

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
May 3rd, 2021**

The Council met in regular session on Monday May 3rd, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the May Council Meeting.

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

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

Old business discussed: It has been confirmed with Atlantic Bottling Company that a pop machine will be placed on the east side of the community building in GAMP Park. The Lions Club and Old Settlers Committee are ok with placing a pop machine in Old Settlers Park next to the shelter with proceeds from sales to be split between the two organizations. The placement of a pop machine in Lions Park has to be approved by Atlantic Bottling Company. Rick Long, Atlantic Bottling Company representative, will be contacted about placing a pop machine in Old Settlers Park.

The drainage problem in the 800 block of East Street was discussed. The price quote from Savage Excavating to alleviate the drainage problem is \$17250.00. It was decided to do a chlorine test on the water to make sure the source of the water is not coming from a water leak.

Nelson advised Terry Stuart will allow connection to a water curb stop on his property so a water line and hydrant can be run to the shelter building in Old Settlers Park if a hydrant is placed on his property at the time the work is being done. Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to approve the placement of a water line to the shelter building in Old Settlers Park from a curb stop on Terry Stuart's property to include a 1 inch water hydrant at the shelter and a one inch water hydrant on Stuart's property. The project will also include at least one curb stop in the new line as well as a water meter pit and a sunset agreement for Stuart to use water without charge as long as he owns the property. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. .

Water utilities discussed: Brian Lawson, sales representative from Utility Equipment Company was present to give a presentation on the SET Smart Earth Technologies remote smart valve and abilities of the software. The Starter Solution complete package includes 5 Setflow X231 cellular AMI endpoints; SETflow meter data management system software; SETflow field mobile application and handheld tablet; lifetime data subscription for AT&T or Verizon; 2 hours of remote configuration and system training; 1 remote smart valve for a total cost of \$1800.00. The cost of an individual smart valve is \$369.00. The cost of a standard ultrasonic water meter is \$130.00.

Representatives from Omnitel, with an office in Truro, were present to discuss fiber optic internet within the city limits of New Virginia and right-of-way for placement. The fiber optic has been installed up to the west side of town at the intersection of Vermont Street and 38th Avenue. Omnitel's proposed work for 2021 is in areas of the west side of town

(see attached map). Sign-ups are key to 2022 extension further into the city limits. **To sign up, citizens need to register at connect.omnitel.biz.** A \$50.00 deposit is required for a drop to your home. Construction bonuses available only during construction include: free standard installation of any service; no contracts; save \$75.00 with a \$25.00 monthly internet credit for 3 months; free Omni-Fi premium Wi-Fi router for first 3 months. Prices for high speed internet, unlimited data are as follows: 50 Mbps \$89.95/mth; 100Mbps \$119.95/mth; 500 Mbps \$159.95/mth; Gigabit (1,000 Mbps) \$219.95/mth. Digital phone with unlimited local calling can be added for \$5.00/mth. Contractors installing the fiber optic lines are held to a one year warranty. OmniTel is willing to remove the old cable TV pedestals. If you have questions, contact the Truro Office at 641-765-4201 or email at questions@omnitel.biz. **If interested, it is of utmost importance and essential that you sign up for the internet service at connect.omnitel.biz.** The agreement regarding use of public right of way for fiber optic communications system will be forwarded to the City Attorney for review.

Law Enforcement – The report summary from the Sheriff’s Office for the month of April was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 15 calls for service during the month. Officers spent in excess of 47 hours in the City for the month. There was one citation and/or warning written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

Proposed IT policies per ICAP, the City’s insurance carrier were reviewed. Draft policies for acceptable internet use and passwords will continue to be worked on.

A public hearing was held to amend the current 2020-21 New Virginia City Budget. With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding said proposed amendments, Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

After reviewing amendments of the current budget, Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to pass & approve the amendments to the current 2020-21 New Virginia City Budget (see attached Amendment Of Current Budget). A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Fire Department Business: Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to approve Alexis Owens from probationary status to full member status. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Council was advised the fire department received a grant from Farm Bureau in the amount of \$1500.00 for an enclosed trailer to store grain bin rescue equipment and other equipment. The cost of the trailer is \$2500.00. The additional \$1000.00 would be paid by the New Virginia Fire Department Association.

The City received a total of three bids for fire truck 768. The bids were opened and Galivan moved, seconded by Nelson to approve and accept the high bid of \$5376.00 for fire truck 768. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed and discussed two street repair proposals. G&H Asphalt Corporation bid \$19900.00 – repave asphalt patches 2 and 4 inch depths; overlay Book

Alley 2 inches deep. InRoads Asphalt Paving - \$20967.00 – repave all asphalt patches to depth of 4 inches; overlay Book Alley 2.5 inches deep. With all repave patches to be 4 inches deep and Book Alley to be 2.5 inches deep, Truman moved, seconded by Galivan to approve the InRoads Asphalt Paving bid of \$20967.00. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

May 3, 2021

The following are the balances for the GAMP accounts: Money Market \$31798.86; Regular Account \$765.58. Our rentals/groups utilizing the building still remains the same. We are still doing extra cleaning and sanitizing processes after each use. We are still strongly suggesting all who enter wear masks and social distance. We are also asking renters to operate at the 50% capacity. We will install a pop machine at the GAMP building as well. This will be placed outside to be used when residents are using the park. The disc golf course will be installed here in the near future.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

Steve Savage has removed the old shelter pad and the dead ash tree from the Lions Park. Mike Bethards has poured the new concrete slab for the shelter. Lane Sturtz and Dryseal Roofing will work on the construction of the second shelter within this month. Our deadline is June 1, 2021. We will need to move the current grills at the park in order to be compliant with the insurance regulations. We are working on placement of the two grills at the Lions Park and possibly two grills at the Gerry Allen Memorial Park. Mike Bethards was able pour the concrete for the new sign to be placed at the park. Once these projects are finished, we will place a memorial tree in honor of Mary Bates. Our account balance is \$11,916.82.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$9515.76. An Art In The Park activity is planned for June 13th that will include music and activities for kids. A five foot tall white oak tree is available for planting. It was discussed to place it in the Lions Park south of the basketball court.

Spring Curbside Clean-Up Day is scheduled for May 15th.

Congratulations from Mayor Huston to Ryan Meyer, a 7th grade student at Interstate 35 Community School who lives in Truro, for winning the state wide Iowa League Of Cities “If I Were Mayor” essay contest. Ryan received a \$500.00 scholarship for his winning essay.

Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to approve payment of all City bills and GAMP bills. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to come forth, Truman moved, seconded by Nelson to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m. The June council meeting is scheduled for Monday June 7th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. **June meeting date – Monday June 7th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Brent Baughman

Brent Baughman, City Clerk