

CASTLE DALE CITY

City Council Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2023

The City Council of Castle Dale, Emery County, Utah, met in an open meeting on December 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

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ATTENDEES

Mayor: Danny Van Wagoner

Council:

Joel Dorsch

Julie Johansen - excused

Brad Giles

Michael Jorgensen

Adriana Chimaras

Maintenance Supervisor: Ignacio Arrien

Fire Chief: Britni Moreno - Excused

Land Use Administrator: Kerry Lake

Code Enforcer-Animal Control: Terry Lofthouse

Treasurer: Tresa Skinner

Recorder: Jody Gerber

WELCOME

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council member Jorgensen moved to approve the minutes of November 9, 2023.

Council member Dorsch seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

CHRISTMAS BONUS FOR EMPLOYEES

Council member Dorsch motioned the following Christmas Bonuses for employees:

\$350 for the two office staff

\$350 for three full time maintenance workers

\$175 for one part-time maintenance worker and one crossing guard

Council member Chimaras seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Jorgensen, Chimaras, Dorsch

Note: Council member Giles arrived late and participated in votes for the rest of the meeting.

REVIEW AND APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2024

Council member Dorsch motioned to approve the City Council meeting schedule 2024; Motion seconded by Council member Giles.

Result: Approved
Ayes: Jorgensen, Chimaras, Dorsch, Giles

DISCUSSION OF DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR EMPLOYEES

Jody Gerber proposed the option of direct deposit for employees.
Council member Dorsch moved to approve this option; Motion seconded by Council member Chimaras.

Result: Approved
Ayes: Jorgensen, Chimaras, Dorsch, Giles

DISCUSSION FOR CHANGE OF PAY SCHEDULE

Jody Gerber suggested a change of pay schedule from semimonthly to biweekly. Currently paychecks are being cut on the last day of a pay period. During this change, the pay date could eventually get pushed out so there is a week between ending pay period and the pay date. An example of this was handed out to see how this change could take place. This will be discussed by the maintenance crew since they are the most effected and will be decided with the Mayor involved.

VOTE ON PURCHASING NEW SOFTWARE

A vote was made about purchasing Pelorus as a new software for accounting, cemetery records, etc.

Council member Giles motioned that we purchase Pelorus software; Motion seconded by Council member Dorsch.

Result: Approved
Ayes: Jorgensen, Chimaras, Dorsch, Giles

REVIEW AND APPROVE 2024 HOLIDAYS

Council member Dorsch moved that the 2024 Holidays be approved; Motion seconded by Council member Jorgensen

Result: Approved
Ayes: Jorgensen, Chimaras, Dorsch, Giles

DISCUSS AND AWARD BID FOR THE SECURITY SYSTEM AT THE INDOOR ARENA

Two bids were made, one by Superior Security Services for around \$14,000 and another one by TSJ Construction for around \$20,000.

Council member Giles motioned that we go with Superior Security Systems; Motion seconded by Council member Jorgensen.

Result: Approved
Ayes: Jorgensen, Chimaras, Dorsch, Giles

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Three positions were available. Brad Giles and Joel Dorsch reapplied and were re-elected. Andriana Chimaras chose not to continue and Emily Mills will be taking her place. The Mayor thanked Adriana for her service and time.

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Kerry Lake spoke about the recent Land Use Committee meeting. They are going forward with rezoning from the R1-8000 to R2-8000 near Esquire Estates subdivision. They went through the revised development code for the rezoning manual. It will be ready in January for a public hearing.

ANIMAL CONTROL/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Terry Lofthouse reported he went out twenty-three times, no dogs and only one cat. Calls are less than usual. He has watched the cemetery more because there are complaints about owners bringing dogs there off leash and letting them urinate on headstones. A dead racoon was taken care of on Ghost Road. The dead deer that was reported was not written down because it is not part of his jurisdiction. The WDR would like to do tests on the deer. Joel Dorsch mentioned an injured cat that lives south of the skate park.

MAINTENANCE

Ignacio Arrien reported that the cement is poured at the arena. Bricks for the Arena curb will be put in on Monday. Maintenance will be replacing street signs with new ones as their next big project.

TREASURER REPORT

Tresa Skinner thanked everyone for support for those in the office. There was decrease in sales tax from last year of \$1,923. Transportation tax decreased from last year by \$230. Short-term rentals for November was \$427.32.

RECORDER REPORT

The City received the grant check for Castle Ridge Behavioral Health and it was given to them. The Audit Report was received and that will be on the agenda next month. We issued one new business license for TMTJ Properties and one was renewed.

COUNCIL REPORT

Council member Jorgensen said there was nothing to report.

Council member Chimaras said it was an honor and privilege working with everyone. She is grateful that she was able to serve the city and sad it is over. The reason why she is not continuing is because she is applying to a Master's program in Spain.

Council member Giles commented that this year was the best Christmas party for the city.

The Mayor announced that we got a grant for Main Street. He mentioned that Adriana Chimaras is staying on the Main Street Committee and will keep it going.

Council member Giles motioned to pay the bills; Council member Jorgensen seconded it.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Jorgensen, Chimaras, Dorsch, Giles

Council Member Giles motioned to adjourn; Motion seconded by Council member Chimaras.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Jorgensen, Chimaras, Dorsch, Giles

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Approved: 01-11-2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Jorgensen', written over a horizontal line.