

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 111 S. Main, LaVerkin, Utah

Present: Mayor Kerry Gubler; Council Members: Chantelle Browning, Richard Hirschi, Ken Hooten, Micah Gubler and Randy Reeve; Staff: Kyle Gubler, Derek Imlay, Troylinn Benson, Kevin Bennett, Chief Ben Lee and Christy Ballard; Public: Launa & Al Snow.

- A. Called to Order** – Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by Derek Imlay at 6:00pm.
- 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. Review Invoices and Checks: \$79,002.00

Motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to approve the consent agenda as written, including checks and invoices in the amount of \$79,002.00, second by Councilman Ken Hooten. Roll Call Vote: Browning-yes, Hirschi-yes, Hooten-yes, Gubler-yes, Reeve-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Committee Reports:

1. Planning Commission-Councilman Hirschi reported the meeting is next week.
2. Water Board-Mayor Gubler reported the Water Board has not met. He passed out an H2Oath and encouraged the Councilmembers, staff and citizens to accept the challenge.
Kyle mentioned the H2Oath would be going out to all citizens.
3. Sewer Board-Blair reported they have been discussing the Grandpa's Pond pump station. It is almost complete.
The District will begin a large rehabilitation project within the next 30 days in Hurricane. One of the pumps that service Hurricane and Toquerville went down; the cost to rebuild these pumps is \$30,000.
The first cutting of hay has been sold.
There is a position open at the District.
4. Fire District-Councilman Hirschi reported the Fire District has hired two full time people, a new Assistant Fire Chief and Wildland Fire crew leader.
Rita Bice is the new secretary.

D. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

No comments were made.

E. Business:

1. Discussion and possible action on Capital Improvement Priority List.
Mayor Gubler explained item one and two are currently under way. That makes the 300 West project the top priority.

Councilwoman Browning requested this item be on the agenda to discuss number 14, the Irrigation System. With the increase of irrigation rates, she would like to move this item to number 7, which is the Vintage Park Playground. It is under construction and almost complete.

Mayor Gubler explained this item is a major project, it is moving the irrigation lines into the street.

Councilman Reeve would like to add the animal shelter cat room to the list.

Mayor Gubler reported the County is confident they will have the money to build a County Animal Shelter by Purgatory and suggested waiting to see if that indeed comes to fruition.

It was decided to put the animal shelter cat room under medium priority, number 14 and move the Irrigation System to number 7.

Motion was made by Councilman Ken Hooten to remove Vintage Park Playground (number 7) from the Capital Improvements List, move the Irrigation System (number 14) to Priority number 7, and add the Animal Shelter cat room to the list as priority number 14, second by Councilman Randy Reeve. Reeve-yes, Gubler-yes, Hooten-yes, Hirschi-yes, Browning-yes. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action on the Site Select Plus, also known as the Washington County Economic Development Council, contribution request.

Mayor Gubler explained La Verkin has participated in this every year. It is contributing to the economic development of Washington County. They have helped La Verkin with a couple of items, some businesses did come, and some did not. LV Swiss is one of those companies that are here because of this organization.

The contribution has been included in the tentative budget.

Councilman Hooten is in favor of this contribution. Jobs anywhere in the County help La Verkin because some of those people live here.

Motion was made by Councilman Ken Hooten to approve the Site Select Plus contribution request in the amount of \$3, 295.00, second by Councilman Richard Hirschi. Roll Call Vote: Reeve-yes, Gubler-yes, Hooten-yes, Hirschi-yes, Browning-yes. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. R-2016-07; A resolution supporting the HB 362 (2015) authorized 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax dedicated to Transportation, encouraging the County of Washington to submit the proposal to voters in November 2016; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Gubler stated the County Commissioners requested this item. They would like a vote from each city either in support or against allowing the .25% Local Option Tax to be on the next ballot for the citizens of Washington County to vote on. This tax increase money will be used only for roads.

Kyle pointed out the vote is not the Council's opinion on the tax increase only your opinion on whether or not to allow it on the next election ballot.

He passed out a chart with the estimated increase the proposed tax would give to the County and each city for their roads if the increase passed.

St. George's dollar amount is significantly higher because they have a transportation system.

The State has a formula used to determine the amounts.

He also explained the available CIB money has gone down due to the lack of production of natural resources in the State.

Kyle has spoken to one of the CIB Board Members who indicated he would not support La Verkin's 300 West project if the City were not in favor of allowing this tax increase to be on the ballot.

Councilman Hooten feels the citizens should be the ones to vote on the proposed increase.

Councilwoman Browning originally agreed with allowing it to be on the ballot. She then realized during the last election where a tax increase was proposed almost all of the smaller communities were against the increase. St. George voted in favor of it and they are so large, it passed. She wonders if the only way to protect our community's point of view of not being in favor of tax increases is by not allowing it to be put on the ballot.

Councilman Gubler pointed out the only way to know how our community feels about the proposed increase is by putting it on the ballot. However, Councilwoman Browning does make a good point. He is in favor of allowing it on the ballot.

Kyle commented the County receives many complaints from citizens about the condition of the roads. This is their way of putting it back onto the citizens. Every community in the County suffers from deteriorating roads.

Motion was made by Councilman Ken Hooten in support of Washington County placing the proposed Local Option General Sales Tax increase on the November 2016 election ballot, second by Councilman Richard Hirschi.

Motion was made by Councilman Ken Hooten to amend the motion to include approving Resolution No R-2016-07, a resolution supporting the HB 362 authorized 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax dedicated to transportation, encouraging the County of Washington to submit the proposal to voters in November 2016; and providing for an effective date. Roll Call Vote: Reeve-yes, Gubler-yes, Hooten-yes, Hirschi-yes, Browning-nay. Motion carries.

F. Staff, Mayor & Council Reports:

City Administrator-Kyle Gubler

Kyle emailed his report to the Councilmembers.

- Debbie Lee has agreed to chair the July 4th festivities.
- The Beautification Committee is sponsoring the white washing of the "L" on May 6. The Councilmembers are invited.

Mayor Gubler mentioned the City would like to border the "L" with bigger rocks and then put smaller rocks inside. This would make the whitewashing last longer and would look much better. If anyone is looking for a project, contact the City Office.

- The new hotel is moving forward and so is Sunset View Estates.
- The Beautification Committee has rescheduled the hike for May 13 at 2pm to try to find a route to connect the trails with Confluence Park.
- The elementary school has a Leader in Me program and as part of the program one of the classes invited the BYU football team to come and read with them. Several representatives from the team came down and read to those students after doing a victory lap around the school.

Public Safety-Chief Ben Lee

- Officer Gardiner is continuing his training; he is at Camp Williams learning emergency vehicle operations and procedures.
- The evidence room remodel is almost complete.

- Chief reported Monday night Derek was informed of a family having issues with their water line. Derek took personal time to help this family get their water working. Councilman Hirschi mentioned Chief Lee was there also.

Director of Operations-Derek Imlay

- Derek passed out the updated irrigation information for the month of April. The number of cycles has drastically reduced. The water is still dirty but the particles are not as bad so the system is fully operational.
- He was able to take all three burned out commercial motors and have them rebuilt for \$90 each. That includes a two-year warranty. The additional items have been ordered. The dirt should be back far enough from the diversion dam to not have this issue again this season. He thanked the Councilmembers that took a vested interest in the irrigation situation.

Mayor Gubler thanked Derek for all of the extra time he has put in handling the irrigation challenges.

Treasurer-Troylinn Benson

Nothing to report.

Mayor Gubler- Nothing to report.

*Browning-*The first Mosquito Abatement meeting of the season will be next week.

*Hirschi-*Nothing to report.

Hooten- He thanked Derek for his efforts in the water situation.

*Gubler-*He is in the process of organizing a new Youth City Council. The idea is to have them volunteer to help with City events and then culminate with the trip to the State Capital. He is trying to get all the details worked out by June 1, 2016.

Reeve- Nothing to report.

G. Executive Session:

There is no need for an executive session.

H. Adjourn:

Motion was made by Councilwoman Chantelle Browning to adjourn, second by Councilman Richard Hirschi. Browning-yes, Hirschi-yes, Hooten-yes, Gubler-yes, Reeve-yes. Motion carried unanimously at 6:47pm.

Minutes were taken on behalf of the City Recorder by Christy Ballard.

May 18, 2016
Date Approved

ATTEST: Kyle Gubler
Kyle Gubler
City Recorder

Kerry T. Gubler
Mayor Kerry T. Gubler