

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
February 3rd, 2025**

The Council met in regular session on Monday February 3rd, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for the February council meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange with Council Members Dunkin, Bailey, Taylor and Truman present. Absent Galivan.

Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Old business: No new updates and no items or issues to discuss.

Citizen Input: Eric Brown was present to discuss with the Council his interest in possibly purchasing the 401 West Street property, formerly known as Bill's 1st Stop. Brown is interested in opening a small car lot of five or less vehicles. Brown is also considering selling fuel and a small convenience store with BBQ food items. Brown will need a zoning letter from the City of New Virginia for the Department of Transportation approving the location for a dealership license as well as a recycler/rebuilder's license. An approval letter will be drafted to the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Councilmember Dunkin was approached by a citizen about the possibility of the City hiring a maintenance person. Mayor Strange mentioned the need for planning meetings to discuss future needs and projects.

Updates to the Tri Corner Express By-Laws were reviewed. Bailey moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the Tri Corner Express By-Laws pending final updates from this meeting's discussions are reviewed by the Council. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Water Utilities discussed: During the month of January, the top half of the water tower drain pipe fell to the ground. The bottom half of the drain pipe remains intact and secured to the riser pipe. Maguire Iron has been contacted about this issue. An onsite visit will be scheduled for repair recommendations and price quotes.

Fire Department Business: Fire Truck 769 update – Fire Chief, Jake Zuercher, was informed that the skid unit water tank was damaged and now the manufacturer is waiting for a new tank so the skid unit can be rebuilt again. After the skid unit is installed, the truck will have to go back to Karl's Chevrolet for some final work before it is ready to be put in service.

The Council was informed that during the process of working on the City budget, it was discovered during the re-estimation of the current 2024-25 budget, there has not been any tax monies received from Virginia Township other than \$122.08 in July, 2024. It appears the tax levy rate for fire and ambulance in Virginia Township did not get certified. The Virginia Township Clerk has a call into the Warren County Attorney for guidance on this major issue. The City Clerk was directed to contact the City Attorney regarding this matter.

Law Enforcement: – The January Sheriff’s Report was not received prior to this meeting.

Mayor Strange was given an explanation of why the monthly Sheriff’s Report shows rural address calls for service. Due to software changes with the GIS and Geo-Comm Mapping Systems, extra calls for service are currently being pulled into the monthly reports. The Sheriff’s Office is working with Global/TAC10 to address this, but a solution could take a few months.

Dunkin moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the City of New Virginia assuming financial responsibility of all remaining New Virginia Area Development Corporation City State Bank accounts. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The 2025-26 City Budget was reviewed and discussed. The Iowa Department of Management will be consulted to verify all rates and amounts are within the guidelines allowed.

The possibility of a middle school clean-up day was discussed. There are various clean-up projects that can be worked on. The City Clerk was given the ok to inform the school staff member to plan for the event.

GAMP UPDATE

Two bags of Ice Melt have been purchased for the GAMP Community Building.

After numerous attempts at trying to contact Cintas requesting quotes for cleaning supplies and other services, there has been no response back. Other options were discussed including Aramark, Ecolab and Capital Sanitary Supply. The fire department has been using Capital Sanitary Supply for several years. Capital Sanitary Supply will be contacted about providing further cleaning supplies and other services for the City.

There will be a meeting on Thursday, February 20th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the food venue for the truck pull scheduled for June 28th.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

Upcoming Events in 2025: February 16, Sunday 2-5 p.m. music jam @ GAMP Community Bldg.; March 16, Sunday 2-5 p.m. music jam @ GAMP Community Bldg.; March 29, Saturday 7-10 p.m. – Country Dance @ NV Legion Hall; April 27, Sunday - Kite Flying Event; 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. The consideration of an additional artwork mural has been tabled. The Committee is looking for new avenues for getting information out to the public. New merchandise considerations include T-shirts and stickers.

ELF CLUB

The star Christmas tree topper has been taken down and placed in the City storage unit. The lights on the Christmas tree only worked to about halfway up the tree due to a broken wire/bulb. This problem will be taken care of before next Christmas season. It was mentioned that the electrical plug-in below the Christmas tree only works sporadically. Councilman Taylor will trouble-shoot the electrical outlet.

TRI CORNER EXPRESS

Updates to the Tri Corner Express By-Laws were approved pending final updates from this meeting's discussions being reviewed by the Council.

Updates to the City software will go live on February 12th, 2025.

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

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

Recommendations from accounting firm Denman & Company regarding the periodic exam of City financials and records were reviewed. A written report from Denman & Company listing the recommendations will be delivered soon.

Emails about House File 718, Iowa Finance Authority and property tax survey were discussed.

Truman moved, seconded by Dunkin 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, Dunkin moved, seconded by Truman to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

The March council meeting is scheduled for Monday March 3rd, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
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Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk