

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
June 3rd, 2024**

The Council met in regular session on Monday June 3rd, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. for the June council meeting.

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

Minutes from the May meetings were approved.

Old business discussed: The storm drainage project at East Street & Dunn Street was discussed. The project will be privately paid.

A letter composed to a property owner for ordinance violations was reviewed and will be sent out.

Mark & Teresa Mattson were present to discuss the elm trees near the alley south of their house. The Mattson's want to keep the west tree and understands that it does need trimmed. The Mattson's are willing to work through this and pay a portion of the cost.

During one of the early morning wind storms in May, a very large tree limb blew into West Street just south of North Street and caused electrical line problems that Alliant Energy had to repair. Deputy City Clerk Baughman and his son Ross had to cut up and remove the tree limb from the road. Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey to pay \$25.00/hr. for the tree limb removal. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Citizen Input: There is a broken section of retaining wall for holding in the mulch at Lions Park. Boland Playground Equipment Company will be contacted about this issue.

There is a growth of trees near the end of a storm drain culvert at Border & Stansell Streets as well as large pieces of concrete. The trees will be removed and Steve Savage will be contacted to get a bid for removing the concrete.

The wood sheeting on the upper part of the Hen House is starting to rot out. The City will seek bids for repairing/replacing the wood sheeting.

There is a drainage problem along the south side of North Street. There are wood chips from having cotton wood trees removed that are blocking the flow of storm water. Steve Savage will be contacted to get a bid for removing the wood chips to allow for proper storm water drainage.

A property at East & Dunn Street not being maintained and mowed was discussed. A letter will be sent to the property owner including pertinent ordinance sections regarding this matter.

There is a tree in the 800 block of West Street that had a large limb blow down during the same storm as mentioned above. The tree limb fell onto private property. The property owner would like to see the entire maple tree removed. The City Attorney will be consulted about all the trees that have been discussed and get an opinion on what the City's responsibility is for these trees.

Water Utilities discussed: Nothing to discuss.

Fire Department Business: A bid sheet for repair of the fire station as a result of a water leak was reviewed. The bid sheet will be presented to people bidding the project.

There are no new updates on the progress of Fire Truck 769.

A purchasing policy for the fire department was reviewed. Bailey moved, seconded by Galivan to approve the New Virginia Fire Department Purchasing Policy. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of May was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 22 calls for service during the month of May. Officers spent in excess of 36 hours in the city for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 200 miles within the city limits for the month. Six citations and/or warnings were written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

The current city budget fund balances were reviewed.

GAMP UPDATE

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Command strips have been placed on walls in the GAMP Community Building by renters as part of the decorating process for events. This has caused damage to the walls.

The busiest part of the rental season for the GAMP Community Building is over. Cleaning of the building will be scaled back to once a month.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

There are several events being planned for in 2024. July Old Settlers booth will be Christmas in July event to pre-sale Country Christmas Home Tour tickets. September – End of Summer Social Date: September 29th. October – Scarecrow Stroll/contest and Trunk or Treat. December – Country Christmas Holiday Home Tour Friday December 6th from 4 to 7p.m and Saturday December 7th from 10 a.m. to 4p.m.

ELF CLUB

No new updates.

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Servicing City owned kybos was discussed. The vendor that did the servicing last has changed their policy and pre-payment must be made prior servicing the kybos. A kybo business in Murray will be contacted to see what their policies and rates are.

Galivan moved, seconded by Bailey 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, Dunkin moved, seconded by Bailey to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

The July council meeting is scheduled for Monday July 8th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. **July meeting date – Monday July 8th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk