

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

The Council met in regular session on Tuesday July 5th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the July Council Meeting.

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

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

Old business discussed: The pop machine at the community building in GAMP Park is now working.

Contact was made with City Attorney Robert Stuyvesant today, July 5th, regarding numerous questions the City has for gating back to March 17, 2022. 1. City & Township Resolutions extending 28E Agreements for five years. The Resolutions were sent to the State for filing. Stuyvesant will look for the paperwork from the State regarding the Resolutions. 2. Distribution of New Virginia Area Development Corporation funds. The funds must go to organizations with a 501c3 status, organizations recognized by the IRS or to the City of New Virginia for distribution to organization that operate under the guidance of the City. 3. Ambulance billing rates. The Fire Department Ordinance will be amended by adding the new ambulance billing rates. 4. Alley closings. Stuyvesant just needs to know how the alleys are to be divided to the property owners adjacent to the alleys. 5. Illegal burning. Stuyvesant will look at other cities ordinances for verbiage regarding illegal burning. 6. Justin Strange's City Council position. Strange must be a resident of the City of New Virginia to serve as a council member. Strange will have to resign from the City Council. He can verbally resign at this July 5th, 2022 council meeting.

Justin Strange verbally submitted his resignation from the City Council due to not living within the city limits. Strange's verbal resignation was accepted. Council member Chris Truman will replace Strange as having the authority to sign City checks and will be Mayor Pro-Tem.

Citizen Input: Vicki Morris contacted a Council Member to inquire if/when Church Street will be asphalted.

There is a concerned citizen regarding foxes roaming and/or living within the city limits and would like to have something done about it.

A concerned citizen was present and voiced a complaint about an individual living in the basement of the East Manor. The person was only supposed to be there for a 2 to 4 week period but it has been much longer than that. The individual is extremely noisy and is harassing other tenants. The citizen strongly voiced her concern that the person needs to vacate the building. It was discussed if the Manor Board has been made aware of the situation. It is unknown if the Board is aware. The Council recommended contacting Warren County Public Health.

The property at 300 Stansell Street has not been maintained this entire mowing season. A citizen in the neighborhood has mowed most of the yard at least five times and R & R Mowing Service has mowed the east ditch six times. An official letter from the City will be mailed to the property owner with pertinent sections of the Ordinance regarding maintaining and mowing yards.

There has been citizen complaints as well as complaints from the garbage man regarding the build-up of big items from tenants moving out of the apartment complex at 704 West Street. The garbage man cannot get to the dumpster to empty it. The owner of the apartment complex will be contacted regarding this matter.

Councilman Truman advised of a citizen with building permit questions. The questions were discussed and Truman will get back to the citizen with the answers to his questions.

A letter from a citizen regarding a concern with water ponding on the new basketball court was reviewed. The cuts in the concrete will be finished to the ends of each side of the concrete slab. Gravel will be placed around the posts of the basketball hoops to fill the voids. The ponding of water will be addressed by the contractor.

A citizen asked the Fire Chief if a fire truck could be used to fill a pool. This will not be allowed due to the potential of additives that have been placed in the fire truck tanks over time as well as potential rust sediment from the tanks.

Water Utilities discussed: The check for a possible water leak in the service line of the Baptist Church did not indicate a leak.

Law Enforcement: – There was not a report summary from the Sheriff's Office for the month of June available for review.

Fire Department Business: There was no new fire department business to discuss.

2021-22 fiscal year end expenses were reviewed.

GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE

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The cleaning position for the GAMP Community Building has been filled. We would also like to consider having a new sign made for GAMP near the entrance on West Street.

NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

No update on the bricks from the engraving company. John Allsup has the brick work around the sign started. 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 has poured the basketball court. The mulch has been spread out on the playground thanks to our many volunteers. Our account balance is \$2700.82.

KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The account balance is \$3022.41.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor 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, Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. The August council meeting is scheduled for Saturday August 6th, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. **August meeting date – Saturday August 6th, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.**



Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk

June Revenues

General Fund	1384.31
Fire/Ambulance	4613.63
GAMP	12476.42
Debt Service	2.74
Water Utilities	7503.19
Road Use	14066.87
LOST (local option sales tax)	<u>5177.65</u>
Total	\$ 45224.81

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