

# City of La Verkin

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## La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 17, 2014 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers, 111 S. Main, LaVerkin, Utah

**Present:** Mayor Kerry Gubler; Council-Members: Brandon Stephenson, Richard Hirschi, Ken Hooten, Chantelle Browning, and Randy Reeve; Staff: Kyle Gubler, Derek Imlay, Troylinn Benson, Kevin Bennett, Chief Ben Lee, and Christy Ballard; Public: John Valenti.

- A. Called to Order** – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Brandon Stephenson at 6:00pm.
- 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. Minutes: September 3, 2014 regular meeting minutes
  4. Review Invoices and Checks: \$

**Motion was made by Councilman Brandon Stephenson to approve the consent agenda as written including the September 3, 2014 regular meeting minutes, second by Councilman Randy Reeve. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **C. Committee Reports:**

1. Planning Commission – The next meeting is on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
2. Water Board – The next meeting is in October.
3. Fire District-Chief Kuhlmann reported they are preparing next year's budget. Hurricane will be discussing the ramifications of coming back to the Fire District during their next City Council meeting. The new fire house project is moving forward, they are in the process of purchasing property. It will be located in the Coral Canyon area and will service the three surrounding areas. The Fire District will start the process of hiring several part time employees tomorrow. The agreement was signed yesterday to purchase a new apparatus. It will be a non-emergency vehicle used to transport people from rest homes etc to doctor appointments. The vehicle is a sprinter van that will hold two wheel chairs or one gurney or the seats can be put back in and it will hold 12 people. The building project in La Verkin that has been going on for several years has run into some issues with the Fire District. The plan the District approved is not the same plan the builders received. There are some major Safety Code deficiencies in the standing building; Chief has been trying to work with them to get the proper plans to review but has not heard back from them. This past week he did sent a letter to the architect, property owner, the builder, and cc'd DOPL along with another letter to DOPL concerning some of the actions of the architect (letter is included in packet). He will continue to work with the builder to make sure the building meets all of the safety requirements. The Red Bull Rampage starts this weekend; it is always a busy event for the Fire District.
4. Sewer Board-The meeting is next Thursday.
5. Community Garden- Richard reported there are some people who will be tilling the garden and getting it cleaned up for community service hours. He has also found a person willing to help with the garden next year.

If they can find a parcel with a fence around it Richard feels it may do better.

### **D. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:**

No comment.

**E. Business:**

No business items.

**F. Staff, Mayor & Council Reports:**

*City Administrator- Kyle Gubler*

Kyle passed out his handout.

The League of Cities and Towns was held last week; Kyle included a list of workshops he attended.

The Beautification Committee sponsors the State Street cleanup. It is broken up into 8 sections with the LDS wards and the Bible church each taking a section along with help from people needing community service hours.

Kyle emailed 6 logo ideas from the ZC3 meeting to the Councilmembers, he was not able to attend the meeting and isn't sure if the logo has been chosen yet.

*Public Safety- Chief Ben Lee*

1. There was a residential fire in La Verkin. The Fire District did a great job at getting it put out. Police were able to contact the home owner and direct traffic. No one was injured.
2. There were traffic hazards from the flooding but not as many as surrounding areas.
3. There is a new reserve officer, Boyd Van Dam. He is a full time corrections officer for the County and is on the SWAT Team. He will be a great addition to our department.
4. The bikes in the evidence room have been donated to the local Care and Share.
5. Animal Control statistics: We took in 18 animals last month. 2 were transferred to other organizations, 8 were adopted out, 6 were returned to owners and 1 was euthanized due to his aggressive nature, and the last one was fostered. Five of those came from the County. So far in September there has been 6 impounds and 4 adoptions with one of those dogs coming from the County. Patti, along with several volunteers, took the dogs to the Dog Day Spectacular hosted by BAM. It was a huge success. Animal vests were donated by River Rock Roasting Company for the dogs to wear while they are being walked saying adopt me.
6. The work group inmate program is still working out great.
7. The Animal Control Committee met and decided they would recommend lowering the residential boarding fee from \$20 per day to \$10 while maintaining the \$20 fee for non-residential animals.

Patti is the new animal control officer; her hours are M&T 9am-2pm, Wed 2pm-7pm, Thurs & Fri 9am-2pm. She may start working every other Saturday.

Councilman Reeve asked if County dogs were \$20 per day as long as they are there or just for the 5 days until they are adoptable.

Chief replied if an owner comes in it is the daily fee. To adopt it would be the adoption fee. There has never been a dog from the County stay longer than the 5 days but he thinks after the 5 days the dog would become La Verkin's and we would adopt it out. The City is getting the two full time employees from the County inmates who maintain the shelter and grounds and help the Public Works Department. He feels that is a fair trade.

*Director of Operations-Derek Imlay*

The engineers that Derek talked to compared the recent storm to the 100 year flood because the amount of rain that fell and the short amount of time it fell in. There were some areas that flooded and some areas the crew was able to get to in time to prevent it from flooding. The drainage system overall handled it well. There are sandbags ready, full and empty in preparation for the upcoming storm. There have been several people come in to pick some up. The crew has been sweeping up the roads the best they can.

Ashley Averett is waiting on an MRI to find out about his shoulder from yesterday's accident. The backhoe was tipped on its side. All of the insurance companies have been contacted.

*Treasurer-Troylinn Benson*

Nothing to report.

*Mayor Gubler*-On 100 South and State Street and at the entrance to Pheasant Glen there is a drainage issue. UDOT will be fixing those areas when they do their upcoming road project. They originally wanted La Verkin to pay for part of those repairs. Staff didn't feel that the issue at the entrance to Pheasant Glen was the Cities responsibility but the issue on 100 South partly was. UDOT ended up agreeing with us so they will only be charging us for part of the 100 South project.

Kyle explained there will be an Ordinance presented at the next meeting to enter into an agreement with the State allowing us to pay for the project out of next year's budget if we need to.

Kevin has reviewed the agreement and stated it is a good deal.

*Browning*-Mosquito Abatement meeting is tomorrow, she will report next meeting.

*Hirschi*-Nothing further to report.

*Stephenson*-Nothing to report.

*Hooten*-Confluence Park met today. There has been some significant vandalism done at the La Verkin Trailhead. The panels from the kiosk were ripped down and some of the fencing was torn apart. They are asking the public to be more aware and report any mischievous happenings they see. The Park closes at 10pm.

The improvements made to Confluence Park have cost a lot of money, and that money is not easy to come by so when things are destroyed it hurts the entire community.

Mayor Gubler reported there are a lot of projects that need to be done in the Park, if anyone knows of a Scout looking for an Eagle project or a church group looking for a service project.

*Reeve*-Nothing to report.

Mayor Gubler asked if the Councilmembers are okay with Kyle emailing them a copy of his report to save on paper.

All Councilmembers agreed that would be fine.

**G. Adjourn:**

**Motion was made by Councilman Brandon Stephenson to adjourn, second by Councilman Randy Reeve. Motion carried unanimously at 6:37pm.**

Minutes were taken on behalf of the City Recorder by Christy Ballard.

*October 1, 2014*

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Date Approved

ATTEST:

*Kyle Gubler*  
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Kyle Gubler  
City Recorder

*Kerry T. Gubler*  
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Mayor Kerry T. Gubler

