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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 6:00 pm.

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

Present: Mayor Kelly Wilson; Council Members: Patricia Wise, Blair Gubler, Darren Prince, and Richard Hirschi; Staff: Kyle Gubler, Fay Reber, Derek Imlay, and Nancy Cline, and Chief Nuccitelli.

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

A. Presentation:

1. Nick Wright reported there will be a September 11th memorial. The Fire Department Board met and discussed the proposal for three new buildings. He reported the stats for July. They had two called over July 4th celebration from La Verkin, but they were not fires.

2. Chief Nuccitelli suggested the city needs to update their policy on OHV. There are no definitions for golf carts, electric dirt bikes, and electric scooters. He showed a video that was on YouTube. One kid sent out an invitation to whoever wanted to meet at Dinosaur crossing in St. George and ride together. They had about 50 kids show up on all types of electric vehicles. They road through town over Foremaster drive to the college. They tore up grass and jumped off of stairs. The city needs to update a traffic plan on where unlicensed bikes and golf carts are allowed to go on the highway. Plus, they are not defined in the ordinance. In this case even if the police could receive the report and find them, they scatter, and the police are lucky to get a few of them. The city ordinance in Hurricane defines OHV provisions for golf carts. Minors aged 12-18 can operate them as long as they have someone 16 yrs or older with them and they have a safety certificate. 18 years and older need a driver's license. The majority of the current ordinance when it was written, they can drive Main Street and then access trails, from the north end of Main Street. There's no more Main Street trailhead. There are "No trespassing" signs up now. They no longer have access to trails unless they go up the twist with bikes on a trailer to get to the trails because we don't want these young kids driving up the twist. They can't access those same trailheads they did 10 years ago, so the development is kind of taking away that accessibility for them. He wants to encourage the kids to keep riding. But they need to understand how to operate the vehicle and obey the ordinances. The risk we don't realize for the kids is they get this big group together in a matter of hours and causing a lot of danger on major streets. He talked about the surrounding cities and what they have adopted into their ordinances. He recommended that they incorporate some of the definitions that some other cities have made which include golf carts and the new style OHVs that are out which are categorized under OHV terrain vehicles. He also believed that now would be a good time to restrict access and at what speed these vehicles would be allowed on within our city limits, especially crossing some of the state highways in the city, and consider different age restrictions.

Mayor Wilson advised him to speak with Fay and get an ordinance drawn up so the council can look at it.

Kyle Gubler said there is a concern about one of the most popular places to go for these people to go is Maverick or the Dollar store and there is no way to cross the highway legally from anywhere in town.

Chief Nuccitelli asked if they were comfortable with limiting the speed on residential streets to 25 MPH.

Mayor Wilson replied that the speed limit is 25 for cars so it should be 25 for HOV.

Councilwoman Wise asked if they are suggesting all residential street are ok to drive on with OHV.

Chief suggested if they stay under 25 MPH. With all the building they have no access to the trails anymore.

Councilman Prince added there are people that just want to drive them to the park or Maverick, and he felt that was appropriate.

Councilman Blair Gubler agreed that if the vehicle was street legal there shouldn't be a problem.

Chief added what if they had a street legal golf cart with three kids in it and one driving. Is that safe?

Mayor Wilson thanked the chief and suggested he create an Ordinance they can look at.

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: July 15, 2025, special meeting, July 16, 2025, regular meeting.
4. Checks & Invoices: \$ 507,589.01

The motion was made by Councilman Patricia Wise to approve the consent agenda as written, including the minutes of July 15, 2025, special meeting, July 16, 2025, regular meeting. Checks and invoices in the amount \$507,589.01, second by Councilman Richard Hirschi. Roll Call Vote: Hirschi-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes, Prince-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Public Hearing:

1. Public hearing to receive public input regarding possible increase in compensation for City Recorder and City Recreation Director.

No comments made.

Public Hearing opened at 6:6:26

No comments made

Public Hearing closed at 6:27

D. Business:

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2025-05, approving an increase in compensation for the La Verkin City Recorder and La Verkin City Recreation Director, and establishing effective date.

Kyle Gubler explained Nancy Cline is the city Recorder and Maridee Johnson is our recreation director and state code required anytime that there is an increase given to the director or a statutory position, we have to have a public hearing. It's in the budget. We budgeted for these raises. Also, as discussed in the budget amendment, or the budget, there was a 5% cost of living increase. In the next pay period, all of the city employees, full-time employees, will receive. In addition to that, it's recommended by the mayor that there be a \$5,000 annual salary for both of those positions taking effect on August 23rd pay period.

Councilman Prince asked if they checked other cities to see what the pay scale was and if this was the going rate.

Kyle Gubler replied that they compared the best they can to have different hours and responsibilities.

Councilwoman Wise agreed with the pay raise. That in the past budget retreats they discussed the city recorder positions pay scale.

The motion was made by Councilman Patricia Wise approving an increase in compensation for the La Verkin City Recorder and La Verkin City Recreation Director of 5,000 annually with an effective date of August 23, 2025, second by Councilman Richard Hirschi. Roll Call Vote: Hirschi-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes, Prince-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion, and possible to approve the 2025 Primary Election Canvass.

Mayor Wilson explained that Richard Howard withdrew from the race, so the remaining candidates are in the General election, and they are all at the meeting.

Nancy Cline read in the canvass statistics. Total Ballots cast 588. Amanda Barr 215, John Vincent Valenti 221, Christian Kenneth Harrison 132, Annika Astra Durum 142, and Richard Brooks Howard withdrew.

The motion was made by Councilman Darren Prince to approve the 2025 Primary Election Canvass, second by Councilman Richard Hirschi. Roll Call Vote: Hirschi-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes, Prince-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Washington county, Utah and the City of La Verkin for TRT funding to design a portion of the Zion Corridor Trail.

Kyle Gubler explained it's the amount of money that the county has approved. Interstate Rock has been contracted to design and construct the trail through that property, basically under the bridge down to confluence park to the property line. The county agreed to just under \$532,000. He will put it in the budget as received and pay out of that budget line when the invoices come in.

Councilwoman Wise explained they needed to change the contract taking out the design portion of it. It's not TRT funding to design a portion. It's TRT funds. The design portion was already approved. This is for the construction of phase one. It's about the 8th paragraph down on the interlocal agreement, so we just need to say construction rather than design on the approval.

Councilman Prince added there needs to be a correction on 3.8 of the town Ivins listed not La Verkin. That needs to be changed.

Kyle Gubler explained they will have to have the county change the document.

Councilwoman wise suggested they approve it with the conditions that it takes out the word design and changes the city name to Ivins.

Fay replied that it does say it's for construction and later mentions the word design, and that it is probably just rolled over from other contracts.

Councilwoman Wise explained its confusing because on the first page it says in paragraph six whereas a previous interlocal agreement with La Verkin was approved for a design of a paved path through cottonwood hollow and then it says whereas La Verkin has completed a portion of that design and La Verkin is ready for phase one of construction. The county desires to provide funding to La Verkin, to complete the construction of the project.

The motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Wise approving the Interlocal Agreement between Washington county, Utah and the City of La Verkin for TRT funding for phase 1 of the Zion Corridor Trail and changing the language to La Verkin not Ivins, second by Councilman Darren Prince. Roll Call Vote: Hirschi-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes, Prince-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2025-09, a Resolution amending the La Verkin Employee Policies and Procedures Manual to include annual Ethical Behavior Statement.

Kyle Gubler explained that the state of Utah has made it mandatory that all of our employees sign a statement of ethical behavior so we're just putting it into our personnel policy and procedures manual and every year we'll pass out the statement the staff meeting.

The motion was made by Councilman Darren Prince to approve Resolution No. 2025-09, a Resolution amending the La Verkin Employee Policies and Procedures Manual to include annual Ethical Behavior

Statement, second by Councilman Blair Gubler. Roll Call Vote: Hirschi-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes, Prince-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve Proclamation -2025-02; a proclamation designating September 17-23, 2025, as Constitution Week.

Mayor Wilson explained they do this every year.

The motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to approve Proclamation -2025-02, a proclamation designating September 17-23, 2025, as Constitution Week, second by Councilman Darren Prince. Roll Call Vote: Hirschi-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes, Prince-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the Critical Infrastructure Materials Operations Agreement with Interstate Rock.

Mayor explained they have discussed this a lot. That they have gone through the process required for the CIMPA. They have come to an agreement instead of the CIMPA.

Fay explained they have been working on an agreement with Interstate Rock for months. The city's expert legal counsel advised them to work on the agreement, not the CIMPA. The city has given Interstate Rock all the protections they wanted except for the eminent domain from others. The city will grant them eminent domain protection. This agreement has already been approved by Interstate Rock it's been signed and notarized. Approving it here this evening will cancel the CIMPA.

Mayor Wilson asked Interstate Rock if they agreed and they did.

Councilman Prince shared he was disappointed in the way they were talked about and threats that were made against them. He is glad they could come to an agreement.

The motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Wise to approve the Critical Infrastructure Materials Operations Agreement with Interstate Rock, second by Councilman Blair Gubler. Roll Call Vote: Hirschi-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes, Prince-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve Interstate Rocks application for a Critical Infrastructure Materials Protection Area.

This item was not discussed. The previous approval of item number six cancelled number seven discussion.

8. Discussion regarding increasing the business license fees.

Nancy Cline explained in business licensing short term rentals take the most time. The city hired Deckard Technology to find the illegal STR. Also, owners who are abusing their license by having a Bed and Breakfast license but renting out their entire house or renting out an ADU. The surrounding cities have similar prices on their STR licenses. Hurricane, Washington and St. George have similar fees. We are proposing a \$300 first time license fee on STR and \$200 on renewal. Regular business license is \$65 and renewal \$45 we propose changing it to \$70 first time and \$50 to renew. Commercial is \$100 first time and \$65 to renew. We propose \$105 first time and \$70 to renew.

Kyle Gubler added that the impact on public service, tourism-related wear on infrastructure, they drive the roads but pay property tax, and administrative costs. Basically regional consistency, which we would be charging what the neighboring communities are doing. And there's a couple other things. We have several out there that

have vacation rental licenses, that the only reason they carry the license is because it's adding value to their home, they don't use it. The biggest reason is that software that we paid for, and we should be rolling out with a list of violations. And based on what we've discussed, violations will have 60 days after they're in violation. That way anyone renting the property will have time to find a different legal short-term rental.

Mayor asked if there was a fine.

Kyle explained yes, it's \$750 per day. Deckard technology will send out a letter telling them to comply and what will happen if they don't.

Councilwoman Wise explained that it's important for the legal short-term rental owners to know, is that this fee that we're increasing are for the reasons that Kyle just stated. Like the cost to police the illegal. We're not making the legal owners pay for the technology to chase the illegal owners. She didn't want the legal owners to feel like they're being penalized by being legal and having to pay for the software. The software is the cost the city incurs. These other reasons, the administrative costs, she has spoken with Nancy and Christy before about how much time they spent on short-term rentals. The chief pulls his hair out with complaints. She thought the increased cost was very warranted and fair. Why would we punish the ones who are following the rules for the ones who are not. It helps even the playing field.

Mayor Wilson added well just a comment on that for those that are following the rules they've been requesting this for a long time because it hurts them tremendously because they're doing it right.

Councilman Prince asked if there was any money coming to the city from the legal rentals.

Kyle explained transit room tax it paid to the city. Deckard technology has identified 200 rentals in the city but only about 125 have licenses. So, the 75 people that receive this letter are not going to be happy. It's not fair to the licensed owners to compete with the illegal owners. They are taking money away from these owners and not paying taxes or license fees. He warned them they might get unhappy phone calls about this. But they are breaking the law.

Councilwoman Wise asked if they could send out a letter to the legal owners, so they are warned about the increase. They might be making good money or not. The increase of \$165 might make a difference in their business plan.

Kyle agreed they could send out a letter. They renew January 2026.

Fay advised making it effective now so that the fee change has already been in place before its time for renewal.

Councilman prince asked if they gave their email addresses so it could save on mailing letters.

Kyle explained some give it and others don't.

9. Discussion regarding ZRC update and Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan.

Councilwoman Wise explained that the Zion Regional Collaborative, which La Verkin is part of, and she is vice chair. They have raised money, gotten a grant from UDOT to do a strategic plan update on the corridor management plan for the Zion Scenic Byway. It's already a scenic byway, Hurricane is not part of it, and neither is the east part of Zion or all the way to Mount Carmel, and it's been proven in many tourism studies that, people who travel national scenic byways roads are really great visitors to have. They usually are more respectful, they spend more money locally, they like doing things like farmers' market, all of the local things, so they're kind of a notch up from maybe your average weekend person. The other thing is they're repeat visitors. They stay longer, they spend a little more money, they appreciate the history and culture, of scenic byways. The last time our scenic byway was studied was 2000. In 2011, the Federal Highway Administration put a hold on all new scenic byways and so. our application just sat. It came back around in 2020, the Zion Regional Collaborative of La Verkin, Springdale, Rockville, Hurricane, Virgin. We applied for it and received it, so we've been a national scenic byway since then, but our corridor management is from 2011, so it's very old. We

wanted to do an update of that, of the intrinsic values, which includes all of the different cultures, the different viewshed, the different amenities along the way, all of that. And it's recognition of individual communities because all of the communities on our byway are very different from each other. No two of us are alike. Our plans for growth are different. For it to be beneficial for all of us and even Washington County is if it's a cohesive plan. There will be many things that we could work on together that will enhance the area for all of us. One of those would be signage, that we have the same signage, the national signage for City Byways, that we have pull-outs for the different areas, like the monument here in town at 500 North End Main Street, that is all part of the National City Byway money. With the Zion Corridor Trail running along SR 9, we could have potentially recreation facilities for e-bikes, we could have shade structures, and rather than every community doing their own look, if it was a cohesive plan, it would be great. Washington County has done a lot of this kind of planning, and it really does make a difference in how the impact, the positive impact it gives the community. She will email a copy of the plan to the council it's a large document. August 22nd is when we're actually turning it in. Senator Owens has pretty much committed to running it through the Utah State Legislature. Representative Ellison had spoken early, but we've not been able to nail him down. He's been really busy, but we should be able to get it through the Utah State Legislature. It does have to go through them. It has to be approved in this upcoming session before we can apply to the Federal Highway. The U.S. Secretary of the Interior has issued an order for all of the national parks to give an update, a report, on how they're interacting with Gateway communities. The new Secretary of the Interior wants to make sure that the national parks, even though they've had shortfalls in funding, et cetera, are engaging the surrounding communities. Zion National Park particular has done an excellent job of that and through the ZRC the communities have done an excellent job of working with the park. Washington County is very involved with the park, so it has really been a win-win situation. She thought that our relationship with the park and with Zion forever project, the fundraising arm of the park, is really a good example of this. She will be sending in a report and it's possible the mayor may need to sign it.

E. Mayor & Council Reports:

Mayor Wilson reported that the city council and staff have been invited to eat lunch at Stage Coach for the filming of the show Americas Best Restaurants.

Fay Reber had nothing to report

Prince reported the mosquito abatement meeting. There is a invasive mosquitoes called the Ababbes mosquitoes. If anyone has one, they need to contact the mosquito abatement. He also attended a meeting about America 250 celebrations. Some of the towns are putting, we talked about billboards, some are hanging flags. Or having the two lanterns. He thought we could encourage the citizens either for a month, or the day of. It's fun to see all the houses in town with two lights symbolizing Paul Revere.

Councilwoman Wise suggested tying it into other town celebrations throughout the year. She asked when the actual celebration would be.

Councilman prince responded that July 4th is the big celebration, but he thought Paul Revere's ride is in April. so, we could do something that same day, now that everyone has two lights all around. He also had people asking about the water rate increase. People who are on Facebook. They probably saw that he has been asking a lot of questions about the impact of the new water rates. He didn't think there's a lot of concern about the base fees. He thought people are really getting hammered in those tiered rates. He received a nice letter from the Porters. They were affected. There are at least 10 families that the bill went from 200 to 600. He didn't think people were prepared for how drastically those tiered rates are affecting them. He would really like us to get some hard information. He talked to Lisa, and asked is this affecting 20 people, 100 people? And she said it's like hundreds. But he didn't ask her if it was the tiered rates or the base rate. But he would really like to talk

about them. He had a really emotional call from a single mother, who said she couldn't make her mortgage payment because her rates went up so high. And you know, before that there was no consequence to using unlimited water. He knew about one gentleman who had a water leak, he didn't even care because in the past it didn't really matter. But his bill this time was \$1400 so he fixed the leak finally. He didn't have a problem with raising the rates. He wanted to discuss maybe a way to give some sort of relief through the summer on some of these tiered rates so people can prepare next summer. That was his suggestion, but he would like to meet and discuss that.

Mayor Wilson commented that by the time we meet and can do anything with it, summer's going to be over. He didn't know if we could do a whole lot right now. In order to make a change, we'd have to go through the process of the city council and put it on the agenda and make the change.

Councilman Prince added that he thought \$100, \$120 is palatable. If he had a bill for \$400 more and he used the same water, of course it's my fault because he used the water. But he didn't think we would ever say, hey, Stephen, if you use this amount in July, your bill is going to be \$600. And he didn't know that people got that kind of notice. He thought we could have done a better job showing them what's coming.

Mayor Wilson responded that we did advertise it. We did put people on notice. They probably didn't pay attention to it. But because if they would have done it. They would have looked at what they'd been using and saw what the tiered rates were going to be. They could calculate that out that they're going to have a water bill. And he thought the important thing was we need to get the information out to them, and there's probably better ways that we can do that. He had a discussion with one of the candidates today on how the city can do better and be more open with what we're doing so that the citizens understand what we're doing. He thought of some better ways to do that with social media, not social media but on our website so that it's easier for them to look at it and find it. It will be interesting to see what the water bill is next month after they've had the big one, and see if it changed any behavior.

Derek Imlay commented that Darren should meet with him next week. He put all the numbers together for June, which was under the old rate, and the new rate that started in July. It's going to tell the truth as far as how people have been paying attention. So, like, we've already talked with 10 people that didn't know the sprinkler clocks were watering four times a day. So, we've been out and reprogrammed. And then those 100 people, probably half of them, had leaks that we'd been telling them about for a year that didn't, you know, do the repair. He invited Darren to meet with him.

Councilwoman Wise commented we have a new website company. This is the kind of thing where not only put the information out that the water rate's going up, but give the examples for different tiers and usage. And we could take just random amounts, like 8,000 gallons, 20,000 in that. And then at that point, if it's on our website and then we feed it to our city page, Facebook page, then neighbors should be talking about it with people who aren't on that or don't look at the website. But I think as the website becomes more functional, it'll be more of a usable tool where people hopefully will start actually going to it.

Mayor Wilson added that one of the emails I read today saying, well, maybe there's other ways we could have done this, but any of the citizens are welcome to go look at all the data that we looked at, the work that the engineers did for us to come up with this and it's really for them to be able for any citizen to come and look at it and go through all of that data you're welcome to do that. Just to give you an example it's been 25 years ago we raised the water rates here in town I happen to be on the city council at that time, and we have proposed an increase in the water rate. When it came to city council to approve that this room was full of people and standing room only, everybody was going to die because the water rates were going to go up and they were opposing it. I remember I can't think of the name right now anyway one of the city councilmen said Hey, if we table this for a few weeks or a month or so, and let's get a committee or a group of citizens to come and look at all the data that we've been looking at. And so right there in that meeting, the ones that were complaining the most, we asked, would you be on that committee and come and look at this data? And it was hard for any of them that we singled out to say no. And they all said, yeah, we'll do that. And they took the next two months to

go over the same information that we had done for the past six to eight months in determining what the water rate should be in order to meet the obligations that we have as a city to maintain our system and to replace it over time and all of that information. They came back two months later, and their recommendation to, city council was that the rate should be higher than what we were planning on doing. I put that out to every citizen in here if you'd like to come and go through all the data. And the reasoning why we're doing what we're doing and some of the mandates we're getting from the state you're welcome to come and do that we paid a lot of money to the engineering firm to do that work for us and we do that on a regular basis they recommend we do that every five years. It had been seven years since we've raised the rates here in La Verkin and their recommendation was in order to meet what the state's asking us to do because if we wanted to replace a water line or upgrade a water system part of the water system and we didn't have the money to do that. Then we would go to the state to borrow the money and get a bond to do it. And they will require us to have a rate that will pay that back.

Councilman Prince suggested a compromise. If we have a water leak, we reduce the water down to the lowest tier to make it palatable. What if we take these heavy users and say, we'll give you a break one time, at least one time, and we'll lower this down. Everyone that hit the higher tiers could get a break and make that first bill a little more affordable.

Mayor Wilson explained this is not an action item on the agenda. They need to put it on the agenda to discuss then they can list an action item on the agenda and pass something that could give some relief. But it will take time to make it through the process.

Kyle Gubler commented he had access to the information a long time ago, but I was the bad guy. I was the guy that watered his lawn with the culinary water and everything. And I knew that this was coming, as anybody else could have known. But I took the time and could see what my water bill was going to be. So, I changed over to the secondary system, and now I use ditch water on my lawn. Which has been great. The funny thing about it is I've had a share in ditch water in the county or the city for a long time. But I made the effort and did that because I knew. And anybody could have got that information and calculated it out. Now, I understand a little different situation for me because I'm part of the process of going through with the engineers and all that stuff. But that information is out there, and I suspect people are probably watering their lawns with culinary water. The purpose of the water district is they want us to get in line with is that culinary water is very valuable, it's drinking water that we can all drink if you can get hooked up to the ditch water that's not drinkable that we'll put out there now there's some challenges that come with doing that. I used 35,000 gallons a month and I wasn't worried about it because it wasn't that much on my water bill originally, but I could see that it was going to change so I spent money and hooked it up to the ditch water and that's now I use 7,000. That's 23,000 gallons of water that's being saved. I think that's the ultimate goal of the water district. He does sympathize with the citizens because it was a sizable increase.

Mayor Wilson commented that it's a bitter pill to swallow when you get that shock of that bill, and then you're going to have to make adjustments, and people need to do that. That's one of the purposes of it,

Councilman Prince replied when I was a bishop, I had a judge in my ward, and he said one day this guy came into the court pretty upset, screaming and yelling, and the cop was out there in Mesa, hiding in the bushes, and even after the stop sign, the judge brought him in and said, and he said, well, this cop was hiding, did you break the law? And the guy said, Judge, I'm not looking for justice here, I'm looking for mercy. So, I think this month we need to give some mercy to the folks and do what we can to give them a one-time relief.

Councilman Blair Gubler added there is a few people who follow within a certain category. And just to say they're on a fixed income or whatever the circumstances are, oh, you're worthless, we're just going to charge you anyway. We need to provide an avenue for those individuals to be able to make it and not mortgage their home doing it.

Hirschi reported the fire district has already reported the stats. He felt the Hot Springs should say La Verkin on the sign.

Kyle Gubler explained they did ask them to include it but they wanted Zion on the sign.

Wise reported on the planning commission meeting. Kyle and I hosted the economic development meeting, quarterly meeting, Debbie Groves back here is one of our business owners and attends on a regular basis and they also discussed, the live work zone and as business owners how they think it could impact the city negatively. and positively. We got some replies back and that was really a great meeting, we try to always bring topics to them, have presenters that discuss something of importance to the live work and business owners. I also attended the DTEC meeting for Richard, that's the Dixie Transportation Executive Council meeting and basically this meeting is made up of mayors, county commissioners and a few others from five counties. They're the ones who do the planning in the metropolitan area of Washington County for all of the roads, transit, et cetera. The nice thing about this, since UDOT, well, let me back up, the state legislature has brought active transportation into transit planning, transportation planning, and so there is now a fair amount of money going to, that's what's funding the Zion Corridor Trail. We had a presentation on etiquette on the trails. A subcommittee is working on that. The idea is that all of the cities, countywide, will be able to use the same trail messaging, and then also have the same kind of rules of guidance, kind of a friendly approach. And then other than that, Hurricane City was awarded 30 thousand dollars for a transportation master plan Ivin City 100,000 for their master plan and this is money that the MPO collects from taxes and fees. Then there's a 50-year list that goes out about 50 years. It has phases of projects around the county like Sheep Ridge Road is happening now. There will be a regional hospital by Walmart, and that's going to add to a lot of traffic plus some other big holders. And then there's also another hospital that will be out at SR-9 and I-15, a smaller regional hospital. The on-ramp to the freeway in Hurricane, SR-9 and I-15.

Blair Gubler reported solid waste districts biggest thing they did were the road that goes to the landfill that's been there. It's all deteriorating down, and Washington City asked for help to redo that road, and the Solid Waste District gave them \$250,000. And then the county also chipped in on that, and Washington City will pay for the rest, and they'll redo it.

F. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

Christian Harrison commented I appreciate some of the discussion that's happened. It covered a lot of the points that I wanted to ask about. I have a concern and a comment about availability of information. I thought the post that was happening on Facebook was about water rights, and I wanted to try to be informed to see what the current water rates were and what the tiered system was at. I couldn't find that information. I was searching for the city ordinances on the website. I couldn't find it. Kelly, you mentioned that there's engineering studies available for citizens to go and look at, I would ask, where? I can't find things on the websites. And I know I can probably come and bug Nancy and get them that way, but I do feel like in this day and age, these things should be more digitally accessible. But I should be able to find them on the website. I should be able to find out what my water rates are, what the tiers are. I couldn't find anything. Maybe I missed it, but I would love to see more digitally accessible information. I put the city council meeting on the working community page because I wanted to put that out there, and I did get some people back who were liking it and making comments on it. And I would like to see the city Facebook page more used to put things like city council notes out there. But I just think the city should look at the digital availability of this information, the accessibility of the website, which is not great, in my personal opinion, trying to work through the website. Before the update, I was able to access election information, see previous things. That's now locked behind a sign-in. I'm trying to make an account, but it keeps rejecting my password for some reason. Maybe I'm typing it wrong. It's a civil service sign-in, so that information's now gone to me until I make that account. I couldn't see my own financial statement without a sign-in.

Kyle Gubler said he would investigate all that because it is a new website and there is no reason they cant get that on the website.

Annika Durum commented I've also had some issues with the website. I spent quite a bit of time on it, both before and after the upgrade, and there's some basic things. I didn't realize it was a simple thing, like URLs for the old website, where they've updated just the page, city council, the mayor. They haven't sent redirects or anything from that. Anybody who has the old links, they're all broken. And also just in the vein of Facebook updates and stuff, a lot of the events on the town has had, like the recent parades, Pioneer Day, July 4th. I'm just seeing a lot of comments online like people don't know that these things are happening, and they want to come and they want to be involved in the community. So, like if we could have those posts more visible but also make them further. Like if it gets posted on Facebook even if it is on the page a lot of people don't see that chronologically. I was just going to like a lot of people seeing that information days after. I'm not sure how those are actually getting updated, but I think like you guys have already kind of commented on the visibility like people aren't looking at it we hope they would but people who are looking on Facebook or Instagram. I'm very curious how much money is being spent on the website that is not great.

Amanda Barr commented I have the same comments as they do about the website. A couple of years ago La Verkin had a Halloween party. We were right here, and they made kids carve pumpkins. I actually helped volunteer do a haunted house underneath the basement, which is already creepy enough, but it was pretty awesome. I said, you know, how can we get more people to come? And I was told, oh, well, we don't do events on Facebook. I said, well, if we did events, we could invite more people, that's more money, that's more, donations, that's more whatever. She said the city didn't do events against city policies. So, I'm going to suggest when we do events, create an event on Facebook, have that done. We have someone available with Meridee to do those things, and I think that would really help. Also, Facebook is huge. I did a school drive for the kids at La Verkin. In a week, I had 150 likes on my Facebook page. I had, like, 50-something comments. I got tons of donations. I ended up working with the fourth ward. Put together a huge donation for the school, all with just Facebook, having two people doing it. Facebook is the way out there, and I think it really can be utilized a lot better.

F. Adjourn:

The mayor closed the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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