

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 6:00 pm. Council Chambers, 111 S. Main, La Verkin, Utah

Present: Mayor Kelly Wilson; Council Members: Micah Gubler, John Valenti, Scot Pectol; Staff: Kyle Gubler, Fay Reber, Derek Imlay, 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. Well Being Survey

The council received a virtual presentation from a Utah State University representative regarding the results of a recent community well-being survey. Following initial technical difficulties with the Zoom connection, the presenter shared key findings from the study. The most important domains influencing resident well-being were identified as mental health, local environmental quality, living standards, and physical health. The data also indicated a strong positive correlation between a resident's sense of connection to their community and their personal well-being. During a brief question-and-answer session, it was clarified that the survey captured responses from approximately 3.5% of Logan's estimated adult population of 3,065. The presenter noted that the survey has a 9% margin of error and advised the council to interpret the findings with a degree of caution. The full report had been previously circulated to the council and remains available online for their review.

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 19, 2026, regular meeting.
4. Checks & Invoices: \$ 370,692.19

The central focus of the meeting was a debate over authorizing the secondary water project to go out for bid. A councilman Valenti initiated the discussion by making a motion to remove the item from the agenda, citing significant procedural concerns. He argued that the agenda item lacked a formal ordinance or resolution and that he had not been provided with the most current project plans despite requesting them. This viewpoint was countered by the mayor and another council member, who asserted that the project itself was approved months prior by both the city council and the water board. They clarified that the current action was merely to solicit bids, not to approve the final contract, and that the project scope had not substantially changed from plans presented in previous meetings.

Concerns were raised that delaying the bidding process could jeopardize the project's critical timeline, which is tied to the water system's shutdown in mid-November. Councilman Pectol commented that the current economic climate presents an "unprecedented" and highly competitive bidding market, which could result in significant cost savings for the city. An example was cited by councilman Pectol where a recent project estimated at over \$5 million received a bid of \$2.8 million due to the high number of bidders. To resolve the impasse and ensure unanimous support, the council voted to postpone the item. A new meeting was scheduled for September 30th to allow the councilman Valenti adequate time to review the 140-page project plan, which had been distributed via email. This rescheduled timeline aims to keep the project on track, with a bid opening set for October 20th and the award for October 21st.

The motion was made by Councilman Valenti to approve the consent agenda tabling item #3 for lack of information. Meeting minutes for August 19, 2026, regular meeting. Checks and invoices in the amount \$370,692.19, second by Councilman Gubler. Roll Call Vote: Pectol-yes, Valenti-yes, Gubler-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Business

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Proclamation No. 2026-04, a proclamation designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Councilman Valenti read the proclamation. Proclamation number 2026-04. A proclamation of the State of La Verkin, Utah, declaring that month October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Whereas it is a fundamental human right to live free from violence and abuse, and whereas domestic violence is a serious problem. It occurs in all cultures and communities, without regard to age, gender, social class, race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, or sexual orientation. And whereas many incidents of domestic violence are underreported to law enforcement authorities because of intimidation, fear, embarrassment, economic repercussions, feelings of helplessness, and a variety of other reasons, which often results in a recurrence of the increasingly violent incidents of domestic violence. Whereas it is estimated that one in three women and one in seven men in Utah will become victims of domestic violence during their lifetime, and that sixty to seventy-five percent of domestic violence incidents will occur in households that include children. Whereas seniors are also victims of domestic and sexual violence, and a part of the most underreported group. Whereas domestic violence-related incidents account for forty percent of Homicides in Utah, and eighty Utah children will witness the murder or attempted murder of their mother every year. And whereas awareness and international collaboration are required to find solutions to the far-reaching negative effects of domestic violence and other forms of abuse, and whereas it is the role of local government to preserve, promote, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of citizens, now therefore I, Kelly Wilson, Mayor of City of La Verkin, Utah, in partnership with the Dove Center and the Washington County Coordinated Community Response Team, to hereby proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of La Verkin, and to hereby encourage all residents to become more productive in the fight against domestic violence by learning how they can help victims of domestic violence break the silence that frequently attends such incidences, thereby helping to break the cycle of domestic violence within our community. In witness whereof, I hereto, hereunto, set my hand and cause to be affixed the seal of the City of Park City, Utah, this 16th day of September 2026. Kelly Wilson, Mayor

The motion was made by Councilman Gubler to approve the Proclamation No. 2026-04, a proclamation designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, second by Councilman Valenti. Roll Call Vote: Pectol-yes, Valenti-yes, Gubler-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion regarding the amended and restated interlocal agreement creating the Utah Local Governments Trust.

Fay explained an amended and restated interlocal agreement with the Utah Local Government Trust, the entity that provides the city with litigation defense and insurance. It was explained that this was not a voting item, as a resolution from the early 2000s grants the Trust unilateral authority to amend the agreement. The current changes aim to consolidate various add on amendments into a single document and to update its investment policies in accordance with the Utah Money Management Act. Council members were encouraged to review the document and provide any feedback before a final version is issued in November.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the secondary water project to go out to bid.
Item has been tabled until September 30, 2026.

F. Mayor & Council Reports:

Mayor Wilson: Nothing to report.

Kyle Gubler: Reported WCWCD wants to build a demonstration reuse building at the corner of SR17 and 740 N. They will be in to talk to the council about it. The city received a donation from the rotary club that will pay for a bus bench. DTECH meeting had information on mobile air deliveries. Drones with could deliver commodities. They have a video. Ms. La Verkin pageant will be Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Fay: Nothing to report.

Pectol: Reported the bid for the sewer line from Virgin to La Verkin will be going out soon. The fire district meeting is next week.

Barr: Not in attendance.

Valenti: Reported on the Planning Commission meeting on September 9, 2026. The citizens were against all the zone changes. They wanted an overall plan for zoning around the city.

Gubler: Reported the Ms. La Verkin pagenant is Friday. The seed display won first place at peach days. Winterfest plans are underway. The city now has its own flag.

Prince: Not in attendance

G. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

No comments made.

H. Adjourn:

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

October 7, 2026
Date Approved

ATTEST:

Nancy Cline
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City Recorder

Kelly B. Wilson
Mayor Kelly B. Wilson

