

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
June 7th, 2022**

The Council met in regular session on Tuesday June 7th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the June Council Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Huston with Council Members G, Nelson, Strange, Taylor and Truman present. Absent Galivan.

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

Old business discussed: There was no old business to discuss.

Citizen Input: There has been citizen complaints about a dog at the 500 block of Main Street going after people and nipping/biting at them. A letter will be drafted to the dog owner citing pertinent sections of the dog ordinance regarding this matter.

The Urban Revitalization Plan continues to be worked on regarding tax abatement.

The pop machine at GAMP Park is not working again. There is a problem with the GFI outlet. It keeps tripping. Leonard Strange will be contacted to resolve this problem.

A citizen inquired if there is a water source for bicyclists that ride through town on weekends. There is no good source for water. If there is a specific day and time frame when bicycles are coming through town, it was discussed that maybe some of the various youth groups could have stands to sell water, energy drinks, etc.

Water Utilities discussed: There was no water utility information to discuss.

Law Enforcement: – The report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of May was reviewed. There were ten calls for service received or initiated by Deputies in the month of May. There were no citations and/or warnings issued for traffic violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper. Officers spent in excess of 36 hours in the City for the month of May.

Fire Department Business: Work on gathering information from other Warren County Fire Departments on the Issuance of citations for illegal burning continues.

Appointing elected City Officials to the Warren County Emergency Management Commission Membership Committee was discussed. The primary member will be Mayor Norville Huston; elected alternate members will be Brian Nelson and Justin Strange; the appointed alternate member will be Fire Chief Jake Zuercher.

Bids from InRoads for street maintenance/repairs were reviewed and discussed. The proposed street work is as follows: mill prep and pave 3 inch hot mix asphalt in alley by fire station to fix water issues and 2 inch pave rest of alley past East Street Manor – 983 SY; pave 1 ½ inch overlay Grand Ave & Grand Street corner – 90 SY; Elm Street patching – 20 SY; Maple Street south of Elm Street 4 inch hot mix asphalt 375 SY;

Maple Street to current hot mix asphalt of Knotts Street 405 SY; north end of Grand Ave 194 SY 1 ½ hot mix asphalt; pave 3 inch hot mix asphalt alley by West Street Manor between West Street & Main Street 425 SY. Total for all the above street work is \$77,029.00.

Nelson moved, seconded by Strange to prepay what can be paid from this fiscal year budget (approx. \$53,000.00) and the remainder (approx. \$24,000.00) from the 2022-23 fiscal year budget. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Items for City Attorney's opinion were discussed including: City & Township Resolutions extending 28E Agreements for five years; dissolving the New Virginia Area Development Corporation and distributing leftover funds; Justin Strange's position on the City council; alley closings; illegal burning – Iowa Code 100.40; ambulance billing rate changes.

The current city budget and general fund balance was reviewed. The fire department has three projects slated for completion by the end of this fiscal year, June 30th, 2022. The projects include five sets of bunker coats and pants; six new tires for the ambulance and an alignment; implement FirstNet cellular service provider including three iPads. The Lions Park sign project is scheduled to be completed by the end of this fiscal year. Replacing the track lights at GAMP to LED lights was discussed. If these projects are not completed by the end of this fiscal year, funds will be placed in savings accounts earmarked for the above projects in the next fiscal year.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

June 6, 2022

There are very few rentals due to summer and the youth groups not meeting. The New Virginia Truck Pull is scheduled for June 24th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The rain date is July 3rd, 2022. The Committee has received several donations for sponsors. We have had some interest in the cleaning position for GAMP. We hope to have a decision made within the next few days. We would also like to consider having a new sign made for GAMP.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

The bricks have been delivered to the engraving company. John Allsup has begun the brick work around the sign. We are still working with Dustin Reese at Ted Lare Building, Inc. He has provided us with an idea for the memorial tree. Mike Bethards is planning to pour the basketball court within the next two weeks depending on the weather. The City has received a grant through ICAP Insurance for the purchase of new mulch for our playground. We are planning to place the mulch on June 17th, 2022, weather permitting. Our account balance is \$2675.82.

TRI-CORNER-EXPRESS

The Committee has researched new software for putting the paper together. We will bring this information to the next council meeting. The account balance is \$6486.07.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$2,986.50.

An amendment to the City’s contract for residential recycling collection with Waste Management of Iowa, Inc. was reviewed. The amendment to the contract was signed but the City is waiting for a proposal from TRM for providing recycling for the City before an official decision will be made.

A software illustration for online water bill payments was presented to the Mayor and Council.

Taylor moved, seconded by Nelson 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, Strange moved, seconded by Taylor to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The July council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 5th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. **July meeting date – Tuesday July 5th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk

May Revenues

General Fund	9788.37
Fire/Ambulance	10035.55
GAMP	1137.38
Debt Service	1.80
Water Utilities	8773.38
Road Use	2798.45
LOST (local option sales tax)	<u>5177.65</u>
Total	\$ 37712.58

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