

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
August 5th, 2024**

The Council met in regular session on Monday August 5th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. for the August council meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strange with Council Members Dunkin, Bailey, Galivan, Taylor and Truman present.

Minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Old business: Mayor Strange viewed an online presentation by ICAP, the City's insurance carrier, regarding sidewalk liability and who is responsible for repairing/replacing bad sections of sidewalks. The sidewalk ordinance needs to be updated and a sidewalk inspection program needs to be established.

Citizen Input: Scooter Hohneke was present to discuss the storm water drainage project that was done at his 300 Dunn Street property. He was under the impression the City was going to pay for the pipe for the project. Paperwork and other documentation will be gathered and given to the City for review. Hohneke also advised the Council he would like to have the alley to the west of his property closed.

Water Utilities discussed: No new updates and no items or issues to discuss.

Fire Department Business: The insurance company totaled the pump skid unit for grass truck 769. The 769 will be completed soon at Karl's Chevrolet and will be returned to the station to wait for the new pump skid unit to be manufactured.

Bailey moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the bid \$500.00 from Key Construction Services, LLC for material and labor for drywall patch and repair caused by water damage. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Bailey moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the bid of \$1521.50 for spray foam insulating the northeast room of the fire station. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Chief Zuercher discussed the need to purchase new fire hose. Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to purchase six sections of 1.75" diameter fire hose. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Fire works clean-up at the cemetery was discussed. The discussion was tabled until communicating with Ron Kirkpatrick.

Law Enforcement: – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of July was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 35 calls for service during the month of July. Officers spent in excess of 72 hours in the city for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 191 miles within the city limits for the month. Four citations and/or warnings were written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

There has been some recent vandalism going on including a window in one of the entry doors to the library being shattered. The County has some remote cameras available for a limited amount of time that may be used. There will be some extra patrolling within the city limits as well.

Bids for various tree trimming & removal projects were reviewed. Bailey moved, seconded by Galivan to approve Blakely Tree Service bids for trimming three elm trees along alley behind the fire station (\$2000.00) and remove three maple trees & grind stumps in the 1000 block of West Street (\$6400.00). A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

GAMP UPDATE

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The GAMP Rental Contract is being reviewed for updating/re-doing. Data will be gathered to compare revenues and expenses of the GAMP Community Building.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

There are several events being planned for in 2024. September – End of Summer Social to include live music, ice cream truck and kid friendly activities - Date: September 29th. October – Scarecrow Stroll/contest and Trunk or Treat. December – Country Christmas Holiday Home Tour Friday December 6th from 4 to 7p.m and Saturday December 7th from 10 a.m. to 4p.m.

ELF CLUB

No new updates.

Organizational structure of the Tri Corner Express was discussed. It was discussed that anything to do with the design of the Tri Corner Express does not need Council approval. It was discussed that anything to do with financials of the Tri Corner Express must be taken to the Council for approval.

City software was discussed. The current City software provider will be contacted to inquire if their system can be internet/cloud based to allow multiple users.

Dunkin moved, seconded by Taylor to approve payment of all City bills. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to come forth, Dunkin moved, seconded by Taylor to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

The September council meeting is scheduled for Monday September 9th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. **September meeting date – Monday September 9th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**

Jennifer Baughman

Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk