

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

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

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

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

Old business discussed: Items and services purchased to close out June and the 2020-2021 city budget include: outdoor movie projector and inflatable screen, a set of concrete cornhole game boards for Lions Park, Bound Tree – medical supplies for ambulance, Central Tank Coatings, Inc. – water tower maintenance projects, D&L Electric & Auto Sales – upgrade Lions Stand electrical wiring, Dryseal Roofing – metal roof & siding replacement at fire station, InRoads Asphalt Paving & Materials – 2021 street maintenance, MCB Construction – summer/fall projects including new concrete basketball court in Lions Park and concrete pads for disc golf course in GAMP Park, one new regular porta potty and one ADA porta potty, Rick's Dirtwork & Repair – installation of water service to Lions Stand in Old Settlers Park, Iowa Southern Council of Governments – FY 2022 membership dues, Simmering-Cory/ Iowa Codification – City Ordinance updates, Stryker Medical – Life Pak 15 heart monitor/defibrillator, Sandry Fire Supply – thermal imaging camera, self-contained breathing apparatus x 2, 17 pairs of firefighting gloves, Savage Excavating – replacement of two fire hydrants and East Street storm sewer project.

The mowing of city properties was discussed. There has been numerous citizen complaints about mowing not getting done in a timely manner and trimming/weed eating not getting done.

The sign for GAMP Park along West Street is deteriorating and falling apart. It was discussed to replace the current sign with a metal sign.

Properties that are not mowed and trimmed on a regular basis including ditches were discussed. Discussion included having the properties mowed including the ditches and send a bill to the property owners.

Nelson moved, seconded by Zuercher to get bids for trimming trees 16 feet above street level with property owners to be billed for any trees that are hanging over into streets that are on private property. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the possibility of forming a committee for movie nights with the purchase of the outdoor projector and screen.

Water Utilities discussed: Nelson moved, seconded by Zuercher to pass and approve Resolution #2021-13 – A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE SOUTHERN IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement – The report summary from the Sheriff’s Office for the month of June was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 9 calls for service during the month. Officers spent in excess of 37 hours in the City for the month. There were no citations and/or warnings written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to pass and approve Resolution #2021-12 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA AND FMTC-I35, INC. REGARDING USE OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FOR FIBER OPTIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Galivan moved, seconded by Zuercher to pass and approve agreement regarding use of public right of way for fiber optic communications system. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to pass and approve the City of New Virginia taking over financial responsibility of the GAMP City State Bank Account. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Fire Department Business: Zuercher advised the Council that Woodburn Fire Department is interested in an automatic mutual aid agreement with the New Virginia Fire Department where both Departments would agree to give fire and other emergency response assistance when dispatched on a reciprocal basis. Galivan moved, seconded by Strange to decline an automatic mutual aid agreement with Woodburn but can call New Virginia Fire Department for assistance at any time the need arises. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays, Zuercher abstained from voting. Motion carried.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

June 6, 2021

The following are the balances for the GAMP accounts: Money Market \$33,934.02; Regular Account \$1,277.58. Our rentals have picked up for this past month. We have had several parties in the building. We have hired a new cleaning person, Gentry Burton, will now clean the GAMP building. Per recommendations of the City Council at the June meeting, we have stopped sanitizing after every use per the new guidelines from the CDC. The disc golf course will be installed here in the near future.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

There have been 3 more ash trees removed at the playground due to being in a dead or dying state. We will have two new benches placed there as well. We will be replacing the concrete at the basketball court hopefully this fall. Our account balance is \$1,110.82

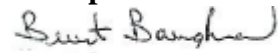
KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$1,934.72. The Hometown Pride Meeting was cancelled for June. The banners have been placed on the light poles.

The generator from Everystep will be available this fall sometime in October.

Strange moved, seconded by Zuercher 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, Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The August council meeting is scheduled for Monday August 9th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. **August meeting date – Monday August 9th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**



Brent Baughman, City Clerk