

**City Of New Virginia
Council Meeting Minutes
November 5th, 2022**

The Council met in regular session on Saturday November 5th, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. for the November Council Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 a.m. by Mayor Huston with Council Members Galivan, Truman present and Nelson present by cell phone communication. Taylor absent for first half of meeting and present at the start of agenda item nine of the meeting.

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

Old business Discussed: Work continues on getting the dead elm tree in the 100 block of Main Street professionally cut down.

Steve Savage is scheduled to take down the dead ash trees in the right of way on the curve coming into town and on the north side of South Street.

The need for a grate/cover over the end of a storm sewer culvert in the 800 block of East Street was discussed. Councilman Galivan will take care of this project.

Citizen Input: A letter was reviewed and discussed regarding the number of feral cats within the city limits. A TNR (Trap-Neuter/Spay-Return) group will be contacted to see if they can provide assistance with this issue.

Water Utilities Discussed: The Council discussed water service connection options for 3685 G76 Hwy. It was determined the best option to provide water service from the City distribution system is from the south end of the West Street water main. Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to have the property owner pay for the pipe/materials from the meter pit to the proposed house site, with the City paying for the pipe/materials from the water main to the meter pit including the meter pit and digging all of the pipe. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a letter drafted by the City Clerk in regards to a new software system called FrontDesk. The residents of New Virginia will be receiving this letter in the November bill to explain the features that will be provided within this system for our residents.

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

Fire Department Business: Fire truck 761 will not start. In recent months, a new alternator and two new batteries have been have been installed. Galivan moved, seconded by Truman if fire department personnel cannot resolve the problem then have

the truck taken to Wilder's in Osceola for repair. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Ambulance 241 is scheduled to be taken to Kelderman's in Oskaloosa on November 30th to have the air ride system inspected and thoroughly gone through to check for malfunctions and defects.

The fire department has gained three new members to date as a result of the recruit campaign. The fire department is still in need of more members. Citizens of the community that live within the fire department response district are encouraged to become a volunteer and help people in their greatest time of need.

Truman moved, seconded by Galivan to approve and resolve Resolution 2022-12 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE & ADOPT NEW VIRGINIA CITY STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FROM JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed two snow removal bids for the 2022-23 season. After reviewing and discussing the bids, Galivan moved, seconded by Truman to approve Huston's bid of \$85.00 per hour. A roll call vote was taken: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Master Lock Vault has been installed on the GAMP Building to use for exchanging rental keys.

The Council was advised there is an opportunity to obtain some aluminum bleachers from the Martensdale-St. Marys School District for the pulling track area of GAMP. If the bleachers are obtained, the existing wooden bleachers would be moved to the Saddle Club Arena grounds.

The banners placed on the light poles will be taken down for the winter soon.

The Keep Iowa Beautiful Committee continues to work on events for this fall and winter.

Council member Taylor joined the meeting at this time. The snow removal bids, agenda item 7 was re-visited with Taylor now being present. After reviewing the bids, Taylor voiced his approval of Huston's snow removal bid.

Ron Kirkpatrick will be contacted to determine which organizations will get funds and the amount of funds from the dissolved New Virginia Area Development Corporation.

The need for additional help performing city administrative work/projects was discussed. Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to research further and have consultation with the City Attorney regarding an administrative assistant and advertising requirements. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Continuation of the city-wide Christmas light contest was discussed. The Christmas light contest will continue this year.

Discussion was held regarding the need for a special council meeting to review and approve the Annual Financial Report. The special meeting will be held Tuesday November 29th, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. at the fire station meeting room.

Galivan moved, seconded by Truman 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, Taylor moved, seconded by Truman to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The December council meeting is scheduled for Monday December 5th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. **December meeting date – Monday December 5th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk

October Revenues

General Fund	43846.64
Fire/Ambulance	30888.30
GAMP	148.65
Debt Service	9.73
Water Utilities	8879.91
Road Use	4321.46
LOST (local option sales tax)	<u>3975.17</u>
Total	\$ 92069.86

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