

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
October 4th, 2021**

The Council met in regular session on Monday October 4th, 2021 at 7:25 p.m. for the October Council Meeting.

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

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

Old business discussed: Precision Tree Care will be contacted to see when they will be coming to trim trees extending out into streets and over sidewalks and street signs.

Citizen Input: Everett Kephart was present to discuss a problem with vehicles parking in the alley on the north side of the 300 West Street Manors. Ordinances will be researched for any information regarding parking in alleys. Mayor Huston will contact Warren County Deputy Bauer regarding this issue and a vehicle parking on West Street at 814 West Street.

A City Council position was discussed. Zuercher has moved outside of town and his seat is up for election this year. Jared Taylor will be on the ballot for the open City Council position. Mayor Huston called the Warren County Auditor's Office regarding this situation and was advised the Council may appoint Jared Taylor early. Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to appoint Jared Taylor to the City Council effectively immediately. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truman has met with Terry Stuart regarding pouring the concrete pads for the disc golf course that is planned to be done this fall.

Megan Haynes with Serendipity Acres, is still looking for land for an affordable housing project.

Water Utilities discussed: There has been another major water leak (20,000-30,000 gal./day) as a result of boring in the fiber optic cable. This leak also found its way into the sewer main and took three days to find and fix. A sewer service line was also hit in the boring process which cut a hole in the top of the sewer pipe. A water service line was hit cutting a sizable hole in the line. The water followed the bore line back to the sewer service line and entered the hole in the service line which ultimately flowed into the sewer main. The City has been in communication with Omnitel regarding reimbursement/payment for repairing the above damages.

It was discussed to place an informational note in the water bills regarding households that might be experiencing low water pressure or slow sewer drainage.

Galivan moved, seconded by Nelson to approve purchasing more ultrasonic water meters and accessories. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: – The report summary from the Sheriff’s Office for the month of September was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 5 calls for service during the month. Officers spent in excess of 34 hours in the City for the month. There were no citations and/or warnings written for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper.

Fire Department Business: Price quotes from Sandry Fire Supply for personal protective gear were reviewed. Strange moved, seconded by Nelson to approve the purchase of five sets of personal protective gear at a cost of \$15,840.00. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The search continues for a good used pickup truck to be used as a second grass truck.

Galivan moved, seconded by Strange to pass and approve Resolution #2021-14 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING UPDATE OF COMPREHENSIVE SOLID WASTE REDUCTION PLAN IN SATISFACTION OF SECTION 455B.306(1) OF THE CODE OF IOWA. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

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Our rentals have been steady and we will have some youth groups back using the building. The GAMP PO box has been closed and all GAMP mailings have been changed over to the City’s PO Box.

The movie night at GAMP Park was successful with a lot of positive comments. It is estimated there were around 50 to 60 people that attended. A BIG THANK YOU to the New Virginia Lions Club for handing out free popcorn and goody bags for the kids.

Repairs need to be made to the top of the flag pole at GAMP Park. This will be researched by Mayor Huston.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Playground Committee was informed the City would pay the \$1800.00 for the sign. The Committee will move forward with the purchase of the sign. The Committee has not been able to schedule a meeting yet to finalize the sign project as well as the memorial tree. Account balance \$2510.82.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$1,934.72. The Hometown Pride Committee received a donation of \$103.00 from John and Lori Lawyer from a donation can at their ice cream truck during the September truck pull. A BIG THANK YOU to John and Lori for their donation.

Strange moved, seconded by Nelson to set October 30th, 2021 as Trick or Treat Night in New Virginia from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

The New Virginia Old Settlers Committee will have a free will donation supper in the Lion's Hall on Trick or Treat Night from 5 to 8pm. Soups, hot dogs, chili dogs, drinks and dessert will be served with carry-out available.

The City has received many inquiries about an increase in their water bills. The increase is the result of a rate increase by the New Virginia Sanitary Sewer District for upgrades to the lagoon for increased treatment requirements. The rate increased from \$15.50 per month to \$30.00 per month for the first 2000 gallons of water. The late fee also increased from \$10.00 per month to \$15.00 per month. The rate increase was effective with the September water bill.

Replacement LED bulbs will be ordered for the Christmas light decorations.

Strange moved, seconded by Nelson 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, Nelson moved, seconded by Strange to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The November council meeting is scheduled for Monday November 8th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. **November meeting date – Monday November 8th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk

September Revenues

General Fund	2812.18
Fire/Ambulance	4268.13
GAMP	10907.02
Debt Service	3.43
Water Utilities	43601.20
Road Use	6136.58
LOST (local option sales tax)	<u>4719.11</u>
Total	\$ 72447.65

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