

CASTLE DALE CITY

City Council Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2024

The City Council of Castle Dale, Emery County, Utah, met in an open meeting on June 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

20 S 100 E, Castle Dale, Utah

ATTENDEES

Mayor: Danny Van Wagoner

Council:

Brad Giles

Joel Dorsch

Julie Johansen

Michael Jorgensen

Emily Mills

Maintenance Supervisor: Ignacio Arrien

Fire Chief: Ignacio Arrien

EMS: -

Land Use Administrator: Kerry Lake

Code Enforcer-Animal Control: Terry Lofthouse

Treasurer: Tresa Skinner

Recorder: Jody Gerber

Others in attendance: Lily Sorensen, Natalie Pace, Christy Yost, Parker Jensen, Katie Sorensen, Ted Allen

WELCOME

Mayor Danny 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

Mike Jorgensen pointed out an error in the Stipend section about personal phones. Julie Johansen pointed out that her name was wrong.

With those corrections Council member Johansen moved to approve the minutes of May 9, 2024; Council member Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

MOU – COUNTY AND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ignacio Arrien talked about the relationship Emery County Fire, CVSSD and the cities and towns of Emery County. He wanted to do this ten years ago. He handed out a paper for the Council members to see. It explains that the fire board agrees to purchase the fire trucks. They will provide an incentive program which is new. They will pay 75% of the invoices over \$1,000 with a cap of \$3,000. They are responsible to supply adequate housing for apparatuses and employee liability insurance. They are also adding a new retention and recruitment program. Since this is a positive for the city, Ignacio recommends that this get approved. Council member Giles moved that the city adopt the memorandum between CVSSD and Castle Dale City; Council member Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

JULY AUCTION AND SCRAP YARD

Ignacio Arrien proposed the city hold an auction for equipment that he suggests should no longer be used. Upon approval, it will be advertised in ETV News. He showed the list to the Council. If the items do not sell, they can be recycled. Council member Dorsch motioned to hold an auction for the items on the list; Council member Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

JOE’S VALLEY SUMMER CAMP – USE OF VISITOR’S CENTER

Parker Jensen and Katie Sorensen, Counselors at Joe’s Valley Summer Camp, asked for permission use the Visitor’s Center to hold the supplies for their camp this summer. It will be four days a week, held June 17th – August 15th, 9:30-2:30. Thirty 9–16-year-olds are registered. Council member Dorsch moved to allow the use of the Visitor’s Center throughout the summer; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

GIRLS STATE REPORT

Lily Sorensen and Natalie Pace came to report about their time at Girls State. They thanked the city for sponsoring them. Natalie Pace reported her experience as being elected Mayor for her group. She learned about the government and this country. She held city council meetings and helped the girls raise their voices.

Lily Sorensen reported that she learned how the senate and legislation worked, how to write a bill, about parliamentary procedures, how city council meetings work and learned the evolution of the flag.

The mayor commended them on their reports.

BOYS STATE DONATION

Christy Yost came on behalf of her son, Ty Yost, to ask for a donation for him to attend Boys State. He could not come to other city council meetings in the past because of obligations and was currently attending Boys State at this time.

The Mayor explained that this would set a terrible precedence if the council accept to give the donation and it has never been done before. The city does not want people to come back after they attend conferences and ask for money after the fact. Brad Giles read the procedure for requesting a donation and it explained the request must be made in person. The Mayor said giving the donation cannot be done.

COUNTY PROPERTY TAX RATE

Jody Gerber reported the rate given to us by the county is 0.000873.

Council member Giles motioned to adopt the tax rate; Council member Johansen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

CLOSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Council member Giles moved to adjourn the meeting and open the Public Hearing to adopt all of Castle Dale City's 2025 budgets. Part of the hearing was to open the 2024 budget and make any adjustments. Also giving permission to the Treasurer to adjust various line items in the budget. Council member Dorsch seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Council members were previously given the budget to look at. The city does not have all the revenues yet. Discussion was started about line items.

Council member Giles moved to close the public hearing; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

ADOPT ALL OF CASTLE DALE CITY'S 2025 BUDGETS

Council member Giles motioned to approve giving the Treasurer permission to make any adjustments when necessary to these budgets when necessary; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Kerry Lake reported that someone is building a new home in Castle Dale.

The Land Use Committee decided to leave the rules about not allowing parking on the street for Short-Term-Rental guests. The business owner must handle the complaints. At the trailer park, he noticed several units set up without contacting him. He was able to get the paperwork for three of the units. In the future, they must get zoning approval first. A building permit is needed to set up a trailer. Sunrise does an inspection and will need to contact him when they are finished.

ANIMAL CONTROL/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Terry Lofthouse reported 24 calls, with a total of going out 33 times. He captured 5 dogs and no cats. He chased a sheep and a dead cat.

At 300 S and 300 E the weeds need to be cleared.

He reported that only 75% of the houses in Castle Dale have a number on their house. He requested the youth help with this issue. Also, a new updated residential map would be helpful for him so he can know who owns what property.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Ignacio Arrien reported that the City Celebration was successful. He will be hiring a new crossing guard sometime this summer. He hired a weed sprayer and other gardeners. They fixed the sprinkling system at City Hall and need a new timer.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ignacio Arrien reported that the fire department is continuing their training and is doing good.

EMS

Mayor Van Wagoner reported a new class that will be offered in September for two days a week. Also, an EMT class will start in September.

For staffing during May they ran at 28%, partially staffed 42%, and no staff at 28%. They received a \$300,000 grant for a new ambulance but cannot find one that price. They will lose the money if they cannot buy one.

New EMS board is good. They are in need of more people.

TREASURER/RECORDER REPORTS

Tresa Skinner reported a big decrease in sales tax from last year at \$7,402, a decrease in transportation tax of \$712. The Short-Term Rental had an increase of \$423.

Jody Gerber reported that prices of things such as the website cost has gone up.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Julie Johansen recommended sending out a courtesy letter to remind residents to keep Castle Dale beautiful, to not water between 5:00am-10:00pm, and house numbers are needed on each house.

Mike Jorgensen complimented the employees and that it is pleasant coming into the office. He appreciates Nosh for all that he does.

Brad Giles reported that the UDOT sidewalk is approved but does not know the timetable. Other sidewalks will get started soon.

Emily Mills reported about the Youth City Council prepared a slide show for the 5th graders at the elementary school about Memorial Day and the proper care of the flag. In July they plan to make tie quilts for nursing homes or hospitals. She thanked Nosh and Joel for helping with Arena security.

Joel Dorsch thanked people for the help with the City Celebration. They served approximately 300 people and made profit of \$480.

Mayor Van Wagoner reported that a gazebo was ordered for Main Street.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR SIGNATURES

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

Result: Approved

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

ADJOURN

Council member Mills 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 8:22 p.m.

APPROVED: 07-11-2024