

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 6:00 pm.

Gym, 111 S. Main, La Verkin, Utah

Present: Mayor Kelly Wilson; Council Members: Patricia Wise, Blair Gubler, Richard Hirschi, Micah Gubler, and Darren Prince; Staff: Derek Imlay, Kyle Gubler, Fay Reber, Chief Nick Nuccitelli, Maridee Johnson, and Christy Ballard; Public; Christian Henny-Zion Canyon Hot Springs.

A. Called to Order –Blair Gubler gave the invocation/thought and Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm.

B. 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: March 20, 2024, work and regular meeting
4. Checks & Invoices: \$251,691.03

The motion was made by Councilman Blair Gubler to approve the consent agenda as written, including the minutes of the March 20, 2024, work and regular meeting and Checks and Invoices in the amount of \$251,691.03, second by Councilman Micah Gubler. Roll Call Vote: Prince-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Hirschi-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Public Hearing:

1. FY 2023-2024 Budget Amendment

Kyle went over the proposed changes to the current FY 2023-2024 budget.

The advertised amendment has one change. 210 South had a sewer line break, which Ash Creek Sewer District repaired. However, the road is damaged enough that staff requests \$50,000 to replace it. That money will come out of the general fund. Ash Creek SSD will contribute \$20,000 to the project.

This is the third budget amendment for this fiscal year. Most of the amendment's items are housing-keeping items such as tax increases (sales, property, etc.) and service increases such as building permits, business licenses, and animal control. Impact fees also increased.

A proposed \$160,000 is coming out of the appropriation of fund balance (savings).

The expenditures include the attorney contract for Fay and Jenkins Bagley. Public safety increases for part-time employees, as well as equipment and vehicles.

Street maintenance was increased by \$80,000 for crack seal. The Rim to River Trail was increased by \$15,000. Trails will be getting its own budget line. CERT will also be getting its own budget line under public safety.

Capital Projects is increasing by \$260,000 for the 111 South building remodel.

The Water Fund increased from the impact fees.

The Sewer, Garbage, and Drainage Fund increased from rate increases.

The public hearing opened at 6:11 pm

No comments were made.

The public hearing closed at 6:11 pm.

D. Business:

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution R-2024-06; a resolution opening and amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.

Kyle asked for the additional \$50,000 to be included in the motion if the Council approves. The project will included fixing the service lines before the road is paved.

This amendment includes several of the Chief and Derek's requests from the budget retreat. Some items will wait until later. A street sweeper will most likely be included in next year's budget.

There has been a discussion with Ash Creek SSD regarding purchasing a vactor truck. That truck wouldn't be ready for 18 months. Ash Creek SSD will fund the purchase, charging the city the interest they would collect from a PTIF account. **The motion was made by Councilman Micah Gubler to approve Resolution R-2024-06, a resolution opening and amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, including the additional \$50,000 for roads, second by Councilman Blair Gubler. Roll Call Vote: Prince-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Hirschi-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes. The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Discussion and possible action to approve a Quit Claim Deed and reservation of utility easement with Zion Canyon Hot Springs LLC.

Fay explained that several weeks ago, the Council had approved the ordinance vacating a portion of 480 South. The second step was to convey that property to the developer. This conveys the property with an easement right to maintain the existing utility lines and establish any new ones. A long-term lease option was discussed, but that would cause problems for the developer with lending. If they do not make substantial progress toward completion of the project within three years, they must reconvey the property back to the City. Their legal counsel has reviewed it.

Christan Henny reported that the construction for phase one has begun and will last about sixteen months.

The motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Wise to approve a Quit Claim Deed and reservation of utility easement with Zion Canyon Hot Springs LLC, second by Councilman Blair Gubler. Roll Call Vote: Prince-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Hirschi-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2024-12, an ordinance amending Section 8-1-2 C.3. of the La Verkin City Code establishing the amount of the deposit required for utility services.

Mayor Wilson explained that this was discussed during the last city council meeting. Staff drafted the ordinance requiring a \$350 security deposit for utility accounts. The increase will cover almost three months, including the sewer and garbage fee the city is responsible for.

Kyle reported the deposit can be requested back after two years with no late payments or is returned when they close the account.

The motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to approve Ordinance No. 2024-12, an ordinance amending Section 8-1-2 C.3. of the La Verkin City Code establishing the amount of the deposit required for utility services, second by Councilwoman Patricia Wise. Roll Call Vote: Blair Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Hirschi-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Prince-no. The motion passed.

E. Mayor & Council Reports:

Micah Gubler-He has been approached by residents regarding the lack of a reservation system for the baseball diamond. That is causing some issues.

Kyle mentioned that the staff is reviewing the reservation system and fees for the other city facilities; he will include the baseball field in that discussion. The La Verkin Elementary School has first right. Once the changes are made, they will be included on the city website.

Maridee reported that she spoke with the individuals this week and has worked the issue out for now. It will be included in the new reservation system that will be ready for next season.

Councilman Gubler continued that his wife attended the easter egg hunt, which was a great success. He also thanked the Chief for our department's quick response to the Hurricane High School active shooter incident.

Chief gave a brief account of the incident, which was a false alarm.

Prince-Nothing to report.

Hirschi-Fire District-Robin Smith from Rockville is a new member of the board. The Department needs new radios. A representative from St. George Dispatch gave a presentation on the dispatching system.

Kyle asked Councilman Hirschi to inform the Fire Department that La Verkin City has received complaints from business owners about how long it takes them to complete fire inspections. This is creating a problem for the business license procedure for renewing licenses.

Councilman Hirschi will take that information back to the Board.

He continued his report by reporting that they discussed the possibility of truth in taxation or increasing fees.

Wise-She reported on the March 27th planning commission meeting.

During the budget meeting, she proposed creating a trail committee. She has approached individuals she feels would be a good fit but is still looking for people.

The City Alliance Program with Utah Tech would like to start the desert garden at Power Plant Park. Gary Groom is on the beautification committee, and he suggested making the garden a community effort, which would be an excellent way to get neighborhood people to know each other. That could work with all the parks. Volunteers could do the maintenance. She told Gary she would bring it up but wondered how the city would manage something like that. Who would be the coordinator? Council members, city staff, or the events director?

Blair Gubler- Nothing new to report.

G. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

No comments were made.

Councilman Micah Gubler left at 6:44 p.m.

H. Adjourn:

The motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Wise to adjourn, second by Councilman Darren Prince. Prince-yes, Hirschi-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes. The motion was carried unanimously at 6:45 p.m.

May 1, 2024
Date Approved

ATTEST:

Christy Ballard
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City Recorder

Kelly B. Wilson
Mayor Kelly B. Wilson



