

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 7, 2022, 6:00 pm.

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

Present: Mayor Kelly Wilson, Council Members: Micah Gubler, Patricia Wise, Chuck Hardy, Richard Hirschi, and Blair Gubler; Staff: Kyle Gubler, Kevin Bennett, Chief Nick Nuccitelli, and Christy Ballard, Public: John Valenti and Brian Stewart.

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

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. Minutes: August 17, 2022, work and regular meeting
4. Checks & Invoices: \$462,523.27

The motion was made by Councilman Chuck Hardy to approve the consent agenda as written, including the minutes of the August 17, 2022, work and regular meeting and checks & invoices in the amount of \$462,523.27, second by Councilwoman Patricia Wise. Roll Call Vote: Blair Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Hirschi-yes, Hardy-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Business:

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the final plat for the Spanish Townhomes located at 686 North 275 West.

Councilwoman Wise reported that the Planning Commission recommended approval upon completion of the paving and tree planting and receiving the title report.

Councilman Hardy said he had gone by, shrubbery had been planted, and the paving was complete; however, the landscaping had not been finished.

Kevin reported Derek had told him the only item that needed to be completed was 30 feet of sidewalk around the play area. That is minor enough that staff is fine recommending approval subject to that being completed. The Mayor, City Attorney, and City Recorder will sign the final plat once Derek has verified that it has been completed.

If the Councilmembers don't feel comfortable with that, they can wait until everything has been completed and then approve it. The title report is only good for 30 days, so the developer has some incentive to complete everything.

The motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Wise to approve the final plat for the Spanish Townhomes located at 686 North 275 West based on any concrete work and tree planting required per agreement with the Planning Commission and Public Works Director, 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 approve Ordinance No. 2022-08; an ordinance adopting and implementing regulations for landscaping and water conservation applicable to the development of land in La Verkin City.

Mayor Wilson reported this item was discussed during the last city council meeting. It is in ordinance form now, and concerns from the previous meeting have been addressed in the ordinance.

Councilman Hirschi mentioned the requirements seemed pretty intense, and he wondered if the City had any idea how much it would cost the developer.

Mayor Wilson stated there would be an additional cost, but we are unsure how much it would be.

Kevin explained this ordinance will go into effect on January 1, 2023, and will only affect new construction to properties without access to the City's secondary water system.

The motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to approve Ordinance No. R-2022-08, an ordinance adopting and implementing regulations for landscaping and water conservation applicable to the development of land in

La Verkin City, second by Councilwoman Patricia Wise. Roll Call Vote: Blair Gubler-no, Wise-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Hirschi-yes, Hardy-yes. Motion passes.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2022-09; an ordinance amending subsection A of Section 1-5-5 of the La Verkin City Code ("Regular Meetings").

Mayor Wilson explained this would fix an upcoming issue in October. The first meeting is during the Utah League of Cities and Towns, and we will not have a quorum. The second meeting is during fall break, and there is a possibility of not having a quorum for that meeting either.

This will allow the City to change our regular meeting to a different day in circumstances like this to keep the one meeting per month requirement.

If this is approved, we will have the October City Council meeting on Monday, October 3rd and then cancel the second meeting for the month.

Councilwoman Wise pointed out that this ordinance states there needs to be a quorum in person. She would like to allow audio or zoom participation to make a quorum. This would help with instances similar to the restrictions during COVID. (Section A-2-a, on page 2 of the proposed ordinance).

Kevin explained this ordinance refers to "F," which addresses electronic meetings and allows for the option of only one in-person and the rest electronic participation and does not change anything in that section. The section she is reading is an additional way for those times there are controversial items they feel should have a full in-person quorum to move forward on a night that is not the regularly scheduled meeting night.

This ordinance would only pertain to regularly scheduled meetings where a quorum can attend on a different day than the regularly scheduled 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

There could still be electronic participation.

This does not affect anything under the section dealing with special meetings.

He did request a red-line copy be included in the packet, but it didn't make it in.

This does not change anything in the meeting section except dividing Section A-Regular Meetings into two sections, allowing the Council to call a regular meeting on a different date with approval during a regularly scheduled city council meeting.

The motion was made by Councilman Chuck Hardy to approve Ordinance No. 2022-09, an ordinance amending subsection A of section 1-5-5 of the La Verkin City Code ("Regular Meetings"), second by Councilman Richard Hirschi. Hardy-yes, Hirschi-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Councilman Micah Gubler to move the October 5, 2022, regularly scheduled meeting to Monday, October 3, 2022, at 6:00 pm, second by Councilman Richard Hirschi. Hardy-yes, Hirschi-yes, Micah Gubler-yes, Wise-yes, Blair Gubler-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action to update the City logo.

Kyle passed out two examples for the new city logo with multiple color options for the Councilmembers to review. The Council can also choose a different color scheme.

Councilman Blair Gubler feels both options cut too much of the past out of the logo. He would like the founding date included. He feels La Verkin City does have a promising future and proud past, and we leave all of that behind by changing the logo.

He doesn't mind changing the logo but would like to include some of the demographics from the existing logo.

Kyle said we could easily include the established date on either logo.

Councilwoman Wise suggested including the tagline and established date on some items, such as letterhead but use the cleaner version on the trucks, for example.

When they met with Met Johnson, he said the trend was to take writing and dates off the logo to keep it clean, so people see just one thing and immediately know what/who it is.

Met could incorporate those items into the logo and suggest the appropriate times for each version to be used.

She thought the logo could be voted on, and the winner between the two could be taken back to Met with comments from the Council.

Councilman Micah Gubler would like to update the logo so the City can get it digitized. He likes both but prefers the simpler one with the bridge and the name.

Councilman Hirschi likes the bridge and name but would like the established date included.

Councilman Hardy likes the original logo better than either new option. He wondered why we couldn't digitize the original logo and stated he wouldn't mind modifying the original logo to be simpler.

If he had to choose one of the new ones, he would pick the one with the name across the top and the river under the bridge, but he still prefers the original.

Councilman Blair Gubler asked if the citizens had been asked about a new logo.

Kyle replied there was an online poll, and the most common answer was the bridge. That is why it was featured in both logos.

The other item to consider is the colors.

The Mayor took a vote. Two were in favor of the simple logo, one was in favor of the logo with the name across the top, and two were in favor of leaving it.

Mayor Wilson broke the tie by choosing the simple logo and adding the established date.

Kyle asked which color the Council preferred or if they would like a different color.

He will have the established date added to the logo and some other color options for the Council to review at the next meeting.

He explained either logo could be with or without the border depending on where it is being used and can be in color or black and white.

D. Mayor & Council Reports:

Blair Gubler-Nothing to report.

Wise- She reported on the August 24, 2022, Planning Commission meeting. She also reported on the Zion Regional Collaborative meeting.

The BLM is finalizing the list for environmental clearance for the Springdale to La Verkin multi-use trail. Once that has been completed, UDOT may take over getting those clearances. She is hopeful for construction to begin in 2023. It should start in La Verkin. She also reported on the Economic Development meeting. It was well attended by local businesses, and Steven Lisonbee, Director of Rural Affairs for the State of Utah, gave a presentation.

Micah Gubler-Chief Nuccitelli reported on the upcoming Cops & Cars event. The Miss La Verkin pageant will be Saturday, September 24th.

Hirschi-Nothing to report.

Hardy-Nothing new to report.

Mayor Wilson-Ash Creek SSD met with several contractors qualified to build the treatment plant in Confluence Park. They will choose one company to work with the engineers to build the plant. Construction should begin next spring.

E. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

No comments were made.

F. Adjourn:

The motion was made by Councilman Blair Gubler to adjourn, second by Councilman Chuck Hardy. The motion carried unanimously at 6:50 pm.

September 21, 2022
Date Approved

ATTEST: Christy Ballard
Christy Ballard
City Recorder

Kelly B. Wilson
Mayor Kelly B. Wilson