

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 6:00 pm. Council Chambers, 111 S. Main, La Verkin, Utah

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

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

B. Presentation:

1. Public apology

A citizen who vandalized the park gave the Mayor and council members an apology for their actions.

2. Introduction of La Verkin Gherkin

The winner was chosen in the “name the Gherkin” contest. Brittany Ruesch was the winner, and the Gherkins’ name is Dillon.

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: August 5, 2026, regular meeting.
4. Checks & Invoices: \$ 195,566.60

The motion was made by Councilwoman Barr to approve the consent agenda as written. Meeting minutes for August 5, 2026, regular meeting. Checks and invoices in the amount \$195,566.60, second by Councilman Valenti. Roll Call Vote: Barr-yes, Valenti-yes, Prince-yes, Gubler-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Public Hearing:

1. Ordinance regarding pay increase for statutory employees.

Kyle explained that it is now required by state law to ensure public transparency for compensation increases for statutory employees and directors. The approved merit increases include \$2,200 for the City Administrator, City Recorder, City Treasurer, Building Secretary, Public Works Director, and Public Safety Director, and a \$5,000 increase for the Public Recreation Director.

Opened at 6:07

No comments made.

Closed at 6:08

E. Business

1. Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2026-17, an ordinance approving a merit increase for the Directors, City Recorder, City Treasurer, and City Administrator.

Mayor Wilson pointed out that this had already been approved during their budget retreat.

The motion was made by Councilman Valenti to approve the Ordinance No. 2026-17, an ordinance approving a merit increase for the Directors, City Recorder, City Treasurer, and City Administrator, second by Councilwoman Barr. Roll Call Vote: Barr-yes, Valenti-yes, Prince-yes, Gubler-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action to approve the contract with Computech.

Kyle explained this is a new contract with Computech for IT services, which will replace the previous provider, Tech Legion. The decision to switch was driven by persistent service failures, including late arrivals, rushed service calls from technicians traveling from the Salt Lake or Utah Valley areas, and improper billing for travel expenses. A key modification was made to the new contract, adding a clause that allows the city to terminate the agreement with 60 days' notice at any time after the first year. To provide more dedicated support, the agreement was structured as two separate contracts: one for city administration and another for the public safety department.

Councilman Prince thought they should try and get the \$750 on board fee waived for each account. He thought if it's all electronic it shouldn't take too long to transfer over.

Kyle explained they all have an onboard fee. Computech is a little more expensive, but they won't charge more for going over our number of hours allowed for the first month while they are getting us onboard.

Councilwoman Barr asked if they go over the hours will they still come when the city needs them.

Kyle responded they would come anytime they need something done. They are in St. George so that will be convenient.

The motion was made by Councilman Prince to approve the contract with Computech, second by Councilwoman Barr. Roll Call Vote: Barr-yes, Valenti-yes, Gubler-yes, Prince-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action to approve Proclamation No. 2026-03, a proclamation declaring September 17 through September 24, 2026, as Constitution Week.

Fay explained this proclamation of September 17th through September 24th as Constitution Week, an act to encourage residents to reflect on the privileges afforded by the U.S. Constitution on its 237th anniversary.

The motion was made by Councilman Valenti to approve Proclamation No. 2026-03, a proclamation declaring September 17 through September 24, 2026, as Constitution Week, second by Councilman Gubler. Roll Call Vote: Barr-yes, Valenti-yes, Gubler-yes, Prince-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Mayor & Council Reports:

Mayor Wilson: Nothing to report.

Kyle Gubler: Reported the city's Water Day event on August 8th was a success. Council was also notified of the "What's Up Down South" economic summit scheduled for January, with registration opening in October.

Fay: Nothing to report.

Pectol: Not in attendance.

Barr: Nothing to report.

Valenti: Reported on the Planning Commission meeting on August 12, 2026. Mosquito Abatement: As of June, the district had used 43% of its annual budget. West Nile virus has been detected, primarily in horses, prompting a reminder for residents to vaccinate animals and eliminate standing water.

Gubler: Reported a recent well-being survey highlighted that safety and security are of high importance to residents, with ratings showing a significant increase. A story was shared about a resident who assisted police in apprehending a suspect, earning a commendation for their community actions. The Miss La Verkin pageant has been rescheduled to the 19th to avoid a conflict.

Prince: Reported the Transportation (DTEC): The George Washington Road project in St. George is ahead of schedule, with a bridge completion now expected in March. The Highway 7 passing lanes project experienced delays but is moving forward after hiring Horrocks Engineering to provide necessary approvals. Economic Development: The "One Million Cups" program in St. George is growing and seeking new businesses to participate.

G. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

No comments made.

H. Adjourn:

The mayor closed the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

16, September, 2026
Date Approved

ATTEST:

Nancy Cline
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City Recorder

Kelly B. Wilson
Mayor Kelly B. Wilson

