

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
December 2nd, 2024**

The Council met in regular session on Monday December 2nd, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for the December council meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Truman with Council Members Dunkin, Bailey and Galivan present via cell phone. Mayor Strange also present via cell phone. Absent Taylor.

Minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Old business: The Sheriff was contacted about the problem of vehicles running the stop sign at Knotts & East Street. The Sheriff will have Deputies focus on this area but it cannot be a targeted project. Continued discussion was held regarding the possible placement of stop signs with flashing LED lights at the Knotts & East Street intersection.

The city software onboarding project is progressing slowly. Direct deposit and maximum penalty for utility billing were discussed.

Citizen Input: There have been citizen complaints about the accumulation of several vehicles on a property in the 200 block of Main Street. This complaint will be looked into.

The Masonic Lodge Masons meet at GAMP Community Building and would like to put a sign up by the GAMP sign on West Street or on the building. The City received a DNR grant for the park and community building. DNR rules and regulations will have to be reviewed to see if this can be done.

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

Fire Department Business: Fire Truck 769 update – the emergency lights, siren and communication system have been installed. When the truck was taken to Reliant Fire Apparatus for installation of the skid unit, it was discovered that the skid unit is approximately ten inches too long. The skid unit was not built to specifications. The manufacturer of the skid unit will build a replacement skid unit to the correct specifications, and have it delivered within the next two weeks.

The sheet rock for the storage room at the fire station has been hung. The storage room needs painted. After the room is painted, the project will be completed.

Bailey moved, seconded by Dunkin to appoint Jake Zuercher for Fire Chief for 2025. 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 November was not available for review.

The 2023-24 City Annual Financial Report was reviewed. After the review, the Council was advised to start thinking about 2025-26 budget items. Ideas of ways to reduce energy costs including wind turbines and solar panels were mentioned.

GAMP UPDATE

Dunkin moved, seconded by Bailey to approve Mary Huss for cleaning GAMP Community Building. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Truck pull date(s) will be worked on by Mayor Strange.

GAMP Community Building parking was a muddy mess for election day. The drive and parking has been rocked with four loads of gravel. It was discussed to work on plans to asphalt the area.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

Events for the remainder of 2024: 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.

Event ideas for 2025 include: a dance in January, February, and March with specific dates to be determined; proposed date for Kite Flying Event Sunday, April 27th; End of Summer Social Sunday, September 21st; Christmas Home Tour Friday, December 12th & Saturday, December 13th.

ELF CLUB

The tree top ornament for the Christmas tree in Old Settlers Park has been designed and will be fabricated by Bortell Welding & CNC Plasma Cutting.

TRI CORNER EXPRESS

Updates to the Tri Corner Express By-Laws from last month’s meeting were reviewed. After further discussion, additional updates will be made to be reviewed at the January council meeting.

One bid for snow removal from City streets, alleys & sidewalks for the 2024-25 was received. Huston’s bid – same as 2023-24 at \$85.00 per hour. Bailey moved, seconded by Dunkin to approve Huston’s bid of \$85.00 per hour for snow removal for the 2024-25 season. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The City of New Virginia was selected by State Auditor for a periodic examination. The examination will start Wednesday, December 18th.

Dunkin moved, seconded by Bailey 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, Bailey moved, seconded by Galivan to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

The January council meeting is scheduled for Monday January 6th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
January meeting date – Monday January 6th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Baughman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk