

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 6:00 p.m.

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

Present: Mayor Richard Hirschi, Council Members: Patricia Wise, Kelly Wilson, Ray Justice, Micah Gubler and Randy Reeve; Staff: Kyle Gubler, Chief Ben Lee and Christy Ballard; Public: Morgan Staples, Bailee and Mykal Shirley, Consiglia Ennis, Morgan and Michelle Turner, Kaylie Briggs, Krystal McMahon and Mike Chandler.

Derek Imlay and Kevin Bennett were excused.

A. Called to Order – Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were given by Randy Reeve at 6:00pm.

B. Appointments:

Board of Adjustment: Doug Gubler has agreed to serve a 4-year term.

Board of Appeals: Brian Stewart has agreed to serve a 1-year term.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Wise to accept the appointments as listed, second by Councilman Kelly Wilson. Wilson-yes, Wise-yes, Justice-yes, Gubler-yes, Reeve-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Presentations:

1. La Verkin City Royalty

Mayor Hirschi introduced the 2019 Miss La Verkin Royalty and the girls performed the jingle they will be performing during the Washington County Fair Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in August.

2. Victim Service Coordinator-Tiffany Mower

Tiffany Mower pointed out her stats are included in Chief Lee's report to the City Council. She gave a breakdown of calls year to date; 103-cases, 37-family fights, 4-aggravated assaults, 2-general assaults, 14-stalking/harassment, 3-rapes, 5-sex offenses and 4 child abuse cases.

It has been a busy year so far for her, she has been called out twice a night during the last week.

Year to date she has assisted over 20 individuals with filling out orders of protection, civil stalking injunctions, etc.

She is starting the process of writing the VOCA grant that facilitates the entire program.

The program is now in its 10th year and is doing well. She is seeing more requests for assistance.

She thanked the Council for letting the program be in La Verkin. The administration has been so supportive, and the transition has been very easy.

Mayor Hirschi and members of the Council thanked Tiffany for all the work she does.

D. 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. Minutes: February 20, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Councilman Kelly Wilson to approve the consent agenda as written including the minutes of the February 20, 2019 regular meeting, second by Councilman Ray Justice. Reeve-yes, Gubler-yes, Justice-yes, Wise-yes, Wilson-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Committee Reports:

- 1. Fire District-** Mayor Hirschi reported the District is getting close to taking over responsibility of Rockville and Springdale. Each community will have a representative that sets on the Board. The Coral Canyon Fire Station is still not open yet. The District is working with Washington City on staffing and equipping the station.
- 2. Sewer Board-**Mike Chandler reported they are continuing to work with Gary Groom, La Verkin City and the County with the trailhead proceedings for Confluence Park.

The District initiated the process to transfer the water rights associated with the District's land (old Terry West property) to La Verkin City. That transfer was granted last week by the State Engineer, so they are contained within La Verkin's pressurized system now and is just a matter of getting the title transferred from Ash Creek SSD to the City of La Verkin. He hopes that should be completed within the next couple of months.

They are drawing to the end of the Park planning process for the treatment center in Confluence Park. They have filed for a zone change from agriculture to Public Facility Zone for the four-acre parcel. That will be on the next La Verkin City Planning Commission agenda to set for public hearing. He hasn't received any questions or concerns from citizens. He hopes people see the good the treatment facility will bring and not just the potential nuisance they think it will be.

The facility should be designed next year. The project would then go out to bid and the construction window is 12-18 months.

Councilman Wilson asked about the project in the Hurricane Fields area.

Mike replied they are trying to move forward with that project but are running into the same issue as municipalities, too few engineers and too few contractors. The holdup has been trying to finalize the electrical design.

Mayor Hirschi asked if the new treatment plant will eliminate the pump station.

Mike replied they will still need a small pump to accommodate flush toilets in Confluence Park and the few homes in that area.

3. Planning Commission-No meeting.

4. Water Board-Kyle reported most of the discussion was on SB 52, secondary water metering. During that meeting Derek reported speaking with several people during Water School regarding a written warranty for a secondary water meter and none of the companies will do that.

He sent Wayne Bradshaw some proposed language that Kevin drafted to be included in the Bill that would help La Verkin out tremendously but has not received a response from him.

F. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

No comments were made.

G. Business:

1. Discussion and possible action on the Capital Improvement Priority List.

Kyle explained this item was discussed during the last meeting and wondered if the Councilmembers had any changes they would like to make.

Item 1 will be completed soon, and the City will wait for grant money to complete items 2 and 6. Item 3, which is 100 South, would then be bumped up to the number 1 position.

The Councilmembers were in favor of including 470 West to the 500 West project since they are next to each other and it would be less expensive to do them together.

Councilwoman Wise would like to include "as grant money is available" to items 1 and 2.

Kyle reported, regarding 100 South to State Street, that the property owner at the corner of 100 S 100 W has contacted the City and is willing to give part of his property to widen the road in exchange for curb, gutter and sidewalk being installed along the length of his parcel. The property owner east of that property has not been willing to give up any property. However, the City owns property across the street, it would just put a jog in the road. Another option would be to install curb and gutter against the property owner's wall and not have sidewalk along that section. The Council could also make an exception to 100 South and not require it to be a full-size street.

This project is not going to happen soon and if legislation is passed taking the CIB money away from counties that don't contribute into it, it will be even further down the road.

Councilman Wilson mentioned the County may impose a ¼ percent sales tax increase and part of that money will be used for roads. The Council will be discussing the possibility of creating another enterprise fund specifically for streets. If that happens and once the money starts to come in, the City could bond to get some of these projects done.

Kyle asked if the Councilmembers would like to move 500 West up on the list.

The Councilmembers all agreed 100 South is traveled more often and should be the highest priority on street replacement. Fixing 100 South will also help with the drainage issue along that road.

Kyle went on to go over the other categories on the priority list. He passed out ideas for a band shelter for Wanlass Park. Additional security for the water tank under Public Safety is an item the City was hoping to get a Homeland Security grant for.

Councilwoman Wise would like the City to be more proactive at installing additional security for both water tanks.

Kyle will have staff investigate it.

Councilman Reeve would like to add the band shelter at Wanlass Park to the Parks & Recreation List.

Councilwoman Wise mentioned, now that the Master Trails Plan is close to being adopted, she would like to include some of those trails on the Parks & Recreation list. She also wondered if Kyle would like to include the Welcome to La Verkin sign for the north end of town to the Economic Development list.

Kyle will include the sign to the Economic Development list as item 1.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve Proclamation 2019-01; a proclamation designating April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day for the City of La Verkin.

Kyle explained this item makes La Verkin eligible for Tree City USA.

Motion was made by Councilman Ray Justice to approve Proclamation 2019-01; a proclamation designating April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day for the City of La Verkin, second by Councilman Kelly Wilson. Reeve-yes, Gubler-yes, Justice-yes, Wise-yes, Wilson-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. R-2019-08; a resolution adopting a Memorandum of Understanding in support of the creation and maintenance of a County-Wide shared Adult Forensic Interviewer Program and the County's request for a grant to provide funding therefore.

Chief Lee reported this program will be like the Child Forensic Interviewer Program that each entity in the County funds. It pays for a part time, dedicated forensic interviewer at the Children's Justice Center to interview children. This is a ground-breaking program that benefits the departments as well as the County Attorney's office.

The County received a grant to create the same program with adult victims. It creates a standardized process and makes it easier for the prosecution and is covered 100% by grant money.

Councilwoman Wise mentioned she has experienced the importance of this type of program while serving jury duty. The interviewer did an outstanding job and the testimony ended up being the basis of the conviction.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Wise to approve Resolution No. R-2019-08; a resolution adopting a Memorandum of Understanding in support of the creation and maintenance of a County-Wide shared Adult Forensic Interviewer Program and the County's request for a grant to provide funding therefor, second by Councilman Ray Justice. Reeve-yes, Gubler-yes, Justice-yes, Wise-yes, Wilson-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. R-2019-09; a resolution adopting, approving, and authorizing the Mayor's signature on the Washington County Water Conservancy District revised Regional Water Supply Agreement (2019); and establishing an effective date.

Kyle reported this resolution is updating our agreement with WCWCD.

Councilman Wilson said the WCWCD takes very good care of the County's water. If a water project benefits multiple communities they will take those projects, like the reservoir at Anderson Junction.

Motion was made by Councilman Kelly Wilson to approve Resolution No. R-2019-09; a resolution adopting, approving, and authorizing the Mayor's signature on the Washington County Water Conservancy District revised Regional Water Supply Agreement (2019); and establishing an effective date, second by Councilman Micah Gubler. Wilson-yes, Wise-yes, Justice-yes, Gubler-yes, Reeve-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Mayor & Council Reports:

Mayor Hirschi-Thanked the Councilmembers for all the time they put in for the City. The City had harassment training for the staff today, it was good training.

Wilson-Nothing to report.

Wise- Nothing to report.

Justice-Nothing to report.

Gubler-Nothing to report.

Reeve-Nothing to report.

Kyle reported the irrigation water should be back in the system on March 15th however, the WCWCD has not made it available to us yet.

Mayor Hirschi asked Councilman Reeve if the recycling material was being recycled or just taken to the landfill.

Councilman Reeve replied the material is not being taken to the landfill, it is going to the sorting facility. Once Rocky Mountain Recycling has the material it is out of the County's hands what they do with it.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Councilman Ray Justice to adjourn, second by Councilman Kelly Wilson. Motion carried unanimously at 7:06pm.

Minutes were done by Christy Ballard.

April 3, 2019
Date Approved

Richard M. Hirschi
Mayor Richard M. Hirschi

ATTEST:

Christy Ballard
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City Recorder