

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 111 S. Main, La Verkin, Utah

Present: Mayor Kelly Wilson; Council Members: Patricia Wise, Blair Gubler, Richard Hirschi, Micah Gubler, and Chuck Hardy; Staff: Kyle Gubler, Chief Nick Nuccitelli, Christy Ballard, Kevin Bennett, Derek Imlay, and Maridee Johnson; Public: Principal Gabbi Young, La Verkin Elementary School LEDCO members, and the Miss La Verkin pageant winners.

A. Called to Order –The invocation/thought and Pledge of Allegiance were given by Mayor Kelly Wilson at 6:00 p.m.

B. Presentation:

1. Royalty

Maridee Johnson introduced the new La Verkin City Royalty. Miss La Verkin: Hannah Stout, 1st Attendant: Aspen Higgins, 2nd Attendant: Liz Seegmiller, and Miss Congeniality: Laikyn Layne.

The girls performed their La Verkin City jingle.

2. La Verkin Elementary School

Gabbi Young, principal of La Verkin Elementary School, turned the time over to Cori Gubler, the librarian and head of the Lighthouse Student Committee. The Committee went over some of the school's activities and goals.

C. Consent Agenda: (Items on the consent agenda may not require discussion. These items will be a single motion unless removed at the request of the Mayor or City Council.)

1. Declarations of conflict of interest
2. Agenda
3. Meeting Minutes: September 14, 2023, regular meeting
4. Checks & Invoices: \$316,745.62

The motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Wise to approve the consent agenda as written, including the minutes of the September 14, 2023, regular meeting and Checks & Invoices in the amount of \$316,745.62, second by Councilman Richard Hirschi. Roll Call Vote: Blair Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Hirschi-yes, Hardy-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Business:

1. Discussion and possible action on the proposed LANTIS Merchandise (Fireworks) Contract and Purchase Order for fireworks to be discharged at the City's Winterfest celebration.

Kyle reported the contract is the same as last year for \$5,000.

The motion was made by Councilman Chuck Hardy to approve the proposed LANTIS Merchandise (Fireworks) Contract and Purchase Order for fireworks to be discharged at the City's Winterfest celebration, second by Councilman Richard Hirschi. Roll Call Vote: Hardy-yes, Hirschi-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve and ratify the Mayor's signature on an Independent Contractor Agreement for the Zion Regional Collaborative Coordinator.

Mayor Wilson reported the City has already paid the \$500.

Councilman Wise explained the agreement is for \$500 to cover the expense of training the new coordinator for three months. The 2024 agreement will come to the City Council for approval in December.

The motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Wise to approve and ratify the Mayor's signature on an Independent Contractor Agreement for the Zion Regional Collaborative Coordinator from October to January 1, 2024, in the amount of \$500.00, second by Councilman Micah Gubler. Roll Call Vote: Blair Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Hirschi-yes, Hardy-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion on possibly purchasing additional security cameras and the location priorities.

Kyle passed out a list of possible locations for future security cameras.

Kyle told the Council to review the list and let him know if they want to make any additions or changes.

He also told them to consider the amount of money, if any, they would like to put toward the purchase of additional cameras. It will be a proposal in an upcoming budget amendment.
The idea is to start at the top of the list and get as many as possible with the dollar amount set.
There has been some discussion with the Fire District and Christian Henny, with Zion Hot Springs Resort on working together on some of the common locations.
He went over the current camera locations.

Derek reported that only one person has done any damage since the cameras were installed and we were able to catch that individual.

Kyle reported that he would eventually like cameras in the council chamber to livestream the meetings.

Councilwoman Wise would like to know which cameras are immediately needed when it is presented to the Council during the budget amendment.

E. Mayor & Council Reports:

Mayor Wilson-The City is preparing the application for the feasibility study for the road mentioned in the UDOT study. Ash Creek SSD will have an open house to answer any questions and present the plans for the new treatment facility getting built in La Verkin.

Kyle suggested talking with Ash Creek SSD about putting ball fields on the property they aren't using around the facility.
Blair Gubler-Solid Waste District has sent letters to the City reminding them of the upcoming increase in January. There has been a group contesting the recycling fees. Instead of going to the Solid Waste District, she is going to city council meetings. Kevin, with the Solid Waste District, will send information to the cities explaining that the Solid Waste District is a municipality similar to a power company.

Wise-DTEC-She attended the meeting for Councilman Hirschi. There was a discussion on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) boundary to include the Desert Color Area, which is south of St. George and all of Toquerville. They also discussed the town of Virgin growing quickly enough to be urbanized enough to be part of the MPO. There was also a presentation on the State's survey Guiding Our Growth that was specific to Washington County.

ZRC has an upcoming workshop in November with a presentation from SITLA.

Micah Gubler-Winterfest will be December 1 & 2nd.

Chief Nuccitelli reported on the additional police presence we had throughout the weekend in La Verkin City. There were a lot of activities in southern Utah that increased the number of people in our area and on the roads.

Hirschi-The Fire District has enough money for a couple of years. They did advertise for a new fire chief and received about 15 applications. However, because of the financial situation, the Board decided to let the interim chief continue to run the department until that can be resolved.

Hardy-The Historic Preservation Association held a second meeting. They have already created a spreadsheet with over 30 possible historic locations within the City.

Mayor Wilson reported on the Governor's Disagree Better initiative handout.

Derek passed out the code regarding Planned Community Development (PCD). There will be a work meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss PCD specifically for the topside on October 25th.

F. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

No comments were made.

Wise-She reported on the October 11th Planning Commission meeting.

G. Adjourn:

The motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to adjourn, second by Councilman Chuck Hardy. The motion was carried unanimously at 6:55 p.m.

November 1, 2023
Date Approved

ATTEST: Christy Ballard
Christy Ballard
City Recorder

Kelly B. Wilson
Mayor Kelly B. Wilson