

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
October 7th, 2023**

The Council met in regular session on Saturday October 7th, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. for the October council meeting.

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

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

Old business discussed: A representative from Sternquist Construction will be here Monday October 9th to look at the bad cracks and unevenness in East Street north of the intersection of Knotts Street and work up a cost estimate for the repairs. Two other bids for the repairs will be pursued. Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to approve a bid based on price, quality of work and time element for the repairs. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The City Attorney sent letters to the property owners regarding citizen complaints about the appearance of residential structures in the 300 block of Main Street and the 700 block of West Street.

The City Attorney sent a letter to the property owner regarding a tree near the alley behind the fire station being a safety hazard.

Citizen Input: A citizen was present to discuss the placement of a modular/manufactured home on a lot within the city limits. The Zoning Ordinance regarding requirements for modular/manufactured homes will be forwarded to Connelly.

Water Utilities discussed: All the fire hydrants within the water distribution system have been flushed.

Fire Department Business: The DNR grant for the fire department has been completed. Items in the grant include fire gloves, fire goggles and nomex hoods. The amount of the grant is for approximately \$1500.00.

The need for the purchase of three new sets of bunker gear was discussed. Strange moved, seconded by Truman to approve the purchase of three new sets of bunker gear. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Information from the Emergency Services Advisory Board Meeting was reviewed. There have been 50 fire calls and 93 EMS/Ambulance calls year to date as of September 30th, 2023.

Law Enforcement: – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of September was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 25 calls for service during the month of September. Officers spent in excess of 30 hours in the City for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 180 miles within the city limits for the month. One

citation and/or warning was written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

Official Dissolution of the New Virginia Area Development Corporation (NVADC) and City assuming responsibility of monetary funds after NVADC accounts are closed were discussed. A Certificate of Administrative Dissolution of the NVADC has been received from the State of Iowa Secretary of State. An email will be sent to Secretary of State, Paul Pate, regarding the Dissolution of NVADC. Taylor moved, seconded by Strange to have the City of New Virginia assume responsibility of monetary funds after the NVADC accounts are closed. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Strange to open the public hearing on the first reading of Ordinance #119 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE AND EMS PERSONNEL. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding Ordinance #119, Taylor moved, seconded by Truman to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Strange moved, seconded by Truman to pass and approve the first reading of Ordinance #119 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE AND EMS PERSONNEL. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Strange moved, seconded by Truman to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance #119. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman moved, seconded by Strange to open the public hearing on the first reading of Ordinance #120 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO FIREWORKS. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding Ordinance #120, Taylor moved, seconded by Truman to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Strange moved, seconded by Truman to pass and approve the first reading of Ordinance #120 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO FIREWORKS. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Strange moved, seconded by Truman to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance #120. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

GAMP UPDATE

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The Community Building at GAMP Park was entered sometime during the truck pull event and was left dirty. The building was rented on the day after the truck pull with the renters finding it in the above condition. It was discussed to refund the rental fee. Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to refund the rental fee to the renter of the GAMP Community Building on Sunday October 1st, 2023. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The Music In The Park event was successful.

There has been a call out to artists for a mural to be painted on the north wall of the old hardware building.

There will be a lady coming to meet with members of the Trail Committee at the library on October 25th at 5 p.m. to discuss questions about trails, grants, getting an engineer involved, etc.

The Elf Club will be looking at getting the Christmas lights on the tree in Old Settlers Park sometime soon.

Trick or Treat Night will be Saturday October 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The movie Hocus Pocus 2 is planned to start in Old Settlers Park at 7:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and a blanket or two for a spooky good time for the movie in the park.

Pricing of porta potties was discussed. Strange moved, seconded by Taylor to purchase two regular porta potties at a price of \$2060.28. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. One will be placed on the south side of Old Settlers Park and the other one will be placed on the west side of GAMP Park.

Servicing of the porta potties was discussed. The Virginia Township Clerk will be contacted to see who does the servicing and pricing of the porta potties at the cemetery.

The Council discussed the need to find a new person to clean the Community Building at GAMP. There is a couple that have expressed interest and will be contacted to discuss the cleaning task in more detail.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor 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, Taylor moved, seconded by Truman to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The November council meeting is scheduled for Saturday November 4th,

2023, at 7:30 a.m. **November meeting date – Saturday November 4th, 2023, at 7:30 a.m.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Baughman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk