

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 6:00 p.m.

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

Present: Mayor Richard Hirschi, Council Members: Randy Reeve, Patricia Wise, Ray Justice and Micah Gubler; Staff: Kyle Gubler, Derek Imlay, Kevin Bennett, Chief Ben Lee and Christy Ballard; Public: Brian Stewart, John Valenti, Joni Lyman and Nick Wright.

Councilman Kelly Wilson was excused

A. Called to Order – The prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were given by Ken Cox at 6:02pm.

B. Presentation:

1. Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent Programs-Joni Lyman

Joni passed out an information sheet regarding the Senior Corps programs run by the Five County Association of Governments.

The Senior Companion program connects seniors that need assistance with seniors that can help them. They help with things like shopping and respite care. The Foster Grandparent Program individuals go to the local schools and help the kids with reading. La Verkin City has a great volunteer at La Verkin Elementary School who sees 40 kids. The volunteers work one on one with the kids who all have an exceptional need of some sort.

There are also two volunteers from Hurricane who have clients in La Verkin with the Senior Companion program. The volunteers are paid \$2.65 per hour for their time and must make less than \$2,000 per month to qualify for the program.

The program has been around for 50 years. The Corporation for National Community Service funds these programs and Five County is a sponsor. They must show community support for the programs and financial support is one of the ways to do that so any amount would be appreciated.

Background checks are required for volunteers before they can begin serving. They are also required to have a minimum of 24 hours per year of training.

Mayor Hirschi said this will be on the next agenda.

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. Minutes: August 21, 2019 regular meeting.
3. Review Checks and Invoices: \$417,243.71

Councilwoman Wise asked what the payment to Beaver Creek Recreation was for and what the payment to St. George City for \$13,999 was for.

Derek explained part of the Sunset View Estates development agreement was that if they would improve 400 North, the City would reimburse the developer a portion of certain impact fees as they were paid into the City. Beaver Creek Recreation is the developer.

Kyle said the amount to St. George City was the quarterly dispatch fee.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Wise to approve the consent agenda as written, including the minutes of the August 21, 2019 regular meeting and Checks and Invoices in the amount of \$417,243.71 second by Councilman Randy Reeve. Roll Call Vote: Wise-yes, Justice-yes, Gubler-yes, Reeve-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Committee Reports:

1. Fire District-Battalion Chief Nick Wright reported the August statistics were; 325 total calls for service, 34-La Verkin calls, 24-EMS, 4-fire and 6-other. The Fire District has purchased a new ambulance that will be in service soon.
2. Sewer Board-The meeting is next week.
3. Planning Commission-The meeting is next week.
4. Water Board-Nothing to report.

E. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

Ken Cox-He heard there is discussion on metering the irrigation water and he has some concerns. The main one being is if those of us that use it for agriculture purposes can be eliminated from it. He feels like he is in the dark about this issue because he doesn't talk to the right people. He wondered if there was going to be another meeting where he could comment on the issue.

Kyle explained this is not something La Verkin City is choosing to do. It is the State that is telling us we are going to do it. We are opposed to it and have been attending the meetings to try and get La Verkin City exempt from the requirement.

F. Mayor & Council Reports:

Mayor-He thanked the Directors for their reports.

Wise- There is a Zion Corridor Pathway Study being conducted regarding a multi-use path from Springdale to Hurricane. The discussion is whether to pave it or not and what the primary use would be. The study is necessary for that determination. Utah Department of Transportation has funded much of the study. UDOT recognizes they cannot continue to just put in roads to solve the traffic problems and that it is very valuable to the State transportation system and communities to find other ways to get people from place to place.

Fehr & Peers is the consulting company on the project. They have completed a walkthrough of potential areas.

Some of the trails could match up with trails listed in the City's Master Trails Plan which would be very beneficial to us.

The idea is to get the entire County integrated on trails.

She was able to attend the Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference. There were a lot of good workshops and information on affordable housing, trails, transportation and tourism.

Justice-The Confluence Park Board is working on the trailhead that will be at the new 210 South park. The board has also applied for a LeRay McAllister Grant. The grant is a 50/50 match grant for \$35,000. They should know on October 8th if they received it.

Gubler- The Winterfest meetings begin this week. The festivities are expanding this year to include a talent show.

Chief Lee reported there will be a free car seat check point tomorrow at the SUU Headstart Building.

Reeve-Solid Waste held a special meeting to discuss possibly limiting what can be put in the recycling cans. They decided to not make any changes.

G. Adjourn:

Motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Wise to adjourn, second by Councilman Randy Reeve. Motion carried unanimously at 6:34pm.

Minutes were done by Christy Ballard.

December 4, 2019
Date Approved

Richard M. Hirschi
Mayor Richard M. Hirschi

ATTEST:

Christy Ballard
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City Recorder