

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
April 5th, 2021**

The Council met in regular session on Monday April 5th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the April Council Meeting.

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

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

Old business discussed: The drainage problem in the 800 block of East Street was discussed. Steve Savage will be contacted to see if an alternative from the initial plan is possible to get the water to flow to the north on the east side of East Street. It was also discussed that there are some alleys that need to be worked up to get rid of the holes, especially the alley by the fire station. The south side of the intersection of Felton & Broadway streets is forming a large washout due to rain water run-off. This area needs to be re-graded.

Truman moved, seconded by Nelson to gravel the City portion of Broadway Street west of Border Street. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Citizen Input: Jesse Reed with Deliver His Message Tent Ministries inquired about setting up a tent in Old Settlers Park for church services from May 24-29 starting at 7:00 p.m. each evening. The tent is 40'x60' and the organization is fully insured for the event. There would be a bounce house for kids. The consensus of the Council is to allow this event to take place.

Shane Akers with Rural Housing 360 was present to explain the company's home purchase program. Rural Housing 360's mission is to serve the unmet needs of middle-income America. This can be accomplished through a comprehensive partnering approach that includes the commitment of the local communities and employers. This commitment will provide immediate equity value for the home buyer who is a community member and an employee. Rural Housing 360 is committed to providing each buyer a high quality, safe, affordable, energy efficient home that all stakeholders will be proud of. Highlights of the program include: \$0 down at closing, 1-3.5% interest, 30-38 year financing, buy a new or existing home with your mortgage approval – Rural Housing can help with both. New home features include: energy efficient, all appliances and central air, pick exterior and interior colors, floor finishes and cabinet colors, all cabinets are solid wood, you choose the finish, garage options are available, move-in ready. The community's commitment is to cooperate with the Rural Housing 360 team in establishing the framework that will promote the construction and sale of high-quality housing in their community. Rural Housing 360 has been given information about vacant lots and potential land for development within the city limits.

Warren County Supervisor Crystal McIntyre was present to give the Council an update on happenings within the county. The County is negotiating with the City of Indianola

regarding a plan the City has for around the square in relation to the new courthouse. The Director position for budgets is open due to a resignation. Warren County Secondary Roads will be getting their new shop building. The Supervisors will be updating their website. County roads R57 and S23 will be going under construction.

Water Utilities discussed: The Council reviewed information about remote water meter shut-off valves and ultrasonic water meters. The sales representative from Utility Equipment Company will be present at the May council meeting to give a presentation on the SET Smart Earth Technologies remote smart valve and abilities of the software.

Law Enforcement – The report summary from the Sheriff’s Office for the month of March was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 35 calls for service during the month. Officers spent in excess of 64 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.

Zuercher moved, seconded by Nelson to pass and approve Resolution #2021-08 – A RESOLUTION EXTENDING 28E AGREEMENT TIME PERIOD WITH VIRGINIA TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, IOWA. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Zuercher moved, seconded by Nelson to pass and approve Resolution #2021-09 – A RESOLUTION EXTENDING 28E AGREEMENT TIME PERIOD WITH SQUAW CREEK TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, IOWA. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Zuercher moved, seconded by Nelson to pass and approve Resolution #2021-10 – A RESOLUTION EXTENDING 28E AGREEMENT TIME PERIOD WITH JACKSON TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, IOWA. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Zuercher moved, seconded by Nelson to pass and approve Resolution #2021-11 – A RESOLUTION EXTENDING 28E AGREEMENT TIME PERIOD WITH FREMONT TOWNSHIP, CLARKE COUNTY, IOWA. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Fire Department Business: The City has received one bid to date for fire truck 768.

The southwest fire entry door was discussed. A Morton Builders technician stopped by to look at the door. He advised he should be able to get a replacement for the existing door.

Fire Department personnel was discussed

The City received two mowing bids for the 2021 mowing season. After reviewing the two bids, Nelson moved, seconded by Strange to approve the lower bid of Huston’s Lawn Care for the 2021 mowing season: mowing city parks, fire station, library, Hen House at \$375.00/mth; GAMP east half at \$375.00/mth; west half GAMP at \$200.00/mowing; disc

golf course path by weekly at \$50.00/mth. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.

The current city budget and fund balances were reviewed. There will need to be budget amendments to the current city budget.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

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The following are the balances for the GAMP accounts: Money Market \$35736.95; Regular Account \$790.58. Our rentals/groups utilizing the building has remained the same. We are still doing extra cleaning and sanitizing processes after each use. We are still strongly suggesting all who enter wear masks and social distance. We are also asking renters to operate at the 50% capacity. The City received a donation of hand sanitizer which we have placed some at the GAMP building. We are looking at storing the tot time toys in the shed until we are able to find a director. It was discussed the kybos need to be cleaned regularly at both GAMP and the Lions Park. Karla Lair will be contacted about getting the kybos cleaned on a regular basis. A BIG THANK YOU to Terry Stuart for the work he did moving gravel back into place after the snow blading season.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

The New Virginia Playground Committee will be working with Mike Bethards, Lane Sturtz and Dryseal Roofing for the construction of the second shelter. Savage Excavating will be removing the old concrete pad and sidewalk. The plan is to start construction the week of April 5th, weather permitting. We will need to move the current grills at the park in order to be compliant with the insurance regulations. We will place a couple of grills at the Lions Park and possibly two grills at the Gerry Allen Memorial Park. We have a place staked out for the new sign to be placed at the park. We would like to ask the City Council if the ash tree by the old shelter could be removed before we start building the shelter. It is dead and will need to be cut down sometime this year anyway. We would like to have it done before the shelter is built. We would like to have Savage Excavating dig out the stump while they are removing the old concrete slab. Once these projects are finished, we will place a memorial tree in honor of Mary Bates. Our account balance is \$11,916.82.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$9781.72. The banners have been ordered. Alliant Energy has been given the information for approving the placement of the banners on the light poles. The kite flying day went very well considering how windy it was.

Spring Curbside Clean-Up Day is scheduled for May 15th.

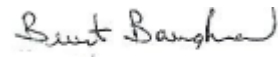
An Atlantic Bottling Company vending machine will be placed at GAMP Park at the east end of the community building. The possibility of placing another vending machine on the south side of the Lion's shelter in Old Settlers Park was discussed.

The placement of a water hydrant at the Lion's stand in Old Settlers Park was discussed.

Hand sanitizer stations like last year for Old Settlers was discussed. It was the Council's consensus to have the hand sanitizers again this year for Old Settlers.

Galivan 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, Nelson moved, seconded by Zuercher to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The May council meeting is scheduled for Monday May 3rd, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. **May meeting date – Monday May 3rd, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**



Brent Baughman, City Clerk