

**City Of New Virginia  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The Council met in regular session on Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the September Council Meeting.

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

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

Trees at East & Taylor Streets have been trimmed.

Gravel has been placed in the street cut-out on south Main Street. A contractor has been contacted about repairing street cut-outs on south Main Street and Dunn Street.

Mayor Huston had a citizen complaint about dogs doing their business in yards other than the owner's yard. Citizens are reminded that their dogs are to be confined to their own yards and shall not be allowed to run loose.

There is a light pole that has a significant lean in the 800 block of East Street on the east side of the road. Matt Higgins with Alliant Energy will be contacted about the pole.

A proposed storm sewer project in the 800 block of East Street was reviewed. The project will be considered next summer in the new fiscal year.

It was discussed that several of the Christmas lights need new bulbs. An inventory will be taken and new LED bulbs will be ordered.

Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to approve a 28E Agreement and Contract for fire protection and emergency response services between the City of New Virginia and Virginia Township in Warren County Iowa. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Payment options for the payment of replacing grass truck #769 were discussed. A municipal lease purchase through GM Financial was reviewed. Payment options have been discussed with City State Bank as well and options are being drafted at this time. City Attorney Stuyvesant will be contacted regarding the possibility of an emergency essential bond to pay for the truck.

**Law Enforcement** – There was no report summary from the Sheriff's Office for review.

Nelson moved, seconded by Strange to approve and resolve Resolution 2020-07 – A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND APPROVE NEW VIRGINIA CITY STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FROM JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The City has received draft ordinances from Alliant Energy for renewal of gas and electric franchises, along with a draft resolution approving and adopting a revenue purpose statement for the use of revenues from the electric and natural gas franchise fee. A check-off sheet showing the proper steps to implement a franchise fee was also reviewed. All the above information and documents will be forwarded to the City Attorney for review.

### **GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE**

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The following are the balances for the GAMP accounts: Money Market \$22752.90; Regular Account \$865.37. We have opened up the GAMP Community Building for rentals. Capital Supply will be installing cleaning products this week for sanitizing the building after each use. We have someone clean and sanitize the building after every rental. We will also have signs in regard to wearing masks and social distancing. We will operate at the 50% capacity.

### **NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE**

We have not met due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Playground Committee has received an extension to complete the shelter project. We will schedule the construction on the new shelter as soon as we can. We will pour an additional concrete pad on the north side of the new shelter house when possible. We will be installing the 2 new grills (one by each shelter) as soon as possible. Our account balance is \$11,782.82.

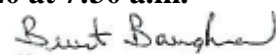
### **KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM**

The account balance is \$6661.28. The Committee has raised the \$2000.00 needed to meet the grant requirement. There has been approximately 10 banners sold. The Committee will work and try to get banners that will fit into the Christmas light brackets. The Committee has reviewed a draft mural that will be placed on the side of the building south of the bank.

After discussing whether to have Trick or Treat Night, the Council decided to go ahead with it. Trick or Treat Night will be Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6 to 8 p.m. If citizens do not want to participate, porch lights should not be turned on.

Zuercher moved, seconded by Galivan to approve payment of all City bills and GAMP bills. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to come forth, Strange moved, seconded by Nelson to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The October council meeting is scheduled for Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. **October meeting date – Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.**



Brent Baughman, City Clerk