

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 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 and Micah Gubler; Staff: Kyle Gubler, Derek Imlay, Kevin Bennett, Chief Ben Lee and Christy Ballard; Public: Brian Stewart, Mary Williams and John Valenti.

Councilman Randy Reeve was excused.

A. Called to Order – Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were given by Kelly Wilson at 6:04pm.

B. Appointments:

Mayor Hirschi reported the final appointment has not been filled yet.

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. Review Invoices and Checks: \$145,150.51

Motion was made by Councilman Ray Justice to approve the consent agenda as written including invoices and checks in the amount of \$145,150.51, second by Councilman Kelly Wilson. Roll Call Vote: Gubler-yes, Justice-yes, Wise-yes, Wilson-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Committee Reports:

1. Fire District- No meeting.
2. Sewer Board-No meeting.
3. Planning Commission-Councilwoman Wise reported on the March 13th meeting. A public hearing for the La Verkin Master Trails Plan and for a zone change request for Ash Creek Special Service District were set for March 27th.
4. Water Board-No meeting. The irrigation water is in the system, but some sections are off while some issues get fixed. Derek reported the storms we have been receiving will dictate if the water stays in the system or not.

E. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

Kyle was asked by Reed and DeAnn Martin to request to the City Council lower the vacation rental business license cap from 7.5% down to 5%. The Martin's were not able to attend this meeting.

F. Business:

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

Kyle explained list #1 is the current list and list #2 are changes requested by Councilwoman Wise.

List 2 moves Property on the west of 210 South, under Parks & Recreation from number 5 to number 2 and the Welcome to La Verkin sign under Economic Development from #5 to #1.

Kyle asked if the Councilmembers would like to see any additional changes and if they were in favor of the changes suggested by Councilwoman Wise.

Kyle will put the Capital Improvement Priority List on the agenda for action every six months.

Councilman Gubler is in favor of the recommended changes. He would like the Welcome to La Verkin sign to be low maintenance and made with material that does not get weathered.

Kyle would like the new sign to be similar to the Welcome to La Verkin sign on the south end of La Verkin.

Councilman Wilson pointed out item 1 under Roads & Infrastructure will be completed soon and item 2 is pending another grant.

Kyle will add the language to item 2 "as grant money is available".

Motion was made by Councilman Micah Gubler to approve the Capital Improvement Priority List with the two suggested changes, second by Councilwoman Patricia Wise. Wilson-yes, Wise-yes, Justice-yes, Gubler-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to award the bid for the Main Street Safe Routes to Schools Project.

Derek explained this project will replace, repair and add sidewalk to the west side of Main Street from 500 N to Center Street. The project was put out to bid two times, the first time all the bids were over budget. The second time Interstate Rock Products came in a little under budget. The project should begin the first part of April and will last about 50 days. It should be a simple project, the only fencing that needs to be moved is along the Hardy/Mangum property.

The State will be inspecting the ADA ramps along with the City inspector.

Motion was made by Councilman Kelly Wilson to award the bid for \$87,511.50 to Interstate Rock Products for the Main Street Safe Routes to Schools Project, second by Councilman Ray Justice. Roll Call Vote: Wilson-yes, Wise-yes, Justice-yes, Gubler-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the vehicle lease agreement for a Public Works vehicle.

Kyle reported the vehicles were ordered through the State Bid. One the City will purchase and the other will be the lease that needs approval.

Kevin explained Zions Bancorporation requested the City approve the resolution. It will adopt the entire packet. Kevin has reviewed it and it looks like a good agreement.

Councilman Justice pointed out there is a correction from Town Council to City Council that needs to be made on the Utah Fixed Equipment Lease page.

Kevin will make that correction and will go back through the document to verify town has been changed to city if the Council will include that in the motion. The resolution is the only legal document.

Motion was made by Councilman Kelly Wilson to approve the resolution for a vehicle lease agreement for a Public Works vehicle with the corrections discussed, second by Councilman Ray Justice. Roll Call Vote: Gubler-yes, Justice-yes, Wise-yes, Wilson-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Mayor & Council Reports:

Wilson- Mosquito Abatement is planning for a big mosquito year with all the water we have been receiving. If people notice a large number of mosquitos in their area, they are encouraged to contact Mosquito Abatement and they will treat the area.

Wise- Nothing to report.

Justice-He was not able to attend the Confluence Park meeting held today so Mayor Hirschi will report on that during his time.

Gubler-He asked staff the status of SB52, metering of secondary water for communities.

Kyle reported the bill did pass but there are still things that need to be done for it. The Water Task Force has been directed to review the bill and report back to the Division of Water by November 2019.

Kyle has contacted one of the Task Force members and told them La Verkin City wants to be represented at those meetings so we can express our concerns.

As the bill states now, beginning April 1, 2020 all new construction will be required to install a secondary water meter. Assuming they can find a meter that can be warrantied.

Hurricane City and La Verkin City are meeting with a representative from the meter manufacturer to discuss the situation.

Weber County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD) did finally get a warranty in February for meters installed after that point. They had already installed 40,000 meters.

Councilman Wilson mentioned he read the letter and feels the WCWCD will have a difficult time meeting the warranty requirements.

Kyle said he is hopeful La Verkin will get an exemption.
The bill currently does not exempt anyone.

Kevin explained the 5th substitute of the bill is what was adopted. This version took out all the exemptions and all the grants. There are still loans available and the Task Force will be reviewing and recommending exemptions. It does require cities to come up with a plan of what the cost will be and an annual report, with the first one due in December.

Kyle stated it doesn't make sense to install a meter that won't work with our water and is not warrantied. If that is the case, La Verkin's plan may be that we aren't going to do anything until a meter is developed that will work.

Councilman Wilson stated this bill is a bad piece of legislation that should never have gotten to this point. At least now we will have a voice with the Water Task Force. Their job is to deal with all the concerns from communities and come to a consensus before the State moves forward with the bill.

Kevin mentioned all the water bills that were approved with no issues had gone through the Water Task Force first. This bill is the only one that hadn't. It was and is important for the City to attend the Task Force meetings because the Board said they do listen to the people that attend.

Mayor Hirschi-Confluence Park met today and discussed a proposed trail from La Verkin's proposed Master Trails Plan. There was also a concern from a Hurricane resident with how dry the Park is, particularly over by the "beach area". Dennis Kay from the Virgin River Land Preservation Association (VRLPA) mentioned they had water shares for the Park.

Christy reported when Washington County purchased Confluence Park, VRLPA was one of the entities that helped with that. At the same time VRLPA purchased water shares with the intent that at a future date the County would purchase them for the Park.

Mayor Hirschi continued that Dennis Kay, during the Confluence Park meeting, said they would let the County use the water but there is no infrastructure in the Park.

H. Adjourn:

Motion was made by Councilman Ray Justice to adjourn, second by Councilman Kelly Wilson. Motion carried unanimously at 6:41pm.

Minutes where done by Christy Ballard.

April 17, 2019

Date Approved

Richard M. Hirschi
Mayor Richard M. Hirschi

ATTEST:

Christy Ballard

Christy Ballard
City Recorder

