

CASTLE DALE CITY

City Council Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2024

The City Council of Castle Dale, Emery County, Utah, met in an open meeting on March 14, 2024, 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
Emily Mills

Maintenance Supervisor: Ignacio Arrien

Fire Chief: Britni Moreno

EMS: -

Land Use Administrator: Kerry Lake - Excused

Code Enforcer-Animal Control: Terry Lofthouse

Treasurer: Tresa Skinner

Recorder: Jody Gerber

Others in attendance: Suzanne Anderson, Lily Sorensen, Natalie Pace, Dawnnette Gordon, Kage VanWagoner, Adriana Chimaras, Les Wilburg, Julie Janus, Dennis & Sherry Worwood, Peter Moulton

WELCOME

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

All City council members were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council member Jorgensen had a few recommended changes to the Minutes from February. Council member Giles moved to approve the minutes of February 8, 2024; Council member Johansen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills, and Joel Dorsch

FRONTIER DAYS

Suzanne Anderson, a representative from Frontier Days in conjunction with the County Fair, asked to reserve the pavilion on July 25-26, 2024.

Council member Johansen moved to grant the pavilion reservation.

Council member Dorsch seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills, and Joel Dorsch

GIRLS STATE – DONATION

Lily Sorensen and Natalie Pace asked for donations to help them attend Girls State held at Weber State University. Julie Johansen moved to give them \$200 each. She was reminded that the maximum donation for individuals is \$100. Mayor Van Wagoner said he will personally give them \$50 each.

Council member Johansen motioned to donate \$100 to each girl for Girls State; Council member Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills, and Joel Dorsch

COWBOY MEMORIAL RODEO

Dawnette Gordon, representing the Cowboy Memorial Committee, asked to reserve the Outdoor Arena on July 26-27th, 2024.

Council member Giles moved to wave the fees on condition that Dawnette Gordon fills out an application when the meeting is over; Council member Johansen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills, and Joel Dorsch

Dawnette Gordon also presented a check for \$2,000 to the city as a donation: \$1,000 from Cowboy Memorial Rodeo and \$1,000 from the high school rodeo team.

SENIOR CLASS GRADUATION PARTY

Kage Van Wagoner, representing the Emery High School senior class, asked what opportunities are open for the students to serve the city for their senior service day at the end of the school year. It will be around the end of May. They will let the city know when they get an exact date. The City Manager recommended they clean up trash at the Fairgrounds as their service. The senior graduation party will be held at the Rec Center.

Council member Giles motioned to donate \$250 to the senior class; Council member Johansen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills, and Joel Dorsch

BOULDERING SUMMER CAMP

Adriana Chimaras, representing the Joe's Valley Fest and the Bouldering Summer Camp, explained that the non-profit organization is growing after ten years. She is trying to start youth programs. They are hoping for the eight-week period during June and July to hold a summer camp. They would like to use the city park and the climbing wall as a meeting location before they go out to the boulders for the day.

JOE'S VALLEY FESTIVAL

Julie Janus, also representing the Joe's Valley Festival, asked if the city is willing to sponsor them again. They are asking for use of the City Park, Fairgrounds and Visitors Center. They figured that the festival brought in \$117,000 for lodging, food, etc. across the county. It also encourages those participating to come back to the area.

Council member Dorsch moved to approve the Joe's Valley Bouldering Festival for 2024; Council member Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills, and Joel Dorsch

ATV RIDE – CASTLE DALE CITY DAYS

Les Wilburg was excused. The council was needing to vote for approval.

Council member Johansen moved to approve the ATV ride for Castle Dale City Days held in June 2024; Council member Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills, and Joel Dorsch

RATIFY – FIRE DEPARTMENT REPAIRS AND REMODEL

A vote was previously sent out to council members.

Council member Dorsch moved to approve the repairs and remodel costs; Council member Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills, and Joel Dorsch

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Kerry Lake was excused. Julie Johansen suggested the Land Use Committee change their meeting this month because it is the same night as the Republican convention.

ANIMAL CONTROL/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Terry Lofthouse reported that he went out 22 times. He had 6 calls, he captured 2 dogs and 2 cats. A family surrendered a dog and 5 puppies. He was bitten twice and worker at the pound was also bitten by the puppies. He also chased down 2 goats and brought them back to the owner. Brad Giles asked that the school district be contacted and asked to move the containers for electrical parts they are storing in the subdivision across from the pool. Terry said he will take care of that.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Ignacio Arrien, Maintenance Supervisor, reported that the maintenance crew is finished with the fairgrounds except for wiring. They will be fixing a pump at Cheddar Park. They started picking up trash and leaves. In a few weeks they will be in the cemetery starting preparation for memorial day.

Brad Giles recommended that the city penalize Emery County Sanitation for trash cans at Cheddar Park being damaged. Ignacio said he has a supply at the shop he will check on. Julie Johansen recommended the large pine tree in the northeast be checked so there is not a problem in the future with it. Brad will check on it.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Britni Moreno reported about the fire department working with DNR to prep for wildfire season. There are 3 trainings in the next few months. She is researching a grant available to fire departments. They have been working with a construction on a solar farm project and with Emery High School and the state fire marshal on construction at the high school. how that will work for fire and EMS over the next phases of the construction. The Fire Department has most of the equipment they got from their recent grant. The city still has not received the grant check. They are starting to put out door hangers and working on recruitment for more fire fighters.

EMS

Mayor Van Wagoner reported that Kyle Larsen recently resigned because he is too busy. He may come back in the fall. At the commission meeting they were talking about garage lead duties. The new EMS special service district has a good direction. We have no ambulance in Castle Dale so I will use Orangeville's to report. They had 16 runs in January and 14 in February. Kyle is continuing as an EMT.

TREASURER/RECORDER REPORTS

Tresa Skinner reported a decrease in sales tax from last year of \$3,752.11. Transportation tax compared to last year was a decrease of \$925.93. Hotel and short-term rental was at \$674.94. Jody Gerber reported 116 Dog Licenses issued for 2024. A report will be given to Animal Control. One business license was issued. Also several business licenses were issued to the youth to support them.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Julie Jorgensen turned over her time to Dennis Worwood who is running for County Commissioner. He is concerned about the direction of the future. He wants to prolong the power plant and support tourism. His campaign slogan is “Put Emery County first”. He wants the public to give input. He has practice with diffusing tense situations.

Mike Jorgensen thanked Mayor Van Wagoner for putting in a lot of hard work.

Joel Dorsch announced the Easter Egg Hunt March 27th at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Van Wagoner thanked the council. He is working with Price City Fire with recruitment and how the city should move forward with the fire department. The arena electrical for the security system is getting put in on Tuesday.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR SIGNATURES

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

Result: Approved

Ayes: Julie Johansen, Mike Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills, and Joel Dorsch

ADJOURN

Council member Giles motioned to adjourn the meeting; Council member Johansen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Julie Johansen, Mike Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills, and Joel Dorsch

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

APPROVED: 04-11-2024