

City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
June 8th, 2026

The Council met in regular session on Monday June 8th, 2026, for the June council meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange at 7:04 p.m. with Council Members Bailey, Chandler, Dunkin and Truman present. Absent Galivan.

Minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Old Business: The Lions Park playground barriers have been re-connected as a temporary fix until two new barrier sections can be purchased. More dirt needs to be placed on the outside of the barriers.

The Hen House sign has been put up.

Members of the New Virginia Garden Club were present to discuss a possible farmers market in Old Settlers Park. The farmers market is planned for the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month starting in June through September from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The location is the south side of Old Settlers Park. The rules and regulations application form was reviewed. The farmers market will not be open July 11 due to it being Old Settlers Weekend. After a question-and-answer session and discussion, the Council gave the New Virginia Garden Club the go-ahead to initiate the farmers market.

Citizen Input: Members of the Methodist Church were present to inform the Council that the Carlisle Tractor Club is having a tractor ride on Saturday July 18th that includes a stop in New Virginia for lunch at the Methodist Church. There will be three different groups of about 60 tractors each. The tractors will be parked in areas that will cause the least amount of congestion for traffic. A note will be placed in the June water bills to give citizens notice of the tractor ride and the presence of numerous slow-moving vehicles in and around New Virginia on Saturday July 18th.

Ron Kirkpatrick was present to discuss dirt work/grass seeding related to the stormwater drainage project last summer. Bailey moved, seconded by Truman to do dirt work and grass seeding follow-up from the Knotts Street stormwater drainage project. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Councilman Galivan will take care of this project.

There is a drainage problem on the south side of the Christian Church in the area of the sidewalk. There will be a meeting with Steve Savage to figure out a solution for the drainage problem.

Marilyn Wolf was present to voice her concern about a dog being walked by its owner without a leash in her neighborhood at the north end of town. The dog owner will be made aware of the Ordinance regarding leashes for dogs.

The condition of the 705 West Street property was discussed. Warren County Health and the City Attorney will be contacted about this property.

Fire Department Business: The fire department billing rate schedule was reviewed for updates. Truman moved, seconded by Bailey to pass and approve Resolution No. 2026-14 – A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE NEW VIRGINIA FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE BILLING RATE SCHEDULE. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Water Utilities discussed: The May water report was reviewed. April water usage was 753,000 gallons averaging 25,100 gallons per day. The Annual Water Quality Report was reviewed. Testing is in compliance with Iowa DNR permit requirements.

Law Enforcement: – The Sheriff’s Report from the month of April was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 12 calls for service for the month. Officers spent in excess of 34 hours in the City of New Virginia in April. Officers patrolled in excess of 122 miles within the city limits for the month.

The Sheriff’s Report from the month of May was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 15 calls for service for the month. Officers spent in excess of 31 hours in the City of New Virginia in May. Officers patrolled in excess of 99 miles within the city limits for the month.

Dunkin moved, seconded by Chandler to open public hearing to amend the current 2025-26FY New Virginia city budget. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no citizen present and no written responses or email responses to the amendment of the current 2025-26FY New Virginia city budget, Chandler moved, seconded by Dunkin to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Bailey moved, seconded by Chandler to pass and approve Resolution No. 2026-12 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING & ADOPTING AMENDMENT OF FY2025-26 NEW VIRGINIA CITY BUDGET. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2026-13 was reviewed. Dunkin moved, seconded by Chandler to pass and approve Resolution No. 2026-13 – A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 503 WEST STREET, NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA TO SUPPORT THE LICENSE/USE AGREEMENT FOR THE LIONS CLUB RESTROOM FACILITY. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

GAMP UPDATE

Justin & Keegan Strange trimmed some tree limbs around some of the disc golf T-boxes.

There is a dead elm tree by the horseshoe pit and a dead ash tree west of the community building that need cut down before the truck pull.

The More Parking Behind The Building sign on the northeast corner of the community building needs taken down.

The final truck pull prep meeting will be Thursday June 18th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL/HOMETOWN PRIDE UPDATE

Upcoming Events in 2026: September 20th – End Of Summer Social at Hickory Hills. Ideas discussed – Drive-thru dinner, Game nights @ Lions Hall. The Committee is looking for new avenues for getting information out to the public. New merchandise considerations include T-shirts and stickers.

ELF CLUB

No new information to present to the Council.

TRI CORNER EXPRESS

Fund balance \$21,556.55. The Martensdale/St. Marys seniors will have their pictures and graduation information in the June Tri Corner.

Publishing date for the Tri Corner will remain the same.

An in-district subscription charge is being resolved and will be refunded.

Mayor Strange has a lead on a grant opportunity for renovating the Lions Hall Building through the State of Iowa Downtown Revitalization Program. Mayor Strange will obtain more information about the grant opportunity from his contact with the State of Iowa. Representatives from the Downtown Revitalization Program will come do a consultation for \$300.00. A consultation of the downtown area will be scheduled. A community informational meeting will try to be scheduled in July to include community people, business owners and non-profit organizations.

Mayor Strange took part in an online meeting regarding the Property Tax Reform Bill and House File 2490. The 2026-27FY city budget will remain as it was approved by the Council. The Tax Reform Bill will start with the 2027-28 budget. Tax Abatement Plans may need adjustments/updates. There will be no cap on the Debt Service Levy. There will be a 2% cap on the General Fund Levy. There is an Obligated Fund Account that can be set up to accumulate funds for the purchase of large equipment/structures.

House File 2490 pertains to public meetings and records. Meeting agendas need to be posted online on the city website. The placement of where public information is posted has to be designated annually. Mayor Strange will forward the House File 2490 information to the city clerk email.

There are some trees, both alive and dead, by the east welcome sign that need cut down.

New flags are needed. The half-staff flag law was discussed.

Hollie Zajicek, winner of the Republican District 11 Senate primary election wants to attend a city council meeting. She will try to make the July or August council meeting.

Truman moved, seconded by Dunkin, 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, Bailey moved, seconded by Chandler to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

The July council meeting is scheduled for Monday July 6th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. **July meeting date – Monday July 6th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Baughman". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk