

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

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

Present on site: Mayor Richard Hirschi, Council Members: Ray Justice, Chuck Hardy, and Kelly Wilson; Staff: Chief Ben Lee; Public: Joe Phillips-Sunrise Engineering.

Present via Zoom: Council Members: Patricia Wise; Staff: Kyle Gubler, and Kevin Bennett.

Councilman Micah Gubler, Derek Imlay, and Christy Ballard were excused.

A. Called to Order

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. Minutes: October 7, 2020, regular meeting
4. Review Checks and Invoices: \$44,672.48

The recording began at the beginning of the roll call vote for this item.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda as written including the minutes of the October 7, 2020, regular meeting, and checks and invoices in the amount of \$44, 672.48. Roll Call Vote: Hardy-yes, Justice-yes, Wilson-yes, Wise-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

No comments were made.

D. Business:

1. Discussion and possible action on the proposed LANTIS Merchandise (Fireworks) Contract and Purchase Order for fireworks to be discharged at the City's Winterfest celebration.

Kyle explained this is an annual contract for the Winterfest fireworks.

Mayor Hirschi asked about the dry season we are having and the risk of starting a fire.

Kyle replied fires are always a risk. The Hurricane Valley Fire District will set them off at the field by the elementary school.

The motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Wise to accept the LANTIS Merchandise Contract and Purchase Order for fireworks to be discharged at the City's Winterfest celebration for the amount of \$3,500, second by Councilman Chuck Hardy. Roll Call Vote: Wilson-yes, Justice-yes, Hardy-yes, Wise-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve Work Release No. 2020-01, An agreement with Sunrise Engineering regarding the Water Improvements Project.

Items 2 and 3 will be discussed at the same time.

Joe Phillips, Sunrise Engineering, explained these items are to approve two work releases that will allow Sunrise Engineering to commence work on the development of the water and roads projects that the City has been considering for some time.

In 2014-16 Derek mentioned to Joe the water system revenue was struggling to maintain itself. In 2016 the City passed an ordinance increasing the base rate by \$.75 and in 2017 the City completed a Culinary Water Master Plan. In 2018 the Council approved a water rate increase. The purpose of these things was to "catch up" our water rates so the City could

raise sufficient revenue so the water system could be self-sufficient and have the ability to accomplish projects identified in the Capital Improvements Plan.

The City decided to wait and see what the rate changes did to the revenues. The revenues are close to what was projected in the Master Plan.

Staff and Sunrise Engineering both feel safe in moving forward with the Water Improvement Project.

Together they have developed a list of projects that were recommended in the Culinary Water Capital Improvements Plan along with four road improvement projects from the potential project list.

The road projects are the 100 South to SR 9 to Main Street project and the 470 West project. The water/irrigation projects are 500 West (both north and south of 200 North), 470 West, and the connections on 200 North. The estimated cost for these projects is 2.2 million dollars.

Joe had a map showing the location of the projects.

Sunrise Engineering, as part of the agreement, will approach the CIB Board and Division of Drinking Water for financial assistance with these projects. They will try to get as much of it covered by grants and the remainder covered by a low-interest loan.

The proposed schedule for the projects is to start the funding and geotechnical/surveying work immediately, the design work early next spring, out to bid next summer, and begin construction in the fall of 2021. Sunrise Engineering will be coordinating with the Council every step of the way.

Once the work release is signed, Sunrise will begin the funding process.

The motion was made by Councilman Kelly Wilson to approve Work Release No. 2020-01, an agreement with Sunrise Engineering regarding the Water Improvement Project, second by Councilman Ray Justice. Roll Call Vote: Hardy-yes, Justice-yes, Wise-yes, Wilson-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve Work Release No. 2020-02, An agreement with Sunrise Engineering regarding the Roads Improvements Project.

The motion was made by Councilman Kelly Wilson to approve Work Release No. 2020-02, an agreement with Sunrise Engineering regarding the Road Improvements Project, second by Councilman Ray Justice. Roll Call Vote: Wilson-yes, Wise-yes, Justice-yes, Hardy-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve an Independent Contractor Agreement for the Zion Regional Collaborative (ZRC).

Councilwoman Wise explained this had been mentioned in previous City Council meetings. The agreement is for one year and will be signed by each entity involved in the ZRC.

The motion was made by Councilman Kelly Wilson to approve an Independent Contractor Agreement for the Zion Regional Collaborative, second by Councilman Chuck Hardy. Roll Call Vote: Hardy-yes, Justice-yes, Wise-yes, Wilson-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve an agreement with Zions National Bank and Ken Garff for the purchase/lease of two police vehicles.

Chief Lee reported the paperwork has been received from Zion National Bank.

Kevin spoke to the Councilmembers regarding this item.

The motion was made by Councilman Kelly Wilson to approve the vehicle purchase/repurchase option agreement, the Letter of Intent to assist with 2-year lease termination, Resolution No. 2020-18 approving the form of the lease/purchase agreement with Zions Bank, and the delivery and acceptance certificate, second by Councilman Chuck Hardy. Roll Call Vote: Wilson-yes, Wise-yes, Justice-yes, Hardy-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Mayor & Council Reports:

Wilson-Nothing to report.

Wise-Councilwoman Wise reported on her assignments.

Justice-Nothing to report.

Hardy-Mosquito Abatement reported the year has been slow due to lack of rain. However, they are continuing to monitor areas that water collects.

F. Adjourn:

The motion was made by Councilman Ray Justice to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously at 6:44 pm.

Minutes were done by Christy Ballard.

December 16, 2020
Date Approved

ATTEST: Christy Ballard
Christy Ballard
City Recorder

Richard M. Hirschi
Mayor Richard M. Hirschi

