

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Work Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 5:30 pm.

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

Present: Mayor Kelly Wilson, Council Members: Richard Hirschi, Patricia Wise, Blair Gubler, and Micah Gubler; Staff: Kyle Gubler, Kevin Bennett, Derek Imlay, and Christy Ballard, Public: John Valenti.

A. Called to Order-Mayor Wilson called the work meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

1. FY 2022-2023 Budget

Kyle passed out the tentative budget. A lot of the concerns the Councilmembers had have been addressed in this budget. He also had the chance to meet with each Director and go over the items they were proposing. He suggested that they try to get things done in this budget year with the year-end amendment. He discussed most of the items they brought up to the Council with them.

Derek will be contacting Councilmember Blair Gubler to discuss the vector truck.

The ordinance needs to be changed before the Planning Commission can receive compensation. A \$50 per meeting compensation has been included in this budget.

Kyle started going through the tentative budget, pointing out the changes and new items.

General Fund

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Contributions from other entities have \$32,700. This is money for the Victims Advocate.

Transfers from Water and Sanitary-\$35,000. This is the inter-city loan from paying off the bond. This is a reimbursement to the General Fund for paying off the loan early. It will be transferred annually through 2027.

Council Wages and Benefits increased to cover the Planning Commission's wages.

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Admin Lease Payments are \$72,000. This is the new bond payment that doesn't have a line yet. That payment could begin next year. The money will move into next year's budget if it doesn't. We need to come up with city participation. The engineering costs fall into that, so we should be good for this budget.

The City may need to transfer money during the upcoming budget amendment from the savings to cover the cost of supplies for the project.

The CIB Board meets on April 29th, and he is hoping we will be on that agenda to ask for the extra \$250,000.

There shouldn't be an issue getting the additional money because it will be included in the loan amount and not a grant. There will be a new board beginning May 1, 2022.

Salary and wages for Employees have a 7% cost of living increase. The increase will go into effect on July 1, 2022. That will be \$4,500 for each employee. This increase is not as high as in other communities. He did have some suggestions on offsetting that without increasing the percentage.

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The recreation expense was increased by about \$1,500 for the different festivities.

Debt Service

The only item in this fund is a bond payment. He would like to pay this bond off with the upcoming budget amendment.

Councilwoman Wise mentioned interest rates are going up. Would it be better to keep paying the lower interest loans and use the money in savings to pay more for higher interest rate projects?

The State is pretty good about keeping interest rates low. They will go up if rates do, but they move slower. Kyle mentioned the last loan the City received was 1%.

Mayor Wilson pointed out that paying off debts makes it easier to get other project loans.

Kyle continued going over the budget.

Water Fund

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Transfer to General Fund has \$45,000. This is the water portion of the upcoming bond payment that doesn't have a line yet.

The intercity loan transfer of \$35,000 is under Transfer to DS Cont 2015 refunding Bond.

Sewer Fund

This is a pass-through fund, with the City taking 5% for expenses.

Irrigation Fund

Impact fees change. He averages 14 new building permits, which is a conservative number.

Garbage Fund

This is a pass-through fund. The City does get a percentage to cover expenses.

Drainage Fund

Impact fees will increase with the number of new building permits.

The intercity loan transfer of \$35,000 is under Transfer to DS Cont 2015 Refunding Bond.

Cemetery Fund

This is a guess.

It used to have its own expenditures, but now everything is transferred and paid from the General Fund.

This budget will be presented during the regular city council meeting. He feels it is ready to set a public hearing. If the Council chooses not to accept it during this meeting, it will need to be done at the next one. He recommends the public hearing be set for May 18, 2022.

Councilman Micah Gubler mentioned he met with Chief Nuccitelli, and some additional items have come up. The computer server is not backed up to the cloud.

The vests, guns, and tasers are all from the same company, and there is a program we could buy that collects all that information, dates it, and puts it with each incident. Chief is spending hours trying to collect information for every incident.

The City IT guy can't help, and something needs to be done.

The program cost is \$10,000 with an upgrade fee each year.

Chief Nuccitelli would like to spend more time on the street instead of in the office.

Kyle explained Chief Nuccitelli did speak to him about this and agreed to get Kyle some numbers. He also has the IT guy looking into it because there is more than one way to do that.

Nothing has been included in this budget, but it could be included in the budget amendment.

Chief also mentioned bringing Macon on full-time.

Councilman Blair Gubler asked if the 5% from the Sewer District and Solid Waste covered the delinquencies?

Kyle explained we are good that way.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

May 18, 2022
Date Approved

ATTEST: Christy Ballard
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City Recorder

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Mayor Kelly B. Wilson