

CASTLE DALE CITY

City Council Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2024

The City Council of Castle Dale, Emery County, Utah, met in an open meeting on April 11, 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: - To be determined

EMS: -

Land Use Administrator: Kerry Lake

Code Enforcer-Animal Control: Terry Lofthouse

Treasurer: Tresa Skinner

Recorder: Jody Gerber

Others in attendance: David Waite, Bridi Toomer, Sofie Stilson (via Zoom), Adriana Chimaras

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 Johansen moved to approve the minutes of March 14, 2024; Council member Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

BOYS STATE – DONATION

David Waite asked for donations to help attend Boys State.

Council member Giles motioned to donate \$100 for Boys State; Council member Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

BRANDING OF THE CITY

Sofie Stilson presented logos for the city via Zoom. She explained that it went through several different drafts and was voted on by the Main Street committee. Adriana Chimaras explained that it was budgeted for and will be paid for out of the Main Street America grant of \$13,000. Another grant was given by Coal Country Synergy which covers \$2500. She is hoping it will re-energize the main street business owners to see this progress and rebranding.

Council member Dorsch motioned to approve the new city logo; Council member Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

Nays: Julie Johansen

LOGO PAYMENT

Council member Dorsch motioned to pay Sofie Stilson for the new logo; Council member Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

CASTLE DALE BUILDING COMMISSION

Mayor Van Wagoner reported that the Castle Dale Building Commission has discussed resurfacing the parking lot. He suggested saving some maintenance money for the future improvements for the parking lot.

Council member Dorsch motioned to put money in the budget for parking lot; Council member Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

MAIN STREET PROPERTY AT CITY HALL

Mayor Van Wagoner explained that it has been discussed to put a 6 foot wall between the City Hall building to the next building on the west. It is about 27 feet. The city is planning to use more grants for Main Street to pay for a 12x20 foot gazebo and are hoping to get a painted statue, landscaping and a drip system.

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Kerry Lake reported there was no meeting held last month. He has received many inquiries lately. He has nothing to report.

ANIMAL CONTROL/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Terry Lofthouse reported a dog being locked in a car at the Sheriff's office by a person that was unexpectedly put in jail. He has dealt with some dogs and a deer.

Terry is still getting calls about the Airbnb. He contacted the owner again and asked them to tell the guests to park in the driveway to enforce the city ordinance of no parking in the street for Short-Term rental guests. He does not want to discourage people from coming to Castle Dale.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Ignacio Arrien reported hiring several new employees for full-time, part-time and temporary positions. Five people were hired, a current employee will start full-time. Three of his current employees will be leaving soon. The secondary water is reported to turn on soon. Citizens should check their valves. The maintenance workers are making progress on getting the cemetery ready. There is a privacy screen being installed near the fairgrounds.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Mayor reported a resignation letter from Britni Moreno and wishes her the best. Ignacio Arrien is proposed to replace her.

Council member Dorsch motioned to reinstate Ignacio Arrien as the Fire Chief; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

Ignacio Arrien took the Oath of Office.

Ignacio informed the city about the discussion of a combination fire department; five positions would potentially be paid fire fighters, the rest would be volunteers. He had a recruitment meeting for volunteer fire fighters and twelve attended. Less than half are currently trained. Some of them just need refreshing and served in this position in the past.

The Fire Department is quickly making progress with making sure the equipment and trucks are ready and in good condition. The gear is at 80% ready and needs improvement with the communication radios.

EMS

Mayor Van Wagoner explained that Orangeville and Castle Dale run out of the Orangeville station. They have seven EMTs so it is not covered very well. They had 16 runs and only seven were billable.

TREASURER/RECORDER REPORTS

Tresa Skinner reported an increase of \$483.96 in sales tax from last year. Transportation tax had a decrease of \$17.39. Hotel and Short Term Rentals had a total of \$170.67.

Jody Gerber reported organization of the cemetery records and getting a Veteran's list in preparation for Memorial day.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Mike Jorgensen thanked Ignacio for taking on the Fire Department.

Joel Dorsch discussed the planting of new trees at the cemetery. He plans to do the trimming of the existing trees next weekend. Weeds are being spread in the wind from a vacant property. A letter needs to be sent to the owners to keep it under control.

Mayor Van Wagoner asked the council to take home the packet of budget information. They need to plan amounts for the upcoming fiscal year. An email vote will be going out to pay Adriana for her work writing the grant for the Main Street improvements. It will be ratified next month. Brad Giles will be over the meeting next month. The Mayor will be in Washington DC May 5-10th as part of the coalition for Mike Lee.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR SIGNATURES

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

Result: Approved

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

ADJOURN

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

Result: Approved

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

APPROVED: 05/09/2024