

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 6:00 pm.

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

Present: Mayor Kelly Wilson, Council Members: Chuck Hardy, Micah Gubler, Richard Hirschi, Patricia Wise, and Blair Gubler; Staff: Kyle Gubler, Derek Imlay, Chief Nick Nuccitelli, and Christy Ballard, Public: John Valenti, Robert George, and Paul Stevens.

A. Called to Order –The invocation/thought and Pledge of Allegiance were given by Councilman Micah Gubler at 6:00 pm.

B. Appointments:

1. Board of Adjustment

Mayor Wilson asked Eric Andra to fill the final year of Jim Blackmore's term. Mr. Blackmore passed away.

The motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to appoint Eric Andra to the Board of Adjustment through January 2023, second by Councilman Chuck Hardy. Blair Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Hirschi-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Hardy-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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: March 2, 2022, work and regular meeting
4. Checks and Invoices: \$188,500.85

The motion was made by Councilman Chuck Hardy to approve the consent agenda as written, including the minutes of the March 2, 2022, work and regular meeting and checks and invoices in the amount of \$188,500.85, second by Councilwoman Patricia Wise. Roll Call Vote: Blair Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Hirschi-yes, Hardy-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Business:

1. Presentation, discussion, and possible action to accept the FY 2022-2023 tentative budget.

Kyle went over the revenue and expenditure total for the General Fund. It is a balanced budget, but changes can still be made. This includes paying off the 2017 Street Bond.

He went over the other Funds' revenue and expenditure totals.

He has been working with a security company to get information about installing cameras throughout the City. The quote he received for 35 cameras at various locations, including all the City Parks and city-owned buildings, was approximately \$50,000. He thinks this is something the Council may want to consider. It is a lot of money, but we need to address the vandalism situation. We can also adjust the number of cameras we get to lower that cost.

Santa Clara City uses this company, so he will visit with the city manager to see how well they work.

He suggested getting cameras for at least the city parks before the bathrooms are fixed.

This has not been included in the presented tentative budget.

Homeland Security may help with security cameras for the water tanks.

Councilwoman Wise asked if the City would own the cameras and who would be monitoring them.

Kyle explained the initial fee includes a three-year subscription. The subscription cost is about \$5,000 annually after that. City staff would be required to monitor the cameras. They would be motion-activated cameras.

One of the features is facial recognition software. It would alert someone if the camera picked up that individual in any of the cameras.

Replacement cameras are about \$800.

The motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Wise to accept the FY 2022-2023 tentative budget, second by Councilman Richard Hirschi. Roll Call Vote: Hardy-yes, Hirschi-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to set the public hearing for the FY 2022-2023 tentative budget for May 18, 2022.

The motion was made by Councilman Chuck Hardy to set the public hearing for the FY 2022-2023 tentative budget for May 18, 2022, second by Councilman Blair Gubler. Roll Call Vote: Hardy-yes, Hirschi-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Blair Gubler-yes Wise-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve Proclamation 2022-01; a proclamation designating April 29, 2022, as Arbor Day for the City of La Verkin.

Mayor Wilson explained this is an annual item.

Kyle reported the 4th Grade Forester program would be on May 6, 2022, this year at the Power Plant Park.

Kevin explained this is also a Tree City Utah requirement.

The motion was made by Councilman Chuck Hardy to approve Proclamation 2022-01; a proclamation designating April 29, 2022, as Arbor Day for the City of La Verkin, second by Councilwoman Patricia Wise. Blair Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Hirschi-yes, Hardy-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the revised preliminary and final plat for the Eves Garden Subdivision, an 11-lot subdivision located between 354 North Main Street and 374 North Main Street.

Derek explained the original approved preliminary plat had the parcels listed one-tenth higher than the actual size. The example he gave was a lot listed as 9,998.10 square feet, but the actual was 9,998.03. This is a minimal adjustment, but the final mylar and the preliminary plat need to match. All lot sizes are still legal.

Kevin pointed out this item is to approve both the amended preliminary and the final plat.

The change wasn't significant enough to require a new public hearing.

The lot size on the amended preliminary plat and final plat do match.

This is the first time the City has tied a zone change approval to the development. Once these plats are approved, the zone change request will be complete.

The motion was made by Councilman Chuck Hardy to approve the revised preliminary and final plat for the Eves Garden Subdivision, an 11-lot subdivision located between 354 North Main Street and 374 North Main Street, second by Councilman Richard Hirschi. Hardy-yes, Micah Gubler-yes. Hirschi-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between La Verkin City and the Utah Department of Workforce Services regarding water assistance benefits.

Mayor Wilson explained this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) needs to be approved before the Utah Department of Workforce Services can help residents in need pay the water bill.

Kevin reported the money comes from a federal grant attached to COVID that goes until September 2023. Each state chose an entity to administer the funds. In Utah, the Department of Workforce Services handles that in conjunction with Five Counties.

The City had two options, either opt out or provide this opportunity for the citizens who needed assistance. Citizens are only eligible one time per year to request assistance.

The agreement sunsets next year unless the federal government extends the service, in which case this agreement would be extended.

The motion was made by Councilman Micah Gubler to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between La Verkin City and the Utah Department of Workforce Services regarding water assistance benefits, second by Councilwoman Patricia Wise. Roll Call Vote: Blair Gubler-abstain, Wise-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Hirschi-yes, Hardy-yes. Motion passes.

E. Mayor & Council Reports:

Kevin Bennett-Fire Restrictions. Kevin explained that normally this time of year, we approve fire restrictions at the request of the Fire District. The City tries to parrot what the State and Federal entities set, but there are currently no fire restrictions statewide, areawide, or by the State and Federal agencies surrounding us. It would be premature to pass anything.

It has been a dry year, so there is a good possibility we will be looking at firework and fire restrictions in the future. The City may also be asked to pass water restrictions.

He will continue to monitor it and bring something back to the Council once those restrictions are issued.

Councilman Blair Gubler asked if the document included in the packet is the City restrictions. His concern was with item four which prohibits welding in areas of dry vegetation.

Kevin replied that the information was from the State. They have not declared any restrictions, but if or when they do, this is what those stage one and two restrictions are.

He also said, in the past, the City has declared a stage and tried to educate our citizens about surrounding restrictions and admonish people to pay attention to activities they do in areas with dry vegetation but had not made it mandatory. That has worked to this point.

Hardy-He asked for an update on the proposed PID for the topside property.

Kyle said it is still in the early stages. He and Kevin have met with their attorney and representative. They are moving through the process, but nothing to report. They have been told to contact Ash Creek SSD and the Water Conservancy District.

Councilman Hardy reported on Southwest Mosquito Abatement. They are in the spring testing stage but will be moving to full testing mode, which is over thirty traps per week. This will tell where they are and how many.

They are trying to find a way to determine quicker if the West Nile Virus is present in a mosquito population.

Historical Preservation-he is still working with Loren Webb to get historical documents from the Overlook Trail.

Hirschi-The Fire District has upcoming graduation for the fifteen new firefighters and EMTs. Shortly after that, they should be making assignments to the La Verkin fire station.

Micah Gubler-Nothing new to report.

Wise-She reported on the April 13, 2022, planning commission meeting.

DTEC had a presentation regarding the road usage tax on electric vehicles.

Blair Gubler-He reported on the Solid Waste Board meeting. They purchased additional front-load dumpsters for communities to have clean-up days. They are still working on choosing an architect for the new building.

CERT-he and Chief Nuccitelli are working toward a citizen's academy.

He asked Derek about the new construction at 740 North State Street.

Derek explained Red Rock Spa is building it. It will be offices and storage. There are no requirements for beautification on SR17.

Mayor Wilson-The Water Conservancy District is close to reaching an agreement with the Zion Hot Springs group.

F. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

Paul Stevens-He lives in the Spanish Garden Subdivision. He has had a couple of issues with the contractor working on the development at 680 N 275 W. They haven't adhered to the City requirement of providing 48 hours' notice before starting work that affects access to his property. There is also a problem with the west side of the road. There is nothing behind the curb. From the top of the curb to the dirt is a three-to-six-inch drop, and within the next two feet, it slopes another six to twelve inches and makes it hard for people to get out of the passenger side of a vehicle.

G. Adjourn:

The motion was made by Councilman Chuck Hardy to adjourn, second by Councilman Blair Gubler. The motion carried unanimously at 6:47 pm.

May 18, 2022
Date Approved

ATTEST: Christy Ballard
Christy Ballard
City Recorder

Kelly B. Wilson
Mayor Kelly B. Wilson