

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
April 6th, 2020**

The Council met in regular session on Monday April 6th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the April Council Meeting.

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

Minutes from the March Council Meeting and Treasurer's Report were approved.

A letter was received from a citizen concerned about people walking down the middle of streets and not yielding to vehicles as well as bicycles carelessly riding on city streets. It is recommended to walk facing oncoming traffic on the same side of the road as oncoming traffic. City Ordinance 24.55 PEDESTRIANS ON LEFT states pedestrians shall at all times when walking upon a street or highway where there is no sidewalk walk on the left side of such street or highway. When bicycling, you will want to ride on the right (going in the same direction as automobile traffic). City Ordinance 25.04 RIDING ON ROADWAYS states every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride to the right-hand side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. Please be courteous to other vehicles on the streets when walking or riding a bicycle and abide by the Ordinances stated above.

Water utilities discussed. The current water service ordinance was discussed. Copies of the ordinance will be emailed to councilmembers to review for discussion at the May council meeting.

Zuercher moved, seconded by Nelson to discontinue the water bill for the vacant property of 307 Main Street. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

A person not working because of the mandates set forth due to COVID-19 inquired about waiving late fees on water bills. After thorough discussion of this inquiry, Zuercher moved, seconded by Truman to waive late fees for water usage on the April and May water bills. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Mayor & Council were updated on the City taking over operation of the fire department. The Virginia Township Trustees will need to officially sell the fire station building, vehicles and equipment to the City following the proper legal process. Documents for the transfer of operation of the fire department from Virginia Township to the City of New Virginia were reviewed. The documents reviewed included a fire department draft ordinance, hazardous substance spills draft ordinance and draft 28E agreement between the City of New Virginia & Virginia Township. Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to approve all above stated draft documents. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. All of these documents will be forwarded to the City Attorney for finalization.

A 28E Agreement for Mutual Assistance with the Warren County Fire & EMS Association was reviewed. Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to approve the 28E Agreement for Mutual Assistance with the Warren County Fire & EMS Association. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement – The report summary from the Sheriff’s Office for the month of February was reviewed. forty-one calls were received or initiated in the community during the month. Three citations/warnings were written in the New Virginia area. Officers logged in excess of 58.75 hours for the month in the community.

Draft Ordinance #109 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA was reviewed. There will be a public hearing set for the first reading of this Ordinance at the May 2nd, 2020 council meeting.

The current city budget and fund balances were reviewed for the need of any budget amendments.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

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The following are the balances for the GAMP accounts: Money Market \$23010.77; Regular Account \$965.37. The Tot Time director has stepped down due to personal reasons. We will need to find a new director for the program at this time. The GAMP Community Building has been closed for any and all use due to COVID-19. There were two lights that came down near the crow’s nest during a wind storm this winter/early spring. The lights will need to be replaced.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

We have not met since the March 7th meeting after the dance. We will hold another meeting after the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. We have received notice our trash bins and grills have been completed. We will look to get those when possible due to COVID-19. We reviewed our grants – Jennifer sent messages to both WCPP and Prairie Meadows in regard to the completion of these two projects. Due to COVID-19, we are unable to complete the work for these projects at the current time. WCPP has extended us out for their grant. Jennifer has not heard back from Prairie Meadows. Our account balance is \$17820.64.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$169.00. The bricks have been put up around the welcome signs. Thank you to John Allsup for all of his hard work. The committee is still working on trying to get a mural painted on the north side of the old fire station and also possibly on the south side of Voltmer’s building north of the fire station.

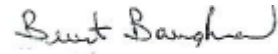
Nelson moved, seconded by Strange to replace two lights blown down at GAMP Park near the crow’s nest. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Mayor and Council extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to John Allsup for his great work and volunteering his time and labor laying the bricks around the welcome signs at the east and north edge of town.

NOTICE - The spring curbside clean-up day scheduled for May 9th has been postponed until late summer or early fall.

Nelson moved, seconded by Strange to approve payment of all City bills and GAMP bills. A roll call vote was taken: 4 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: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m. The May council meeting is scheduled for Saturday May 2nd, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. **May meeting date – Saturday May 2nd, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.**



Brent Baughman, City Clerk

March Revenues

General Fund	3407.34
Debt Service	11.11
Water Utilities	8719.37
Road Use	5996.72
LOST (local option sales tax)	<u>2941.70</u>
Total	\$ 21076.24

**** SEE APRIL EXPENSES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) ****