

City of LaVerkin

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LaVerkin City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 20, 2013 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers, 111 S. Main, LaVerkin, Utah

Present: Mayor Karl Wilson; Council-Members: Randy Reeve, Richard Hirschi, Phil Jensen, Brandon Stephenson, and Ray Justice; Staff: Derek Imlay, Troylinn Benson, Kevin Bennett, Chief Lloyd Watkins, and Christy Ballard; Public: Chief Tom Kuhlmann, John and Rose Valenti, Ken Hooten, Simon & Shannon Wastling, Doug Wilson, Travis Romney, Jake Bulkley, and Chantelle Browning.

Councilman Randy Reeve is present via telephonic participation.

- A. Called to Order** – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Phil Jensen at 6:01pm.
- 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. November 6, 2013 regular meeting minutes
 4. Review Invoices and Checks: \$112,201.14

Motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to approve the consent agenda as written including the November 6, 2013 meeting minutes and checks and invoices in the amount of \$112,201.14, second by Councilman Phil Jensen. Roll Call Vote: Justice-yes, Jensen-yes, Hirschi-yes, Reeve-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Committee Reports:

1. Planning Commission – Held a meeting last week where the permitted uses and zoning development of the down town area along with vacation rentals in commercial and residential zones was discussed. Discussion will continue on those items at the next meeting.
2. Water Board – The Water Board has not met.
3. Sewer Board-Blair not present to report.
4. Fire District-Chief Kuhlmann reported there are 26 individuals beginning training tonight. The training goes through February. He is hoping at that time there will be 26 new people to distribute between the 4 fire stations.
A new Committee has been established to look over everything in the Fire District. Their first Meeting was held last week a lot of items were discussed, one of which was finding a way to allow more people at the station ready to respond without raising fees.
Next Tuesday night the Fire District will be approving the budget, if La Verkin has anything they would like considered let Chief Kuhlmann know.

D. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

No comments were made.

E. Business:

1. Discussion and possible approval of consent for Washington County Water District to add the Sand Hollow Regional Line project to the District Capital Facility Plan.

Doug Wilson from the Washington County Water District gave a brief background of the Regional Water Supply Agreement La Verkin City signed, along with other municipalities in the County, in 2006. This project requires majority approval from the municipalities who signed that agreement.

Councilman Stephenson arrived at 6:08pm.

Doug reported that due to the growth of the service area this project is necessary. The pipeline is a 9 mile line, 36 inches in diameter and will go from Sand Hollow Reservoir to Hurricane, Washington, and St. George.

The aquifer underneath Sand Hollow has more than two times the amount of water than the Reservoir does which is a great drought buffer. One of the issues they are having is the aquifer isn't spreading out as fast as the District thought it would so they are having to pump some water out now.

The proposed pipeline project will serve Hurricane, Washington, and St. George. One of the last projects the WCWCD did was for the City of Toquerville. The Toquerville Springs Collection System was completely redone. That affected the amount of water La Verkin and Hurricane receive out of that spring.

Councilman Hirschi asked if the District will be doing the work or if it will be bid out. He also asked if the different cities will be responsible to connect to the waterline or if the District will take care of it.

Doug replied that the work will be bid out and if the waterline benefits only one city the city is usually responsible to connect to the line but if it benefits two or more the District will take care of it. He explained where this waterline will be. The project plan doesn't show where Hurricane will connect because it has not been decided.

Mayor Wilson commented that the waterline doesn't directly affect La Verkin but it will still help us by allowing the District to move water more efficiently and frees up Cottam Well making more water available to La Verkin. All of the communities involved with the Regional Water Supply Agreement have committed to work together so if anyone of them is in need of water the other communities will help out.

Motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to approve the Washington County Water Conservancy District's request to add the Sand Hollow Regional Line project to the District Capital Facility Plan, second by Councilman Brandon Stephenson. Roll Call Vote: Reeve-yes, Hirschi-yes, Jensen-yes, Stephenson-yes, Justice-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Staff, Mayor & Council Reports:

City Administrator- Kyle Gubler

Kyle reported Winterfest is Saturday, December 7th.

Thursday, November 7th the Mayor and Kyle attended the Governor's Reception. La Verkin was awarded for being a business friendly community. We were the first city in the State to complete the survey.

Mayor Wilson spoke at the banquet.

Mayor Wilson thanked Kyle and staff for the work they put into the survey.

Kyle attended the DTEC meeting for the Mayor. The main topic discussed was a fuel user fee the State is presenting to all of the counties. The fuel user fee comes from trying to solve the issue of not having enough money to take care of the roads throughout the State. This will increase gasoline by 3%. One issue we are facing is with the alternate fuel vehicle as well as the fuel efficient vehicle. They cause the same amount of wear and tear to the road but are using less gasoline.

Every community at the meeting said over the last 5-10 years they have cut their road budget and now they don't know what to do with not having the money to repair the roads that need it.

They are trying to get this item to the Legislative Session.
Kyle went over the different ideas discussed on how communities would receive the money.
The proposal is in his handout.
Kyle's first grandchild was born on Tuesday.

Public Safety- Chief Lloyd Watkins

The truck is back. The lights look great. The wrap is not done yet, he is hoping to have it done by Winterfest.

Councilman Justice asked about the child that was hit on his way to school.
Kevin answered the child is fine. He talked to the mother that evening; they had plans to go out of town that day and still went.

Director of Operations-Derek Imlay

54 nuisance letters were sent out, mainly for weeds. A majority of them have been addressed.
Derek received a call from one person saying he was not going to do anything about his property. So staff will proceed to the next step. Derek will update the council the first of each month.
The crew has been digging at Sunset View Estates trying to figure out what happened prior to this new development. The developer still has some items they need to take care of before it can go to the Planning Commission. This project will improve 400 North completely.
The plans for Silver Acres will be ready for approval on December 4th. Construction is scheduled for February 3rd with a 90 day window to get the project complete.
The 2014 Road Maintenance Project will be presented to the Council that night as well. This project will mainly be on the west side of town.
The list of fire hydrants needing to be maintained will be complete tomorrow.

Councilman Hirschi asked if the water was turned off at the Cross Creek campuses.
Derek answered that it is off. The sprinkler system and fire extinguisher certification has been terminated and the bill has not been paid in full. When all of these issues have been rectified the water will be turned back on.

Treasurer-Troylinn Benson

There were 173 notices sent out and 29 shut offs, 14 are still off but 9 of them are one company. Two are vacant.
The audit is complete. It will be presented to the Council December 4th.

Mayor Wilson: Confluence Park meeting was this evening. The Boy Scout Project was a huge success. Fifty trees were planted and more wood chips were spread along the trails.
Visitation is good with over 1300 people signing in. They are talking about putting a register on the Hurricane side. He feels Confluence Park is a great asset to the surrounding communities and hopes the new mayor and council will stay involved with it.

Jensen: The main discussion of the Solid Waste meeting was recycling and the compost. They are having more success with not adding the sludge. It is taking longer to produce but the complaints of the smell have gone down. The District wants to make sure the citizens have the option of getting the compost before private entity's do.
There could possibly be some slight increases in their fees but it should be very minimal.

Justice: Attended Confluence Park meeting which has already been reported on. The ZC3 meeting date was changed so he was not able to attend. He will be attending the next Sewer Board meeting on Dec. 10th; they will be discussing the 2014 budget.

Hirschi: Nothing further to report.

Reeve: Mosquito Abatement held a meeting. Washington County had 52 positive West Nile samples; 4 human, 4 horse, and 53 trapped mosquitoes. The next closest was Box Elder County with 9. Their budget meeting will be the 12th of December.

Stephenson: Brian Glaze from the Beautification/Trails Committee and Councilman Stephenson have been working on a La Verkin Loop Trail. They would like it to start at the Crescent Park and would be about nine miles long. It would be a walking, biking and equestrian trail.

Derek thinks the WCWCD will be taking the irrigation water out December 1st.

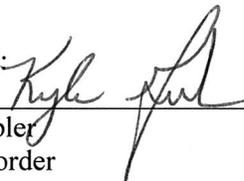
G. Adjourn:

Motion was made by Councilman Ray Justice to adjourn, second by Councilman Phil Jensen. Motion carried unanimously at 6:50pm.

Minutes were taken on behalf of the City Recorder by Christy Ballard.

December 4, 2013
Date Approved


Mayor, Karl Wilson

ATTEST: 
Kyle Gubler
City Recorder