

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

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

Present: Mayor Richard Hirschi, Council Members: Chuck Hardy, Patricia Wise, Ray Justice, Micah Gubler, and Kelly Wilson; Staff: Kyle Gubler, Derek Imlay, Kevin Bennett, Chief Ben Lee, and Christy Ballard; Public: Gail & Tasha Earl, Brian Stewart, Brittney & Aylie Stewart, Josh & McKendry Jensen, Martha & Adri Gubler, Blair Gubler, and Nick Wright.

A. Called to Order – The invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were given by Kelly Wilson at 6:00 pm.

B. Presentation:

1. La Verkin City Royalty

Mayor Hirschi introduced McKendry Jensen, Miss La Verkin and she introduced her attendants. The girls performed the jingle they wrote that will be performed at the Washington County Fair.

C. Appointments:

1. Appointments to Board, Commissions, and Committees

Mayor Hirschi recommended Richard Prince be re-appointed for a four-year term to the Water Board.

The motion was made by Councilman Kelly Wilson to appoint Richard Prince to the Water Board, second by Councilman Chuck Hardy. Wilson-yes, Wise-yes, Gubler-yes, Justice-yes, Hardy-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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. Review Invoices and Checks: \$202,253.56

Mayor Hirschi reported there will need to be a closed session added to the end of the meeting to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

The motion was made by Councilman Kelly Wilson to approve the consent agenda as written including the addition of a closed session and Invoices and Checks in the amount of \$202,253.56, second by Councilman Chuck Hardy. Roll Call Vote: Hardy-yes, Justice-yes, Wise-yes, Wilson-yes, Gubler-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Committee Reports:

- Fire District-Battalion Chief Nick Wright reported the meeting was canceled. The February stats were as follows; 14 transport, 13 refusals and 7 fire calls (including false alarms) for a total of 34 total calls for service in La Verkin.
The District hired 5 part-time employees.
- Sewer Board-Blair reported Ash Creek SSD approved a change order for the Bench Lake project and discussed the water quality in surrounding communities that Ash Creek Sewer District does not service. Several of those communities have expressed an interest in connecting into the District. The Board has directed them to help those communities as much as possible without putting a burden on the communities already in the District. The 200 North project in La Verkin has been started. They did find water 2 feet down past the current trench that is most likely contributing to the settling issue. They will be stabilizing the trench to help with the settling of the road. The road should be open again on Friday.

Councilman Justice asked if the water was from a leak or a spring.

Blair thought it was a natural spring.

- Planning Commission-No meeting.

4. Water Board-Kyle reported the financials were discussed but much of the meeting was spent discussing Senate Bill 51, Secondary Water Metering.

Kyle sent a copy of the second proposal of the Bill out to the Councilmembers earlier in the week. This would exempt La Verkin City from having to meter secondary water until a water meter was developed and warranted. At that point, the City would be required to participate. He feels this proposal will pass.

The City needs to be forward-thinking on how to pay for this. The current estimated cost is 5 million dollars. The Water Board is also going to begin discussing ways to pay for it.

Councilman Wilson pointed out it has taken a lot of years for the industry to create meters that work well enough they are willing to warranty them with clean water, but it is just a matter of time.

F. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

No comments were made.

G. Business:

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the terms of a proposed street improvement project at/around 50 S 100 E.

Kevin explained this does not approve the project itself but gives both parties an understanding of the purpose and direction.

The motion was made by Councilman Kelly Wilson to direct staff to prepare, and the Mayor to sign, a Memorandum of Understanding to include; installing grates with curb and gutter between those grates, fix the north driveway including the stairs, and install a 25-foot asphalt apron on the south driveway, second by Councilwoman Patricia Wise. Roll Call Vote: Gubler-yes, Wilson-yes, Wise-yes, Justice-yes, Hardy-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Kyle explained he will send the Memorandum of Understanding to the Earl Family.

Councilman Hardy mentioned it may be cheaper for the family if they coordinate extending the south driveway at the same time work begins on this project.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. R-2020-07; a resolution authorizing and approving an interlocal agreement with Washington County regarding the construction of additional restroom facilities at or adjacent to the Confluence Park.

This agreement has been approved by the County.

The City ordered some additional upgrades for the restrooms that we are expected to pay for, and the County will be sending the City a check for costs associated with the installation of the restroom.

Councilman Wilson asked if the water and irrigation lines were going to be extended for Mr. Groom?

Derek replied there has been a verbal agreement, so he is planning on extending those lines, but nothing has been put in writing.

The motion was made by Councilman Ray Justice to approve Resolution No. R-2020-07; a resolution authorizing and approving an interlocal agreement with Washington County regarding the construction of additional restroom facilities at or adjacent to the Confluence Park, second by Councilman Kelly Wilson. Roll Call Vote: Hardy-yes, Justice-yes, Wise-yes, Wilson-yes, Gubler-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion on the 210 South Park.

Councilwoman Wise reported the grant application process is going reasonably well, we will make the deadline. The park is going to be called Power Plant Park.

She went over the grant application process. The grant is a 50/50 grant, so the City needs to be prepared to cover 50% of the grant amount. Twenty-five percent of that can be in-kind services. She has been working with Mayor Hirschi, Kyle and Derek to come up with a workable budget amount that can get this project going.

There has been a large investment made by the County to this area already this year for the trailhead. It would be nice for the City to get some amenities such as a table or benches.

She will bring this back for final approval at the next City Council meeting.

4. Discussion and possible action to set the criteria for a high school scholarship.
Councilman Gubler passed out a list of possible criteria.
This discussion is for the high school scholarships only, the Elementary School Scholarship is a donation.

Councilman Gubler read through the list.

If the decision was made by the first council meeting in May, it would give the Mayor (or designee) time to attend the award night at the high school and the school time to notify the student.

Councilwoman Wise suggested including a letter of recommendation with the grade point average included in the letter.

There will be packets available at the school and the City office for students to pick up. The Councilmembers would like a generic letter of recommendation with a spot for the person filling out the letter to list their relationship to the student. They would also like a spot to list service somewhere in the packet.

Councilman Gubler will notify Hurricane High School that La Verkin City will be submitting two scholarships this year.

H. Mayor & Council Reports:

Gubler-Nothing to report.

Wilson-Regarding La Verkin Hot Springs, the application needs to be submitted by the 9th and the group is moving forward.

Wise- A meeting was held regarding signage on the Overlook Trail with Canyon Media and Findlay Subaru. We are waiting for their decision.

We did have the land surveyed and will be sending that information on to SITLA. There will be some costs associated with that part of the project, once she has a number she will report back to the Council.

Justice- He reported on the upcoming Give Your Land a Hand project.

Hardy-Nothing to report.

I. Closed Session

The motion was made by Councilman Ray Justice to adjourn to a Closed Session at the location of 111 South Main Street, La Verkin, Utah for the purpose of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation after a brief recess, second by Councilman Chuck Hardy. Gubler-yes, Wilson-yes, Wise-yes, Justice-yes, Hardy-yes. Motion carried unanimously at 7:05 pm

J. Reconvene from Closed Session

The closed session was closed, and the regular meeting reconvened at 7:35 pm

K. Adjourn:

The motion was made by Councilman Ray Justice to adjourn, second by Councilman Chuck Hardy. The motion carried unanimously at 7:35 pm.

Minutes were done by Christy Ballard.

April 15, 2020

Date Approved

Mayor Richard M. Hirschi

ATTEST:

Christy Ballard
City Recorder

