

# City of La Verkin

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## La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

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

**Present:** Mayor Richard Hirschi, Council Members: Kelly Wilson, Patricia Wise, Ray Justice, and Chuck Hardy; Staff: Chief Ben Lee, Christy Ballard, Kevin Bennett, Derek Imlay, and Kyle Gubler; Public: Chase & Mercedes Stratton and family and John Valenti.

*Councilman Micah Gubler was excused.*

**A. Called to Order** –The invocation/thought and the Pledge of Allegiance were given by Chuck Hardy at 6:03 pm.

### **B. Recognition:**

#### 1. Business Spotlight

Councilwoman Patricia Wise explained the Economic Development Committee would like to begin recognizing local businesses and let our citizens know about the efforts those business owners make to give back to the community.

Interstate Homes was chosen as the first business spotlight.

Interstate Homes began building homes in 2014 with 2-3 homes and by 2017 they were developing subdivisions with 20 homes. They focus mainly on building semi-custom, single-family homes. Interstate Homes had a beautiful home in the Cottonwood Hollow subdivision in the 2021 St. George Parade of Homes. In the future, they plan to expand to include multi-family housing and apartment complexes.

Interstate Homes has been such a good business partner to La Verkin. Through Interstate Rock Products, they have helped with several public works projects.

Chase Stratton accepted the certificate and commemorative coin on behalf of Interstate Homes.

Kyle explained Interstate Homes will be sponsored on our City website. He showed that video.

**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. Agenda
3. Minutes: March 3, 2021, regular meeting
4. Review Checks and Invoices: \$243,192.78

**The motion was made by Councilman Ray Justice to approve the consent agenda as written, including the minutes of March 3, 2021, regular meeting, and Check and Invoices in the amount of \$243,192.78, second by Councilman Chuck Hardy. Roll Call Vote: Hardy-yes, Justice-yes, Wise-yes, Wilson-yes. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **D. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:**

No comments.

### **E. Business:**

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. R-2021-10; a resolution approving and adopting an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement regarding election services with Washington County, State of Utah.

Kevin reported the City has had an agreement in the past for the County to handle the mail-in voting for the City. The contract proposed to the City this year was good except for Section 4 which he adamantly opposed. That section stated the City would be responsible for anything the County did unless they did it with full knowledge they were “messing the City over”. He removed that language from the agreement and added language from the agreement made two years ago and sent it back to the County.

The County sent the City a new agreement late this afternoon. The new agreement does not have the offending portion but states basically we are each responsible for our wrongs.

He is fine with the change and recommends approval of the agreement.

The estimated cost of the election is \$4,497.48.

The motion needs to adopt the resolution and the dollar amount for services.

Kyle pointed out the estimated cost is per election. He included this dollar amount in the budget but if there is a need for a primary election that amount will need to be doubled.

Councilman Justice mentioned he understands times are changing but he does miss seeing all the people as they come in to vote when he was a poll worker.

Mayor Hirschi pointed out the voter percentage has increased with mail-in voting.

**The motion was made by Councilman Ray Justice to approve Resolution No. R-2021-10, a resolution approving and adopting an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement regarding election services with Washington County, State of Utah, and the estimated cost of \$4,497.48 per election, second by Councilman Kelly Wilson. Roll Call Vote: Wilson-yes, Wise-yes, Justice-yes, Hardy-yes. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **F. Mayor & Council Reports:**

Wilson-Ash Creek Special Service District has approved an engineering firm to design the treatment facility. They are also going to travel to Alabama to visit a treatment facility that has been using a new process developed in the Netherlands.

Wise-The Zion Regional Collaborative application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is at the final review stage. Once it has been reviewed and submitted to the BLM, final approval should take 2-3 weeks.

Once that has been approved the ZRC will select an engineering firm to conduct the environmental assessment study. She asked Mike Chandler with Ash Creek SSD if the multi-use trail could use the existing road for that part of the trail once vehicle access has been moved and he was in favor of it.

A bill was passed in the State Legislature allowing cyclists to come to a rolling stop at a stop sign. They still must stop completely at traffic lights.

The County is pushing for active transportation routes, which basically means safe walking and cycling in the communities. When roads are being widened and changed, active transportation needs to be included in the planning. Hurricane Valley Tourism held its annual meeting yesterday. They have a new photographer on the committee. He will be doing the social media for the group. This group focuses on the Hurricane Valley.

Justice-Nothing to report.

Hardy-Mosquito Abatement is getting ready to begin its season.

Kevin passed out a copy of the updated final version of the bill regarding accessory dwellings. It is currently waiting for the Governor's signature. A good chunk of the law takes effect May 5<sup>th</sup> and the rest takes effect in October. He highlighted the main parts of the bill for the Councilmembers to read and get ready for a meeting/discussion.

#### **G. Adjourn:**

**The motion was made by Councilman Ray Justice to adjourn, second by Kelly Wilson. The motion was carried unanimously at 6:37 pm.**

April 7, 2021  
Date Approved

ATTEST: Christy Ballard  
Christy Ballard  
City Recorder

Richard M. Hirschi  
Mayor Richard M. Hirschi