

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 1, 2026, 6:00 pm.

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

Present: Mayor Kelly Wilson; Council Members: Darren Prince, Micah Gubler, Scot Pectol, Amanda Barr, John Valenti;
Staff: Kyle Gubler, Fay Reber, Derek Imlay, Chief Nuccitelli, Maridee Johnson, and Nancy Cline.

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

B. Presentation:

1. HVFD

Nick Wright discussed the fire danger this year. With little precipitation this year and the two major fires still active it has stretched the manpower too thin. If a fire would start in La Verkin they wouldn't have enough fireman to contain a big fire. His men are working extra days on the big wildland fires after working their regular shifts.

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: June 17, 2026, work and regular meeting.
4. Checks & Invoices: \$ 68,766.56

The motion was made by Councilman Gubler to approve the consent agenda as written. Meeting minutes for June 17, 2026, work and regular meeting. Checks and invoices in the amount \$68,766.56, second by Councilman Pectol. Roll Call Vote: Barr-yes, Valenti-yes, Pectol-yes, Prince-yes, Gubler-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Business

1. Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. R-2026-14, a resolution setting the Certified Tax Rate for La Verkin City for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026.

Kyle explained that every year Washington county gives the city a certified tax rate, but usually after they have approved the budget so he estimates what that rate might be. Now they have the tax rate and need to approve it.

The motion was made by Councilman Valenti to approve the Resolution No. R-2026-14, a resolution setting the Certified Tax Rate for La Verkin City for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, second by Councilwoman Barr. Roll Call Vote: Barr-yes, Valenti-yes, Pectol-yes, Prince-yes, Gubler-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2026-16, an ordinance amending La Verkin City animal control code.

Chief Nuccitelli explained that there was a case in 2025 that challenged the city on animal control ordinance verbiage. If the total amount of dogs allowed per residential household was four or does that include service dogs. During the previous discussion with city council, they had the word commercial in the code. They have taken out the word commercial and are focusing on the residential code. The change to the code would include the word service dog and that would be included in the four-dog maximum. Most of the sister cities do not allow four dogs. La Verkin is generous on the number of dogs allowed at four.

Fay added that the four dog maximum excludes puppies born by dogs that live at the residence until they can be weaned from the mothers. It also added that any doggy daycares need to have a business license from La Verkin city.

The motion was made by Councilman Pectol to approve Ordinance No. 2026-16, an ordinance amending La Verkin City animal control code, second by Councilman Valenti. Roll Call Vote: Barr-yes, Valenti-yes, Gubler-yes, Pectol-yes, Prince-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed LANTIS Merchandise (Fireworks) Contract and Purchase Order for Winterfest fireworks.

Kyle explained these are fireworks for Winterfest.

The motion was made by Councilwoman Barr to approve the proposed LANTIS Merchandise (Fireworks) Contract and Purchase Order for Winterfest fireworks, seconded by Councilman Gubler. Roll Call Vote: Barr-yes, Valenti-yes, Gubler-yes, Pectol-yes, Prince-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. R-2026-15, a resolution adopting an electronic device reimbursement policy for the Mayor and City Council members to facilitate the electronic distribution and review of city meeting materials.

Fay explained that the way it works is instead of just giving each of you five hundred dollars, you've got to go out and get something, bring your receipt back, and then you can get reimbursed. And the reason we do it that way is to make sure that we don't run afoul of provisions that say that your compensation is being increased.

Kyle added he had looked at Costco and you can get one under five hundred there. If they do any upgrades that would be their responsibility to pay for. He reminded them that these tablets will be GRAMA able. Any information on the tablet can be requested in a GRAMA request. They will upgrade every four years.

The motion was made by Councilwoman Barr to approve Resolution No. R-2026-15, a resolution adopting an electronic device reimbursement policy for the Mayor and City Council members to facilitate the electronic distribution and review of city meeting materials, seconded by Councilman Valenti. Roll Call Vote: Barr-yes, Valenti-yes, Gubler-yes, Pectol-yes, Prince-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

- 5 Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution R-2026-16, a resolution prohibiting the discharge of fireworks within the boundaries of La Verkin City during the month of July 2026

Councilman Prince asked if they get a bunch of rain before the 4th of July or the 24th of July could they change the dates on this resolution to allow fireworks?

Fay explained this is for the month of July 2026. They could change the dates if conditions change.

The motion was made by Councilman Valenti to approve Resolution R-2026-16, a resolution prohibiting the discharge of fireworks within the boundaries of La Verkin City during the month of July 2026, seconded by Councilman Pectol, Roll Call Vote: Barr-yes, Valenti-yes, Pectol-yes, Prince-No, Gubler-yes. The motion passed.

6. Discussion regarding the irrigation project concerning citizens backyard connection compensation.

Derek explained with the new irrigation project they are moving all connections to the front yards. He sent out over 500 letters allowing citizens to choose where to put their hook up in the front yard if they didn't like where the city proposed. We have received a lot of concerned citizens' comments about having to run a pipe from the old backyard connection to the new one in the front yard. There are people who will have more land than others to cross to get to the new connections and he would like to help fund that for those citizens. He had the idea to measure and give them the pipes, and they need to install it or do an average price per foot for the pipe they will need. He believed the city is under budget on the project

and hoped they could take the money from that budget, but he was not sure the district would allow it. He will check with them. They will start this project in November of 2026, and it will run about 18 months. He brought it up now so they can work it through before the project starts.

Kyle suggested they talk with the Water district and see if their funding includes paying for the citizens' pipes. Was the contract to the meter only and does not include the citizens property?

Mayor Wilson added the language says for expenses for the secondary system.

Derek thought technically it is for the secondary system.

Councilman Gubler added there is a lot to consider. What if they need to cut threw cement or pay a landscaper to trench it? There are several size pipes used around town and what if they need to change all the sprinkler heads to accommodate the new system size or pressure?

Councilman Pectol was concerned about the city supplying the pipe and then being liable is something goes wrong on the citizens property. If the pipe breaks or is faulty would the city be liable? He thought giving them money to do it themselves would be the better idea.

Fay explained they could do a "no harm" agreement with the citizens if they supply the pipe.

Councilman Prince suggested discussing it with the Water Board and see if they have any suggestions.

Derek suggested he would contact a landscaper and get a linear foot estimate.

Kyle suggested they needed to cap the amount they are willing to hand out.

Mayor Wilson was concerned about getting an accurate estimate because they might need 1", 2", or 3" pipe and those are all different prices.

Derek acknowledges that there are unique situations that they will have to identify those properties that are corner lots or have city roads in the back and front of the properties. He will get estimates from a landscaper and for the price of pipe and connections. When they meet in August, they can discuss it again with all the numbers.

7. Discussion regarding the July 4th and 24th celebration schedule for city council members.

Maridee explained the schedule for the July 4th and 24th celebration. Starting on July 3rd there will be a block party at 111 South Main. They will have Victor Iverson speak, ring the new bell, have the national anthem, a free concert and food trucks. July 4th the council needs to be at the parade at 7:30 a.m. After the parade they will be at Wanless Park for cake and ice cream and the council can help serve that. They will raise the flag, have Bingo, bounce house, train rides, and the timeline walk. Mountain Bible Church is donating and serving hot dogs and water.

The 24th the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will be in charge of a parade the council will have a float to participate. They will serve breakfast that La Verkin city donates and have games at their church.

E. Mayor & Council Reports:

Mayor Wilson: Nothing to report.

Kyle Gubler:

Fay: Nothing to report.

Pectol: Reported that Ash Creek Sewer district approved funding for the sewer line that will run from Virgin to La Verkin. They also reported on their Audit.

Barr: Nothing to report

Valenti: Nothing to report.

Gubler: Nothing to report.

Prince: Reported he spoke with DR Horton and informed them La Verkin city would like to have a trail system on the Top Side property.

Kyle added that DR Horton wants as much density with housing as they can get. The property they have under contract is with SITLA and they are requiring a percentage of affordable housing. They had concerns about the percentage of commercial property being required by the city. The water tank will be on the bank land. Grenoble is in negotiating with the bank now. There is no timeline yet. They estimate it will be two years for infrastructure to be completed before any building happens.

F. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

No comments made.

G. Adjourn:

The mayor closed the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

8-5-2026

Date Approved

ATTEST:


Nancy Cline
City Recorder


Mayor Kelly B. Wilson