

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 6:00 pm.

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

Present: Mayor Kelly Wilson, Council Members: Micah Gubler, Richard Hirschi, Patricia Wise, and Blair Gubler; Staff: Kyle Gubler, Derek Imlay, Kevin Bennett, Chief Ben Lee, and Christy Ballard, Public: John Valenti, Robert George, Dan McKean, Skip Fleming, Kirk Rose, and Mr. & Mrs. Nick Nuccitelli, Richard Hoffman, Paul Klein, and Blaine Worrell-Sunrise Engineering.

Councilman Chuck Hardy was excused.

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

B. Recognition:

1. Business Spotlight.

LV Swiss was the business spotlight. Councilwoman Patricia Wise presented Mr. Richard Hoffman with a certificate and commemorative City coin created by John Valenti. She thanked him for everything he had done for the City.

A short video was played introducing LV Swiss.

Mr. Hoffman thanked the Council for the recognition. He had examples of several parts they make at LV Swiss. Paul Klein is one of 37 employees who work at LV Swiss. He stated Richard is a great advocate for La Verkin City. They make products for Boeing, Tyco, Northrup, and several medical companies. This is a first-class organization.

Kyle stated Mr. Hoffman participates on the Economic Development Committee.

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. Meeting Minutes: January 19, 2022, regular meeting
4. Checks and Invoices: \$297,981.28

The motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to approve the consent agenda as written, including the minutes of the January 19, 2022, regular meeting and checks and invoices in the amount of \$297,981.28, second by Councilman Blair Gubler. Roll Call Vote: Hirschi-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Business:

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2022-02; an ordinance amending subsection B of section 10-6G2-2-5 of the La Verkin City Code to limit uses provided in such section to no more than 3,000 feet from the intersection of SR-9 and SR-17.

Mayor Wilson explained this would limit RV Resorts to the Tourist Commercial Zone within 3,000 feet of the intersection of SR9 and SR17.

Councilwoman Wise mentioned this item had been discussed and reviewed previously.

The motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Wise to approve Ordinance No. 2022-02; an ordinance amending subsection B of section 10-6G2-2-5 of the La Verkin City Code to limit uses provided in such section to no more than 3,000 feet from the intersection of SR-9 and SR-17, second by Councilman Micah Gubler. Blair Gubler-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Hirschi-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to authorize the City to go out to bid on the 2022 Road & Utilities

Improvements Project and to approve the language of the proposed bids, specifications, and contract therefor. Blaine Worrell with Sunrise Engineering explained this project involves replacing and widening 100 South from SR9 to Main Street. It will be a whole road replacement with upgraded utilities. It also includes some improvements to the 470 West cul de sac, site improvements along 100 East, and extending the pressurized irrigation system on 500 South beyond the State Highway and Main Street.

The water improvement project includes the south side of 500 North. It will asphalt that road with curb and gutter and install multiple water lines & irrigation lines in the area. It will also bore a new line across SR17 at the La Quinta. This will help with water pressure in the hotels.

Councilman Hirschi asked if 100 South would have a curb & gutter to tie into Main Street?

Blaine answered yes, the improvements are being made so everything will tie in when Main Street is done.

The motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to authorize the City to go out to bid on the 2022 Road & Utilities Improvements Project and to approve the language of the proposed bids, specifications, and contract therefore, second by Councilwoman Patricia Wise. Roll Call Vote: Hirschi-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Wise-yes. Blair Gubler-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to authorize the City to go out to bid on the 2022 Water Improvements Project and to approve the language of the proposed bids, specifications, and contract therefor.

The motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Wise to authorize the City to go out to bid on the 2022 Water Improvements Project and to approve the language of the proposed bids, specifications, and contract therefore, second by Councilman Richard Hirschi. Roll Call Vote: Blair Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Hirschi-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Kevin explained the specific language is approved, assuming the bidders don't change anything from the bid documents. Once they have accepted it, we have a contract, and the project can move forward immediately.

E. Mayor & Council Reports:

Hirschi-He reported Apple Valley is talking with Ash Creek SSD about possibly coming online with them.

He attended the Fire District meeting. They have ordered two ambulances and one fire truck. They should be delivered within the next year. They have 22 new students taking the first responder and paramedic classes. If they all pass, that will give the District enough employees to man the La Verkin station and the Coral Cliff station full time.

Micah Gubler-The police department is fully staffed.

Wise-She reported on the February 23, 2022, planning commission meeting.

Blair Gubler-He reported on the Solid Waste Board meeting. They elected new chairs for a couple of the committees. They brought up the amount of garbage along the highway and reported they spend \$50,000 for that clean-up. The District would like to see cities pass ordinances regarding covered loads and ticket those loads as they come through the city.

Chief Lee stated the State of Utah has a code regarding covered loads that we follow.

Kyle reported hearing the biggest contributor to the trash along I15 is from the trash trucks. St. George City was going to contact Washington County Solid Waste to see if there was something they could do about that.

Blair mentioned it was brought up and brushed over.

He continued the District is going to build an office building at the landfill. He is a member of the review board for this project. They are also considering metal recycling at the landfill. There is no money in it, but it does save space in the landfill.

He spoke to Rita Bice regarding CERT. She is interested in continuing the program. He has found two other certified individuals interested in the program as well.

Mayor Wilson-There will be a meeting tomorrow, March 3, at the City Office building at 4:30 pm regarding the hot springs project.

F. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

John Valenti-He wanted to mention anything regarding the La Verkin City commemorative coin he did with Kyle Gubler.

Daniel McKeehan-He is glad for the meeting tomorrow. He appreciated something that the Mayor said during the opening prayer about doing what's best for the City of La Verkin as a whole for the residents here.

He spent twelve years teaching the constitution and teaching law. One of the things that made this a great country is compromise. From the foundation of this country, the very existence of the constitution is nothing but a bunch of compromises. He thinks that plays out in life. In our business dealings, state buildings and the decisions made at the state and city levels.

He is coming to encourage the Council to continue to listen to the residents, which it sounds like you will do tomorrow. Not only listen but hear.

We would love to ease traffic. We think this resort is going to happen. One of the things we have talked about is access being restricted to SR9. He knows some of the Council are not in favor of that, and he would encourage you to consider it. The gentleman with the neighboring property was in favor of the resort. Great, see if he would make an easement from his property for a second access point. If the traffic could be kept on the thoroughfare, that would be best for the residents. Your residents, many of which have come, would support that decision. This option has been brought up before by several Councilmembers. He appreciates you hearing them.

Jillian Ballard- She thanked the Councilmembers for the meeting tomorrow to go over questions and give facts about what will and will not be happening. She thinks the City wants that. The people she has talked to want the facts, not just hearsay, and misinformation. She agrees with Mr. McKeehan and hopes the only access points for the resort are on SR9. Maybe make them take some of their property to create their own turn lane into the resort and 300 South, so SR9 is not affected. That way, people going straight would not need to wait for people to turn.

She also thinks 480 South is really important. There are a lot of compromises that can be made with the resort to make a walking bridge over/across the street, so people in that area are not affected. The ambulance and fire trucks would still be able to get to that area, and the families would still have access to the community without going on SR9.

These are the main concerns with that. She has talked with many residents, and more are understanding what is coming down the pipeline and warming up to the idea of a resort and parking lot there. She is grateful for the time the council is taking to work with the residents in getting the information out instead of the residents going in there blind.

G. Adjourn:

The motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to adjourn, second by Councilman Blair Gubler. Micah Gubler-yes, Hirschi-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes. The motion carried unanimously at 6:41 pm.

April 20, 2022

Date Approved

ATTEST:

Christy Ballard
Christy Ballard
City Recorder

Kelly B. Wilson
Mayor Kelly B. Wilson

