

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
July 7th, 2020**

The Council met in regular session on Tuesday July 7th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the July Council Meeting.

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

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

The ash trees in the 800 block of West Street will be removed by Blakely Tree Service.

There will be a drain tile placed by the property owner on the west end of 115 Main Street that will run to the south.

There has been citizen complaints of the accumulation of items and junk/unlicensed vehicles on properties located on East Street, Broadway and Felton Street. Official letters will be sent citing pertinent ordinances regarding the accumulation of items and junk/unlicensed vehicles.

Water utilities discussed. Galivan suggested placing a water drinking fountain in Lion's Park. There was a drinking fountain in the park many years ago but was removed due scheduled to vandalism.

The Hen House water/sewer bill will be placed in the City's name.

Dry Seal is going to replace all the metal siding and trim on the front of the fire station free of charge in appreciation of all the business citizens have given the company replacing roofs damaged by the hail storm. There will be a meeting scheduled to formulate a plan with all the individuals that will be involved with the project.

The Council was updated on the City taking over operation of the fire department. City Attorney Robert Stuyvesant will draft a Quit Claim Deed for the Virginia Township Trustees for the City to take over ownership of the fire department building, vehicles and equipment. The abstract(s) will be handed over to the City. Paper work is being done to get the vehicles transferred into the City's name. Funds will soon be transferred from Virginia Township to the City. 28E Agreements are being drafted between the City and all the townships covered by the fire department for fire and/or EMS service.

Law Enforcement – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of May was reviewed. Fifty-one calls were received or initiated in the community during the month. Five citations/warnings were written in the New Virginia area. Officers logged in excess of 70 hours for the month in the community.

Renewal of Alliant Energy Gas & Electric franchise agreements were reviewed. A franchise fee to be included in the franchise agreements was also reviewed. The

franchise agreements and the franchise fee information has been forwarded to the City Attorney for legal review. The current gas & electric franchise agreements will expire at the end of this year.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

June 8, 2020

The following are the balances for the GAMP accounts: Money Market \$22566.45; Regular Account \$865.37. We are looking into opening up the GAMP Community Building soon. However, there are several guidelines set forth by Governor Reynolds we must follow. Jennifer has placed calls in order to find the cleaning supplies needed for sanitizing the building after each use. We will also look into the possibilities of having someone clean and sanitize it after every rental. We have refunded some of the rentals that were unable to take place. We will continue working with the parties to reschedule remaining rentals for future dates.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

We have not met due to COVID-19 restrictions. We did have a wonderful group of volunteers at the playground on June 25th who worked really hard at getting 3 truckloads of mulch spread out on the playground. We would like to thank Mayor Huston and Merlin Morris for their time and the use of their equipment to complete this project. Also a Big THANK YOU to Julie Savage for hauling the mulch to us. Jennifer contacted another person at Prairie Meadows in regards to the grant received in 2019. The Playground Committee has received an extension to complete the shelter project. We will schedule the construction on the new shelter as soon as we can. A Big THANK YOU to Steve & Julie Savage for their work on the south side of Lion's Park making more parking area. Our account balance is \$13,874.05.

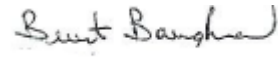
KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$8,495.42. The sign that is going up in Indianola around the construction site on the square was reviewed. The Committee put out a call for artists to paint murals on the sides of buildings in the business district. The Committee received several replies. There will be murals painted on the north side of the Jesus Right Hand building along the alley south of the bank. A mural will also be painted on the north side of the building north of the fire station. The Committee is also working on designing and purchasing 8 banners to hang on light poles in the business district. The Committee will work on fundraisers and sponsors for the banner to raise money for the project.

A Frisbee golf course for teenage kids and adults at GAMP Park was discussed. Galivan and Truman will gather information and pricing for this potential project. It was also discussed to consider establishing an ice skating rink in the winter time on the pulling track at GAMP Park.

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

With no further business to come forth, Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The August council meeting is scheduled for Saturday August 1st, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. **August meeting date – Saturday August 1st, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.**



Brent Baughman, City Clerk

June Revenues

General Fund	2027.44
Debt Service	1.54
Water Utilities	7356.38
Road Use	5876.81
LOST (local option sales tax)	<u>3455.58</u>
Total	\$ 18717.75