

CASTLE DALE CITY

City Council Meeting Minutes - November 9, 2023

The City Council of Castle Dale, Emery County, Utah, met in an open meeting on November 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

20 S 100 E, Castle Dale, Utah

ATTENDEES

Mayor: Danny Van Wagoner

Council:

Joel Dorsch

Julie Johansen

Brad Giles

Michael Jorgensen

Adriana Chimaras - Excused

Maintenance Supervisor: Ignacio Arrien

Fire Chief: Britni Moreno

Land Use Administrator: Kerry Lake

Code Enforcer-Animal Control: Terry Lofthouse

Treasurer: Tresa Skinner

Recorder: Jody Gerber, Lael White

Members of the public

WELCOME

Mayor Van Wagoner was presiding and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A typo correction was made to the October meeting minutes.

Council member Giles moved to approve the corrected minutes of October 12, 2023.

Council member Johansen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Jorgensen, Johansen, Giles and Dorsch

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Kerry Lake spoke about the recent Land Use Committee meeting. A business opportunity was discussed for someone east of Maverik wanting to put in a restaurant/bar with a possible bowling alley, miniature golf, etc. They have not requested a business license, just asking questions. An individual requested a business license but was unable to access the meeting. The committee

later approved it and it was taken care of. More changes are needed in the zoning manual. Next Land Use meeting has changed to November 16, 2023 due to Thanksgiving.

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SECURITY FOR INDOOR ARENA

Bryan Christensen said the security company will have a bid ready in a month. Electronic locks to the four exterior outdoor entrance doors are being discussed. A code or card could be used to access the building for members. The system could log the person who enters. The current doors are in rough condition and do not work properly. They need to be repaired or replaced. Authorized credentials can come with a membership. The city could have access from a phone to know if the door was still unlocked at closing time.

Now the city will bid out the work to move forward with this.

Number four on the agenda was removed.

REBRANDING PROPOSAL

Sophie Stilson spoke about making a new logo that is more versatile for the rebranding of the city. The city is hoping to get a grant that would cover artwork for rebranding.

Mayor Van Wagoner hopes to make the city a beautiful and exciting place to be. A Main Street Committee was formed to work on this.

GOVERNOR'S HONORS ACADEMY

Chase Huggard came to say thank you for the donation to attend the Governor's Honors Academy. He has decided to go into business because of the experience. He appreciates the opportunity. He received a scholarship to Southern Utah University and is planning to major in Business.

SOFTWARE

A discussion about making a change in software from Caselle to Pelorus. The purchasing of the new software was proposed. Jody Gerber, the new recorder, told of her experience with watching the use of the existing software compared to the proposed software used in a neighboring city's office. The process was much smoother involving less steps. Since the neighboring towns are using Pelorus it makes it easier to reach out to others with questions. It is more conducive to smaller entities. The audits go smoother using this software. Council member Johansen mentioned that Castle Dale is the only town in this area that has not switched over to Pelorus. Her accountant recommended it years ago. She was told there are much less problems for people when they pay their bill online. The upfront cost would be \$10,000.

The Mayor explained that there will be a vote on this in the future.

ZONE CHANGE

Ted Allen discussed the approval for a zone change. The city currently does not have an 2

R-2-8000 which allows the homeowner to build a duplex on a single-family lot. The area being discussed is near the Valley View subdivision, lots 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9. This would meet the State's requirement to zone for affordable housing. The Land Use Committee wants to change this property from a R-1-8000 to a R-2-8000. This would not change property tax or cause any extra charges for anyone. He mentioned that it is best to keep this zoning in one area because it is easier to control. A public hearing was held but no local property owners attended. They were contacted by letter and a few of them also were verbally contacted. Council member Giles suggested a Certified letter should be sent to the nearby landowners that were not spoken to for notification. Council member Johansen motioned to approve the rezoning. There was a lack of a second. Council member Giles moved that Certified letters be sent to three property owners that were not contacted personally. Seconded by Council member Jorgensen.

Mayor Van Wagoner suggested an advertisement of a public hearing for next month's meeting and Certified letters sent.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Dorsch, Giles, Jorgensen

Nays: Johansen

Pelorus software and Land Use will be put on next month's agenda.

ANIMAL CONTROL/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Terry Lofthouse reported he was called twenty-two times and captured three cats and two dogs.

Code Enforcement activity this month was about issues with cars parked in the street at an Airbnb. Many calls were made about this. It was difficult to know who was parked there and if it was just someone visiting. The owner of the Airbnb, currently living out of the country, was contacted. They were concerned and wanted to do things right. It should be in their contract and a sign could be posted. Another issue with a resident on the Hwy with running waste water into the creek. After observation, nothing was seen. A peacock was reported being hit on the road again. A report of a woman's dog in an apartment chasing and barking. A long leash was talked about as a solution so she doesn't have to walk down the stairs. There was a call from a trailer park about a dog out of its yard.

Mayor Van Wagoner mentioned that it is close to snow season and asked people to move trailers off the street.

MAINTENANCE

Ignacio Arrien reported the Christmas lights are currently being put up. They will be turned on

during Thanksgiving. There's a new system at the fairgrounds that needs to be done before spring, due to high pressure that is blowing the lines. A sander rack will be built behind the shop because of new standards. Most likely arena doors will be worked on. The street signs are ready to go. The arena will be addressed first then the street signs will be put up after Christmas. The arena will get two small concrete pads poured.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Britni Moreno reported for October there were four call-outs in the response region. Three canceled enroute to and one was responded to by Orangeville. There was a Fire Board Meeting with a new Chair. Three new SCBAs coming to each station by the end of the year, purchased by the board. She is finalizing the grant for \$10,000 for equipment. The Castle Country Fire Camp first annual girls fire camp was a success and we will continue it. Twenty-seven applied and twenty-three came. They will include both men and women in the future and hope to get more people.

EMS

Kyle Larsen explained that EMS is run by the county. They are in search of more money. There is a lot to do and they are short right now on EMTs. They are partially staffed and it is the same with other towns. The run times here are much faster than in other towns which causes them to get burned out. The state requirement is two EMTs and one driver. They use deputies a lot to make that possible. There is a board of thirteen people that make decisions. When they need to help out another town, then it causes them to be low on staff causing the system to be fragile. Castle Dale and Orangeville help each other out often. The advanced EMT class they offer is full. Some classes at the college are available too. The classes prepare them well.

TREASURER AND RECORDER REPORTS

Treasurer Tresa Skinner reported a decrease of \$6,145.62 from October compared to last year. Transportation tax decreased \$634.75. The Hotel and Short-Term Rentals \$270.00.

Council member Jorgensen thanked all people for attending and encouraged the public to keep coming.

UPDATES

Council member Giles gave an update on the negotiations on the sidewalk between R Pizza and Maverik on Hwy 10. The original estimation was \$350,000. UDOT reworked this and wanted Castle Dale to pay \$150,000. Our city was frugal with the B&C road funds so that was possible. The city is waiting to hear back from UDOT. This needs to be done by October 2024. The city sent pictures of kids walking and biking along the highway to show the danger. The city is hoping for a sidewalk, curb and an extra turning lane. Repairs have been made around the city for sidewalks and there are still a few left.

The Castle Dale Christmas Party will be December 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Rec Center.

In the next week to ten days the new metal building to cover the salt truck at the shop may arrive. Concrete can be done by the city.

Council member Johansen moved to approve paying bills. Council member Giles seconded the motion.

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Result: Approved

Ayes: Jorgensen, Johansen, Giles, and Dorsch

Council member Giles moved to adjourn; Motion seconded by Council member Jorgensen.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Jorgensen, Johansen, Giles, and Dorsch

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved 12/14/2023

