

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 6:00 pm. Council Chambers, 111 S. Main, La Verkin, Utah

Present: Mayor Kelly Wilson; Council Members: Darren Prince, Scot Pectol, Amanda Barr, John Valenti; Staff: Kyle Gubler, Derek Imlay, Fay Reber, and Nancy Cline. Public: Jennifer Collins, and Henry Hilburn.

A. Called to Order –Amanda Barr gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm.

B. Presentation:

1. HHS Robotic club:

The robotics club reported to the city council their achievements from last year and the plan for 2026. They wanted the council's support. The council donated \$1,000 to their club.

2. Republic Services:

Jennifer Collins reported on the dangers of batteries that are thrown into the garbage and not disposed of correctly. In 2025 they had three trucks catch on fire. She offered a free battery disposal container for the city.

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: February 4, 2026, regular meetings.
4. Checks & Invoices: \$ 235,960.09

The motion was made by Councilman Prince to approve the consent agenda as written. Meeting minutes for February 4, 2026, regular meetings. Checks and invoices in the amount \$235,960.09, second by Councilman Pectol. Roll Call Vote: Barr-yes, Valenti-yes, Price-yes, Pectol-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Business:

1. Consideration and possible approval of Ordinance No. 2026-04, an ordinance amending the La Verkin city code by removing, adding/replacing the following terms in Section 8-1-4 (statement of charges: delinquency): and providing an effective date.

The council discussed this in the February 4, 2026, meeting and had no further changes.

The motion was made by Councilman Valenti to approve Ordinance No. 2026-04, an ordinance amending the La Verkin city code by removing, adding/replacing the following terms in Section 8-1-4 (statement of charges: delinquency): and providing an effective date, seconded by Councilwoman Barr. Roll Call Vote: Barr-yes, Valenti-yes, Prince-yes, Pectol-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible approval of Ordinance No. 2026-05, an ordinance amending the cemetery's rules and regulations.

Derek explained he made the changes they discussed in the February 4, 2026, meeting. He added the definition for the cemetery sexton.

Councilman Valenti commented that it states the plots are not transferable but later gives instructions on how to transfer the plots.

Derek replied he would change that. It should be said not transferable unless they follow certain steps. He would take out where it says not transferable.

Commissioner Valenti asked about the section that states the city will buy back the plot at the price they paid or the market price whichever is less. He wanted to know what the city does with those plots. Do the plots go back into inventory?

Derek responded he didn't know. That no one has ever sold one back to the city while he has been employed.

Kyle explained one time that did happen that an old mayor had bought several plots and when he passed his son contacted the city to sell the extra plots. He explained that code described that they pay what he originally purchased them for which was \$20. They would have gone back into the inventory. However, he did not sell them back to the city when he found out it wasn't that much money. The city has to wait 99-100 years to take back plots that have never been used. He informed him that he could sell them to someone else if he wanted to. He only has to prove ownership.

Derek commented he would take out that definition in the code that said they are not transferable.

Kyle asked if they had the right to sell them.

Derek replied that they can sell them or transfer them if they follow the steps they have included. They need proof they own them because in the past they had had problems with one relative saying the plots were left to them but no proof and later another family member claims they are theirs. The steps outline how to transfer them, so the staff doesn't get caught up in family problems.

The motion was made by Councilman Pectol to approve Ordinance No. 2026-05, an ordinance amending the cemetery's rules and regulations with the changes they discussed in regard to transferring the plots, seconded by Councilman Prince. Roll Call Vote: Barr-yes, Valenti-yes, Prince-yes, Pectol-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Training for OPMT.

Fay showed the training video from the Utah State archives for Open Public Meetings Training.

There was a technical issue with the training video. While that was being fixed a member of the public asked a question.

G. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

Henry Hilburn: Asked the council where all the speed limit signs have gone around town. There is only one coming into town on both sides and that is it.

Derek explained that they don't have a lot of speed limit signs because residential areas are always 25 mph. unless otherwise posted.

Henry added there is one 40 mph sign coming in from the South and North.

Derek replied that they are state signs since they are on SR9. A sign costs the city \$250. They put the money toward stop signs in town because residential areas are 25 mph per the law.

Kyle suggested while they are dealing with technical problems the council could make a motion to skip ahead to the report section of the meeting.

The motion was made by Councilwoman Barr to continue to the reports section of the agenda and then return to the business item of training after the reports are given, seconded by Councilman Prince. Roll Call Vote: Barr-yes, Valenti-yes, Prince-yes, Pectol-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Mayor & Council Reports:

Mayor Wilson: Nothing to report.

Kyle Gubler: Reported the four universal bathrooms in Wanless park will be inspected the next day and open. He and the Mayor met with Jason West with the BLM, and we're looking at possibility of doing a congressional deal to have land swapped up by the shooting range. And have that deeded over to the city. April fourth is Easter egg hunt. April tenth through the eighteenth is the county fair. We're just getting ready to have the

fourth-grade foresters' and we'll have the program sometime in the later part of April. Also, a reminder next Wednesday, the twenty-fifth budget retreat. Also, the county fair will be spotlights La Verkin.

Valenti: Reported on the planning commission meeting held on February 11, 2026. The Southwest Mosquito had the initial meeting for the new committee coming in. Their budget is about, I think, one million six thousand. It's an interesting committee, I think there are two functions on the committee for the people that participate. One is kind of a liaison, and the other is you know budgetary, inspection of records and what you spend money on those kinds of things. They identified their purpose, which is both to kill mosquitoes and stop illness. And there was a number of discussions about that. On the League of Cities and Towns, the legislative group there are currently nine hundred and fifty-nine open bills. Seventy-two have been signed, there are so many dealing with transportation. There are just any number of bills on water, land use, and taxation. Most of them are in some state of flux.. They're approved by one side of the governance. The House or the Senate. There are some bills on hold. What's interesting is out of the entire legislature, there is about twelve days left. In almost any session, everything will be decided in the last day or two more than likely. But, if you have any interest in any specific bills that you want me to follow up on, you can text me or let me know. One Of the other bills that sent us, I think it was Senate Bill Five Hundred and One, there have been some changes in that. They have killed the mandate. There was a mandate for twenty thirty-one that we adopt that one percent, and it really will only apply to us for culinary water. Wastewater, we don't have our own treatment system, and the secondary water would be excluded from all of that.

Derek added that the state is getting out of the water business and they figured out what every city should be charging to have enough money in their reserves to replace and maintain the water lines. They took the medium income and multiplied by 1.5%. This increase will be higher than the water increases the city just did. They're going to make this mandatory, what we charge for our city. We would have to set aside eighty seventy-three dollars per month per connection every year. That means one point six million dollars would have to go into the R and R, and that doesn't address anything else. This will blow that out of the water because the federal government no longer is funding these types of projects, and the state takes all the assistance down on them. Mayor Wilson added the state has been talking about this for 25 years and it sounds like they are doing something about it now. The state will get a lot of pushbacks to get that passed.

Prince: Reported he and Kyle attended DTEC. There is a bill to help differentiate on the electric scooters and the bikes. Add the definitions and also, to require helmets and for kids between the ages of nine and eighteen. I thought that would be valuable for us to be aware of.

Chief Nuccitelli added that he had been keeping an eye on that. He had a conversation with Fay just earlier today, we talked about that last fall, about changing that ordinance for our OHS and where we want to be. As far as the scales of you know safety versus fun, I am more of a fun kind of first. He recommended the city wait and see what the state does and then they can work on their ordinance.

Prince continued to report that they also talked about that road that goes past the dump; They want to make that a lot more accessible. They're redoing the intersection by the DMV to go all the way through, and they'd love to build a bridge back there. Then all those trucks aren't going through those subdivisions in Washington back there. That's kind of on their top priority list. They finally got all of the funding approved for Sheep Bridge Road. They bought private land for about ten thousand. And so they have all the money now. They have all the approval to buy all their rights. They anticipate that road would be done this year.

Micah Gubler: Not present.

Pectol: Reported he had no meetings since last time they met.

Barr: Reported the Republic service representative already reported their meeting which was a big push for recycling batteries properly. The dump does offer a tour on how they operate that they can do. They are trying to get a crusher.

Fay: Reported that the water board would be discussing the HB 501. At the last planning commission meeting we had a public hearing on the ordinance, which would allow detached accessory dwelling units to be used for short-term rental purposes. Most of the people in the audience were in favor of it. A few were not in favor of it. Planning commission was not real comfortable with it, so they continued it to their next meeting, which is next week. They're going to be having a work meeting at five o'clock, just simply to discuss that ordinance. If any of you are able to come or want to come, listen to that conversation at 5:00. Eventually, it will come to us as the city council to make a decision on what you're doing.

Fay started the training video on open public meetings.

G. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

H. Adjourn:

The mayor closed the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

March 4, 2020
Date Approved

ATTEST: Nancy Cline
Nancy Cline
City Recorder

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