

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
January 9th, 2023**

The Council met in regular session on Monday January 9th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the January Council Meeting. There were several members of the Boy Scout Troop present to observe and earn credit towards receiving a merit badge.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Huston with Council Members Galivan, Truman, Taylor & Nelson present.

Truman moved, seconded by Galivan to approve minutes from the December council meeting and Treasurer's Report. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Old business Discussed: Levi Garner will provide preventative maintenance on the generator at the fire station.

The grate for the storm sewer in the 800 block of East Street has been installed.

Citizen Input: There was no citizen input.

Water Utilities Discussed: Discussion was held regarding purchasing extra accounts for FrontDesk online water bill payments. Galivan moved, seconded by Taylor to purchase an additional 50 accounts for FrontDesk online water bill payments. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: – The report summaries from the Sheriff's Office for the months of November and December were reviewed. In November, six calls for service were received or initiated by Deputies. There were no citations/or warnings written for traffic violations within the City of New Virginia proper. Officers spent in excess of 31 hours in the City for the month of November. In December, fifteen calls for service were received or initiated by Deputies. There were three citations and/or warnings written for traffic violations within the City of New Virginia proper. Officers spent in excess of 39 hours in the City for the month of December. Officers patrolled in excess of 136 miles within the city limits for the month.

Fire Department Business: Fire truck 761 is up and running and back in service. It had a bad battery ground traced to the top of the transmission.

Update on Ambulance 241 – A quote was received from Kelderman Manufacturing for \$1,449.00 which includes compressor conversion kit, factory end links for the rear, bushing kit and labor. Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to approve the Kelderman Manufacturing quote of \$1,449.00 for work to be done on Ambulance 241. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The cost for the electrical installation of the generator at the fire station was discussed. The invoice was an additional \$5584.84 than the initial estimate. It was discussed and decided that multiple bids need to be obtained for any future electrical projects.

Truman moved, seconded by Nelson to pass and approve Resolution 2023-01 - A RESOLUTION NAMING CITY STATE BANK AND IOWA PUBLIC AGENCY INVESTMENT TRUST (IPAIT) DEPOSITORIES OF CITY FUNDS. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the designation of the Indianola RHT/Independent Advocate as official paper for publication of City Budget, State of Iowa Annual Financial Report, Ordinances and any other necessary legal publications for 2023. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the designation of the Tri Corner Express as official paper for publication of City Council Meeting Minutes, public notices and any other legal publications for 2023. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the re-appointment of Robert Stuyvesant as City Attorney for the City of New Virginia for 2023. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the re-appointment of City Clerk Jennifer Baughman; Deputy City Clerk Brent Baughman; Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Truman for 2023. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There was initial discussion of the 2023-24 city budget. Galivan mentioned personally coming up with fundraiser ideas to raise money to donate to the City to go into the water utilities fund. It was discussed to budget in \$500.00 for Tri Corner Express funding.

A design for a new sign at the entrance to GAMP Park on West Street was reviewed and discussed. The general consensus was to continue work on a new sign at the West Street entrance to GAMP Park.

The many Christmas trees and displays placed in Old Settlers Park by the Keep Iowa Beautiful Committee was a huge success with numerous positive comments. Kudos to the Committee for a job well done. Hopefully it can be a project that will continue to grow and be bigger and better each year. Part of becoming bigger and better is the establishment of The ELF Club. The Club has already received over \$900.00 in donations that will be used to purchase lights for the big Christmas tree in Old Settlers Park.

Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to approve Joe Stuart to replace Mel Stills on the New Virginia Library Board. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The need for additional help performing City administrative work/projects was discussed. The Council reviewed a job description which will be forwarded to the City Attorney for review.

Discussion was held regarding trees along the south side of North Street. The consensus was to have professional tree removal services look at the trees and get cost estimates for their removal.

The Council discussed financial assistance for the Tri Corner Express. Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to figure into the 2022-23 City Budget funding for the Tri Corner Express. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Galivan moved, seconded by Taylor 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, Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The February council meeting is scheduled for Monday February 6th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. **February meeting date – Monday February 6th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Baughman".

Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk