

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 6:00 pm.

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

Present: Mayor Kelly Wilson; Council Members: Patricia Wise, Blair Gubler, Richard Hirschi, and Darren Prince; Staff: Derek Imlay, Kyle Gubler, Chief Nick Nuccitelli, Maridee Johnson, and Christy Ballard; Public; Shawn Sandberg-Gencomm

Councilman Micah Gubler was excused.

A. Called to Order—Richard Hirschi gave the invocation/thought and Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm.

B. Presentation:

1. Gencomm-Shawn Sandberg

Gencomm is an audio-visual integration company and design firm that has been around for sixty-eight years. They do a lot of state and municipality work, including state and federal courts. They currently have the state contract. They like to make the things automated, seamless, and easy for their customers. They offer streaming to YouTube, the recording, and remote participation for council members or citizens. They offer up to four streams and Zoom at one time. He reviewed Gencomm's plan for the council chamber remodel with cameras, microphones, screens, and a projector. The bid includes the council workroom and the foyer.

Councilwoman Wise stated one of her hopes with this technology is that the City can share more information with the citizens attending the meeting.

Shawn has seen considerable interest in the streaming side of meetings just because of the ease of use for citizens. Most of the cities he manages have a better virtual turnout than in-person.

Meetings on YouTube are recorded so people can view past meetings.

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: January 3, 2024, regular meeting
4. Checks & Invoices: \$148,985.57

The motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to approve the consent agenda as written, including the minutes of the January 3, 2024, regular meeting and Checks and Invoices in the amount of \$148,985.57, second by Councilwoman Patricia Wise. Roll Call Vote: Prince-yes, Hirschi-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Business:

1. Discussion and direction regarding electronics for the Council Chamber remodel.

Kyle reported the bid for the remodel did not include the electronics.

Gencomm does have the state bid, so he planned on using them. The bid came in at about \$125,000. We have that money in savings.

Shawn explained they have coordinated with the electrician to provide the rough-in work. Gencomm will install it after painting but before the carpet, and it should take about one week.

Kyle went over the remodel plans for the council chambers, foyer, council workroom, and back room of the council chambers.

Councilwoman Wise mentioned having the ability to host large groups in this building would be less disruptive to city staff. She also asked if Kyle had gotten other bids.

Kyle replied that Gencomm has the state bid, so they are automatically the best bid.

If the Council wants something different than what is presented, now is the time to decide. There will be a contract that will need to be approved once the details have been determined.

Mayor Wilson thanked Shawn for the presentation and stated the Council agreed to proceed with the project.

2. Discussion on the My Water Advisor 2.0 app.

Kyle passed out the instruction sheet to download the My Water Advisor 2.0 app. One of the City's goals is to get all residents on this app.

The Councilmembers took time to download this app to their phone.

Mayor Wilson explained this app will help residents be aware of their daily, monthly, and hourly water usage.

Kyle went over some of the app's options, such as setting a billing cycle limit or leak alert, so it will email you if you go over that set amount or the system thinks you may have a leak.

It is a little premature to send it out to the public, but we will work on getting it ready as soon as possible.

This is one more way the City can be proactive in water conservation.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. R-2024-02; a resolution approving the designation of a council representative to the Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control District.

The motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Wise to approve Resolution No. R-2024-02; a resolution approving the designation of a council representative to the Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control District, second by Councilman Richard Hirschi. Blair Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Hirschi-yes, Prince-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Mayor & Council Reports:

Prince-He has met with Chuck Hardy to get up to speed on his assignments. He is also working with Washington City on trail items.

Hirschi-DTEC-Virgin will now be a voting member. Dixie Regional Transportation Expo will be in February.

Wise-She reported on the January 10th Planning Commission meeting.

The County Commission approved an interlocal agreement with La Verkin City to pay for the design work for the Zion Corridor Trail through Cottonwood Hollow. The contract is with our attorney for review; she is not anticipating any issues, so the design work with Interstate Rock Products should begin shortly.

The What's Up Down South conference was excellent. Councilman Prince has a lot of input in that conference as his position as the County Economic Director.

Blair Gubler-Nothing to report.

Councilman Prince explained that as the County Economic Director, he is also the Executive Director of the Southern Utah Economic Alliance, which hosts the What's Up Down South Conference. The focus this year was to highlight local businesses. It was a great showing from our local businesses as well as attendees.

F. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

No comments were made.

G. Closed Session:

1. Strategy session to discuss collective bargaining.

The motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to move to a closed session at the location of 111 South Main Street for a strategy session to discuss collective bargaining, second by Councilman Blair Gubler. Blair Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Hirschi-yes, Prince-yes. The motion was carried unanimously at 7:06 pm.

H. Reconvene from Closed Session:

The motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Wise to reconvene from the closed session, second by Councilman Richard Hirschi. Prince-yes, Hirschi-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes. The motion carried unanimously at 7:28 pm.

The Councilmembers decided on a date for the budget retreat.

Kyle went over the process for the new council member, Councilman Prince.

He also asked the Councilmembers to have some direction on a cost-of-living increase at the meeting. He will present the budget with 6% that was figured last year.

I. Adjourn:

The motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Wise to adjourn, second by Councilman Blair Gubler. Prince-yes, Hirschi-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes. The motion was carried unanimously at 7:37 pm.

February 7, 2024
Date Approved

ATTEST: Christy Ballard
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City Recorder

Kelly B. Wilson
Mayor Kelly B. Wilson

