnings were written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

Fire Department Business: The City Council approved the appointment of Jacob Zuercher as Fire Chief and Mike Bethards, as Assistant Fire Chief.

The group Volunteer Firefighter AD&D policy through TrueNorth was discussed. The information was taken to the fire department meeting and discussed. The members of the department recommended the City purchase this for fire department members only. After discussion Galivan motioned seconded by Strange to purchase the AD&D policy for the members of the department only. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The generator for the fire station is ready to be installed. Clerk Baughman will contact Mike Bethards in regards to pouring a concrete pad. Mayor Huston will work on arranging the wiring. This will be wired for a switch to have it run once a month to keep it in proper working order.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

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Our rentals are steady with the Holiday season upon us. We are looking at pouring the concrete in front of the East door before cold weather.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Committee has not been able to schedule a meeting yet to finalize the sign project as well as the memorial tree. I will send out an email in order to get the two projects completed. Our account balance is \$2,510.82

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$2,222.72. The Committee is planning for the lighted walk-way in the Old Settlers Park on Sunday December 12th along with Santa at the Lions Hall. The hanging of the painted murals above the Depot has been postponed until spring. The Committee is working with DSI to put up a Veterans Memorial at the Legion Hall. There will be pillars for each branch of the military included in this memorial.

Mayor Huston handed the Councilmembers a sheet to list short/long term ideas/projects for the City to consider. These will be reviewed at the January council meeting.

The New Virginia Hazardous Mitigation Plan was turned into Warren County on November 29th.

It was mentioned to see if the City could get a Pepsi Machine in town. A representative of Pepsi was contacted. They will not deliver to New Virginia. The City would have to go and pick up the product at one of their delivery locations.

It was mentioned we needed to complete the Code and Ordinance update process. Clerk Baughman stated she is waiting on the Iowa Codification Company to send the next set of questions to be reviewed by the Council.

Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan 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, Strange moved, seconded by Galivan to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The January council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 4th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. **January meeting date – Tuesday January 4th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Baughman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk