

City of La Verkin

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La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 6:00 pm.

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

Present: Mayor Kelly Wilson; Council Members: Chuck Hardy and Richard Hirschi; Staff: Chief Nick Nuccitelli, Kevin Bennett, Kyle Gubler, Derek Imlay, and Christy Ballard.

Electronic Participation: Patricia Wise

Councilmen Micah Gubler and Blair Gubler were excused.

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

B. Presentation:

This item was moved to later in the meeting.

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. Approval of LVC section 1-6-4; Public Official Bond and/or Insurance Coverage
4. Minutes: December 7, 2022, work and regular meeting
5. Checks & Invoices: \$305,274.99

The motion was made by Councilman Chuck Hardy to approve the consent agenda as written, including the minutes of December 7, 2022, work and regular meetings, and checks and invoices in the amount of \$305,274.99, second by Councilman Richard Hirschi. Hardy-yes, Hirschi-yes, Wise-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Business:

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. R-2023-01; a resolution adopting a Memorandum of Understanding between participating entities regarding the Washington County (1) Critical Incident Task Force Response (CITF)/Abduction Response Team (CART), and (2) Critical Incident Task Force Investigative Protocol.

Kevin explained that this MOU was promulgated by the Washington County Attorney's Office and the Washington County Sheriff's Department to ensure all departments use the same protocols when handling critical incidents. Departments can do their administrative investigation, but an outside entity must also investigate to ensure no laws were violated. This sets up that mechanism.

Chief Nuccitelli reported the County included the CART Team in this MOU. This takes the same group of experienced investigators and allows them to conduct child abduction response training. It will also give La Verkin City the ability to funnel a lot of resources into the City very quickly if there is ever a need.

The critical incident numbers did increase in 2022.

The motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to approve Resolution No. R-2023-01, a resolution adopting a Memorandum of Understanding between participating entities regarding the Washington County (1) Critical Incident Task Force Response (CITF)/Abduction Response Team (CART), and (2) Critical Incident Task Force Investigative Protocol, second by Councilman Chuck Hardy. Roll Call Vote: Wise-yes, Hirschi-yes, Hardy-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the Capital Improvement List.

Kyle passed out the updated Capital Improvement list from the last City Council meeting.

Mayor Wilson mentioned that Councilman Blair Gubler would like to move lighting the "L" higher on the list.

Kyle reported that several community members had expressed an interest in donating money to get that done.

Councilman Hirschi agreed with moving it higher on the list.

Councilwoman Wise mentioned this would make a lot of people in the community very happy. She agrees with moving that item up on the list.

Is there an advantage to the items being listed under specific categories?

Kyle replied that the General Fund money could be used on any of these projects. However, specific funds can only be used on particular projects. The "L" is listed under Parks & Recreation because it qualifies for RAP Tax money.

There was a discussion on possibly moving security cameras to a different section. However, that project is moving forward and will drop off the list once completed.

Kyle also explained the order doesn't matter as much as having them on the list does if grant money ever becomes available.

Pickleball courts are a project that has been mentioned to him by several people, including Councilman Micah Gubler. It qualifies for RAP Tax money and Parks and Rec Impact Fee money. This could be something the City could pay for without needing to get a loan.

The two locations mentioned are the area by the City park and behind the 111 South Main building.

Mayor Wilson would like to get an estimate on the cost of pickleball courts.

Where the "L" is on the list doesn't matter. If we decide to move forward with it, we will.

Councilman Hardy asked about the Main Street sidewalk project. Would it be tearing out all the sidewalks?

Kyle explained the City did a sidewalk project several years ago for the west side of Main Street from SR 9 to the elementary school. The City applied for a grant to do the east side of the street, but we did not get approved.

This item is on the list so the City would be ready if UDOT gives grant money again for sidewalks.

The exact details of the project would be determined at the time of the project. The old sidewalk may be removed to make it ADA-compliant.

If a developer builds on unimproved property, they must install the sidewalk in front of that property.

B. Presentation:

1. Employee of the Year

Chief Nick Nuccitelli was awarded employee of the year for 2023. He was given a certificate and gift card.

E. Mayor & Council Reports:

Mayor-He has been meeting with the Washington County Water Conservancy District every week to discuss the water situation in Washington County. Once they come to an agreement, it will be reviewed by Kevin.

Wise- The City applied to Utah Tech University to be part of a city alliance program. This program will team up students and professors on different needs La Verkin might have. The City was awarded that opportunity.

Many of her meetings took a hiatus in December but will start meeting again this month.

Hirschi-The Fire District has not made a decision, but they are meeting later this month.

Hardy- Southwest Mosquito Abatement year-end totals for West Nile Virus and Equine Encephalitis are both zero cases out of 34,000 mosquitos examined.

Historical Preservation-He passed out a copy of a summary of the City Code regarding a Historical Commission. He would like to establish this committee. It is a five-member committee that meets at least twice a year. The members will serve a 2 to 4-year term. Members need to be knowledgeable in history, a resident of La Verkin City, and, if possible, a professional in the area.

This is mainly an advisory committee. One of their duties is to survey historical resources within La Verkin City. They would also propose nominations to the National Registry. He had a list of suggested people for this commission that he asked the Councilmembers to review. He also had a list of possible historic sites in the City.

F. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

No comments.

G. Adjourn:

The motion was made by Councilman Chuck Hardy to adjourn, second by Councilman Richard Hirschi. The motion carried unanimously at 6:42 pm.

January 18, 2023
Date Approved

ATTEST: Christy Ballard
Christy Ballard
City Recorder

Kelly B. Wilson
Mayor Kelly B. Wilson

